

Questions & Answers from 2024 Thome AD Office Hours, 6/14/2023

investigators and researchers who are new to the field of Alzheimer's disease. Applicants with limited experience may also apply. Do you accept resubmissions, and do you provide feedback to applicants?

Yes, previous applicants are welcome to reapply as long as they do not have a current Thome Foundation award for either the AD or AMD programs. Feedback is typically provided to applicants to strengthen their future proposals.

Are there any guidelines about the timeline from this award along the translational spectrum?

The program guidelines specify the research should be "near term". We realize this can take some time. Proposals should avoid the beginning/early stages, which are more aligned with basic research. A timeline of 1-2 years away from clinical research is appropriate and can be pointed out in the proposal.

I am interested to see your proposal provides rationale and cites literature for the model(s) you propose, research has proper controls in place, and that clinical endpoints align clearly with human relevant clinical endpoints.

Could research be proposed involving compounds not yet in use for treating AD?

Yes, please be intentional about the rationale and include data demonstrating a logical link.

Regarding co-investigators, is this a multiple PI model, or a single PI and co-investigator model?

Thome award is made to one PI, who will serve as the administrative lead on the project. Applicants may propose to work with co-investigators. If invited to the Full Stage, your budget should include any co-investigators i.e., co-investigators from your institution would be listed on the lead budget and co-investigators from other institutions would be included via subaward.)

I collected data from previous clinical trials but have not had the funding available to analyze the data can I do that work under Thome?

Please send us some proposed aims so we can make an assessment (ThomeAwards@hria.org).