

PILOT GRANTS FOR INNOVATIVE RESEARCH, PREVENTION AND THERAPY OF ADDICTION

GUIDELINES:

- The Hetzler Foundation's objective is to advance (i) the science of addiction including causes and disease mechanisms, (ii) prevention of addiction including non-addictive pain treatments, and (iii) therapy and rehabilitation of addiction.
- Pilot Grants aim to stimulate new approaches and new co-operations.
- Proposals must center on innovative addiction research, prevention, or therapy and have the potential to advance the field markedly.
- Novel multidisciplinary approaches combining conventionally segregated fields are encouraged.
- This request for proposals is open to investigators in all scientific disciplines (basic and clinical) at all career stages. Investigators of all nationalities (EU and non-EU) who meet standard eligibility conditions for research funding are invited to submit proposals.
- Proposals can be submitted by the end of October each year. Funding will be available from April the following year.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:

- **Title Page:** Title, (co-)principal Investigator(s), institution(s), address(s), e-mail(s), phone number(s)
- **Abstract Page:** A scientific abstract (≤ 250 words), and a short lay summary (≤ 50 words).
- **Research Proposal:** The research proposal shall be no longer than two single-spaced pages and should include the essential background information and work program. Please use Arial 11 font. Please explain why the proposal is innovative. Please indicate if any other funds are available to you for the proposed research. If your program has multiple principal investigators, outline briefly its organizational structure. References (max. 20) should be attached and will not count towards the two-page limit.
- **Milestones with timeline (1/2-page limit).** The description of milestones should include how applicants envision continuing their work following the completion of the Pilot Grant funding period including plans to obtain third party funding.
- **Brief CV and a list of the most important publications:** A brief CV (1 page) and a list of important publications (≤ 10 publications) must be submitted for each (co-)principal investigator. Optional: New and early-stage investigators may provide a letter (≤ 2 pages) from their academic mentor that outlines relevant training experiences and career trajectory to complement their brief CV.
- **Budget:** Please provide a one-page budget in tabular form and a budget justification.
- Copies of **ethics approval letters** for human and animal research will be required once a project is selected for funding. Funding will be delayed until these approval documents are received.
- **No other supporting documentation** will be considered.

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BUDGET:

- Maximum allowable expenditures are 50.000 € in total for a minimum duration of 1 year and a maximum duration of 2 years.

PROPOSAL SUBMISSION (SUBMISSION DEADLINE OCTOBER 31, each year):

- Please submit your proposal as a single PDF file via unencrypted email or request a secure upload-link:
board@hetzler-stiftung.de

EVALUATION:

- Proposals will be peer-reviewed taking into account quality, feasibility, and potential impact of the project, expertise of the team involved, cost-effectiveness, plans to obtain future external funding and sustainability beyond the Pilot Grant funding period. The Hetzler Foundation Scientific Advisory Committee will make the final funding decision.

HETZLER FOUNDATION:

- Please direct questions to Prof. Dr. Rainer Spanagel, Chair, Hetzler Foundation Scientific Advisory Committee; Scientific Director of the Institute of Psychopharmacology, Central Institute of Mental Health, Mannheim, Germany.
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