

## CureAlz Letter of Inquiry (LOI) Process: FAQ

We review LOIs on a rolling basis to determine alignment with our funding priorities. Applicants are encouraged to submit their ideas as soon as they are ready, rather than waiting for a specific deadline. While we do not set fixed submission dates, earlier submissions allow us to provide feedback and decisions more quickly and help avoid a bottleneck of reviews later in the year. Below are the details for our LOI Process.

### 1. Eligibility:

- We do not accept unsolicited proposals but welcome LOIs from tenure-track professors from an accredited university or institution. We also consider applications for investment funding from for-profit companies meeting certain criteria.

### 2. Submission:

- 1–2-page PDF emailed to [grants@curealz.org](mailto:grants@curealz.org); **Attached are 2026 Guidelines** for submission. While you may submit consecutive LOIs, **only one will be accepted for scientific review at a time.**

### 3. Review:

- LOIs and proposals are reviewed on a rolling basis; there is no set timeline for applications, funding decisions, or initiation.
- The Research Leadership Group assesses whether the project meets our standards for scientific rigor and the proposed aims align with our research priorities.
- If appropriate, a full proposal will be requested. CureAlz hopes all submitted proposals will be favorably reviewed and thus fundable. To ensure that funding is available for all requested proposals, CureAlz will provide a deadline for receipt of the proposal.

### 4. Funding Details:

- Typical grants in 2026 total \$201,250 per year:
  - Amount: US\$175,000 per year in direct costs
  - Duration: 1–2 years
  - Indirects: Up to 15% allowed (US\$26,250)
- All projects must submit a final report at the end of the project. Two-year projects require an annual progress report review to receive the second-year funding.

### 5. Evaluation: LOIs and proposals are assessed based on three essential metrics:

- Contribution to the development of prevention, risk reduction, disease-modifying treatment, or cure for Alzheimer's



- Scientific justification of the hypothesis/concept, with emphasis on forward-thinking rather than incremental work
- Quality of the research plan and the ability of the PI/lab to execute high-caliber science

#### **6. Scientific Models Requiring Greater Justification and Clarity:**

- Projects studying iPSC neuron–derived tau pathology and/or mice bearing *MAPT* mutations must clearly explain how their work will advance understanding of Alzheimer’s disease rather than only primary tauopathies.

#### **7. Common Reasons LOIs Are Declined without Scientific Review>**

- The LOI does not meet our requirements for length or content.
- The applicant is neither a tenure-track professor from an accredited university or institution leading an independent research lab nor a for-profit company intending to pursue publishable research.
- The study does not directly address Alzheimer’s disease. We support comparative studies and examinations of comorbidities. However, Alzheimer’s disease must be integral to the proposed work. Similarly, projects addressing dementia as a clinical syndrome are not a fit for our funding.
- The project concerns improving caregiving or building caregiving infrastructure, which are important goals that are outside of [our focused mission](#).
- Support is sought only for a clinical trial. CureAlz rarely considers funding clinical trials where fundamental research was not previously supported by CureAlz.
- The project uses only or primarily the 3xTg mouse line.
- The primary investigator has not worked in AD previously and the application suggests unfamiliarity with the disease and/or its research models. We encourage joint submissions by primary investigators representing AD expertise and expertise from other fields.

#### **8. Information for for-profit applicants:**

- CureAlz primarily funds not-for-profit research institutions but may invest in for-profit entities when the work aligns with CureAlz’s mission, and when the work will be shared with the field. CureAlz funds to for-profit entities are provided as equity or through contingent royalty agreements (not as grants). Applications from for-profit entities are evaluated using the same criteria as others, with the added requirement of demonstrating financial capacity to complete the proposed research.

Additional information on our grant process can also be found on our website: <https://curealz.org/the-research/grant-process/>.

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**File Naming Convention:** 2026 [LAST NAME] CureAlz LOI; if you have submitted multiple LOIs in a calendar year, please include the month of submission after the year.

*Formatting is flexible, but the LOI should not exceed two pages (figures and references may be attached separately). The lead investigator's name should be included within the footer of ALL pages. Please include the following information in your LOI:*

### 1. Applicant Information

- Full Name
- Institutional or Company Affiliation
- Official Title and Tenure-Track Status
- Project Title

### 2. Rationale and Hypothesis

- Briefly describe the scientific rationale and significance of the project
- Clearly state the hypothesis to be tested
- Include preliminary or supporting data (figures may optionally be included)

### 3. Research Plan Highlights

- Summarize the specific aims and approaches
- Note where and how the project will be carried out

### 4. Impact Statement

- Clearly state the tangible translational and/or therapeutic implication of the proposed project

### 5. Lab Resources and Expertise

- Explain why your lab is well positioned to execute the proposed work

### 6. Additional Information

- Citations for at least five but up to six relevant peer-reviewed publications or pre-prints including DOI and/or PMCID. Papers should demonstrate the applicant's scientific record and include key references supporting the proposed hypothesis.
- Link to lab, faculty or company website