



THE FOUNDATION FIGHTING BLINDNESS

LETTER OF INTENT GUIDANCE

TRANSLATIONAL RESEARCH ACCELERATION PROGRAM

Letter of Intent Due Date (June 04, 2024):

The Letter of Intent is **required** prior to being invited to submit a full application.

- Applicants shall submit their Letter of Intent information through the JUMP application portal: (<https://www.onlineapplicationportal.com/blindness>)

- Please include in the letter of intent:

1. Project Title

2. Research Priority Areas (1. Novel Medical Therapies, 2. Genetic Technologies, 3. Regenerative Medicine – Must Select One)

3. Project Abstract/Summary (500-word limit): Includes the Specific Aims and rationale proposed funding (it is recommended that the specific aims are listed, and rationale stated). Use the Overall Description of Application section below to elaborate on the proposed research.

4. Overall Application Description (600-word limit): Describe the research plan. It is also required to include a statement detailing the logical next steps for the research/technology if this funding ends with successful results. If figures are to be included, a maximum of 3 figures or tables can be uploaded separately to the Figures Upload page. Include Reference list in this field.

5. Stage of Development (1. Early Preclinical; 2. Mid-Stage Preclinical; 3. Late Stage Preclinical)

6. Names of Key Personnel, Collaborators, and Institutions

7. Cost and schedule (budget categories are outlined in the Resource Download)

section: Application Instructions - Translational Research Acceleration Program Award

8. Applicant's Curriculum Vitae

9. Supporting Figures Upload (3 maximum)

LOI Formatting Instructions:

- Use an Arial typeface and a font size of 11 points or larger. (A Symbol font may be used to insert Greek letters or special characters, the font size requirement still applies.)
- Use a 1" margin
- Type density, including characters and spaces, must not exceed 15 characters per inch.
- Type may be no more than six lines per inch.
- All page limits specified refer to single-spaced format using the above formatting requirements.
- The letter of intent is not to exceed four (4) pages.

The Letter of Intent will be reviewed by the Foundation's science team and if found adequate for potential funding, an email with the application and guidance will be sent to the Principal Investigator.

A Proposer's Day will be held on April 29, 2024 from 1-2PM ET, via ZOOM to review the program and answer questions ([Register Here](#)).

Email questions to the Senior Director, Preclinical Translational Research Program at grants@fightingblindness.org.