

Sponsor/Title: National Institutes of Health (NIH) -- NIA Expanding Research in AD/ADRD (ERA) Summer Research Education Program (R25 Independent Clinical Trial Not Allowed)

Website: <https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-AG-26-011.html>

Funding Opportunity Number: RFA-AG-26-011

Submission Limitation per Institution: Two (2)

Notre Dame Limited Submissions Listing:

<https://research.nd.edu/our-services/funding-opportunities/faculty/limited-submissions-program/>

Internal Expression of Interest Deadline: 2026-02-19

Sponsor Application Deadline: 2026-05-27

Funding Opportunity Purpose: The NIH Research Education Program (R25) supports research education activities in the mission areas of the NIH. The overarching goal of this National Institute on Aging (NIA) R25 program is to support educational activities that compliment and/or enhance training opportunities to ensure a workforce that is well prepared to meet the nation's biomedical, behavioral and clinical research needs, help recruit individuals with specific specialty or disciplinary backgrounds to research careers in biomedical, behavioral and clinical sciences and foster a better understanding of biomedical, behavioral and clinical research and its implications.

To accomplish the stated over-arching goal, this NOFO will support educational activities with a primary focus on:

- *Research Experiences*

This Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) invites R25 applications to support the development and implementation of summer research education programs for high school students, undergraduates, or science teachers. It is essential to expand and broaden the skilled Alzheimer's Disease (AD) and Alzheimer's Disease Related Dementias (ADRD) research workforce and provide exposure to AD/ADRD research to individuals early in their careers. The proposed research education programs will support intensive summer research experiences in the AD/ADRD field with the goal of exposing participants to AD/ADRD research and encouraging further study or participation in biomedical and behavioral research.

This NOFO does not allow participants to lead an independent clinical trial, but does allow them to obtain research experience in a clinical trial led by a mentor or co-mentor.

Goals: To encourage biomedical, social, and behavioral research and research training directed toward greater understanding of the aging process and the diseases, special problems, and needs of people as they age.

Required Internal Application: Upload the following information to the Google Form at <https://forms.gle/uNwZDrsiZsvSEeam6> by the internal deadline:

- Name of the Principal Investigator (PI)
- Project Title
- All ND Collaborators:

- For each ND Collaborator listed, include name, department or unit, and specific role for this project in three sentences (maximum).
- Project Summary: A maximum of three (3) pages addressing the Application Review Information – Scored Review Criteria outlined in the NOFO, Section V: *Application Review Information*.
 - Significance - *Specific to this NOFO*:
 - How well-targeted is the program towards developing intensive summer research experiences in AD/ABRD for high school or undergraduate students, or science teachers that will expose participants to AD/ABRD research and encourage further study or participation in biomedical and behavioral research?
 - Investigators - *Specific to this NOFO*:
 - To what extent do the PD(s)/PI(s) have a demonstrated commitment to training the next generation of AD/ABRD research workforce, leading efforts to expand and broaden participation in biomedical and behavioral sciences, and fostering supportive research environments?
 - To what extent have the PD(s)/PI(s) and participating faculty received training on how to effectively mentor participants of the target cohort (i.e., high school students, undergraduates, or science teachers) outlined in the application?
 - Approach - *Specific to this NOFO*:
 - To what extent does the application describe an effective strategy and administrative structure to oversee and monitor the program to ensure appropriate and timely progress for the participants?
 - To what extent is there a clear mechanism for matching the participants with appropriate participating faculty, and for monitoring mentoring, including oversight of the effectiveness of the participant/faculty match?

Questions? Contact Notre Dame Research Limited Submissions at limited@nd.edu.

Unless otherwise noted, all internal applications are due by 11:59 PM Eastern Time on the internal expression of interest deadline.

Applications submitted after the deadline will not be accepted.