



Associazione Italiana Vivere la Paraparesi Spastica Onlus (A.I.Vi.P.S.)

Call for Fellowship Applications - 2019

A.I.Vi.P.S. funds research projects in basic and clinical research ultimately aimed at finding therapies and accelerating diagnosis for hereditary spastic paraplegia (HSP).

Eligible Host Institutions

Only research proposals submitted by Investigators working either in public or private **Italian non-profit research Institutions** are eligible.

Eligible Applicants

In order to be eligible for funding, Applicants must have a medical or biomedical degree (or PhD) and should be integrated in a well-established research or clinical group.

The **Host Institution** declares that the Applicant is authorized to submit the application on its behalf.

Project duration

The duration of the proposed project is **1 year**.

Budget

Two Fellowships of 10.000,00 €/year are allowed for basic research on HSP and for clinical/physiotherapy assistance of HSP patients.

Application details

The Research Project includes the following sections:

- ◆ Principal Investigator
 - ◆ Proposal title and Acronym
 - ◆ Specific HSP form investigated (SPG)
 - ◆ Research Institute
 - ◆ Other organizations involved (if applicable)
 - ◆ C.V. of the applicant (also of the senior researcher /clinician)
 - ◆ Ethic committee approval of the Host Institute, needed before allowing the grant
 - ◆ Approval of the Health Min. DGSA (IACUC) for animal experimentation, if the projects includes animal models
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- ❖ Scientific abstract (Max 1.000 characters)
 - ❖ Background and state of the art (Max 2000 characters)
Specific aims (Max 1000 characters)
 - ❖ Research plan: steps, milestones, methodology (Max 2000 characters)
Expected results (Max 1000 characters)

- ❖ Research or clinical environment, human resources and host institution presentation (Max 1000 characters) (Max 1000 characters).
- ❖ Detailed budget

The Evaluation

A.I.Vi.P.S. staff and reviewers involved in the evaluation of Applications are bound by strict confidentiality and conflict of interest rules defined by the Association.

All accepted Applications will be reviewed by the A.I.Vi.P.S. Scientific Committee, which can involve ad hoc experts as external reviewers. After that consulting, the A.I. Vi.p.s. board will choose the two winners of the grants.

Grants will be awarded on a competitive basis.

The entire review process will be completed within 2 months since the Call deadline.

Scientific merit

The following parameters will be evaluated:

- Significance
- Innovation
- Appropriateness of design and methods
- Preliminary results
- Feasibility
- Safety
- Experience of the Applicant in the field.

A.I.Vi.P.S. Policies and Rules

A.I.Vi.P.S. endorses and applies Policies and Guidelines issued by the International Research Disease Consortium (IRDiRC), which emphasize the collaboration in rare diseases research, the involvement of patients and their representatives in all relevant aspects of research, as well as the sharing of data and resources.

Safeguard of research integrity

Research integrity (RI) is the basis of responsible conduct of research (RCR); the standard principles of RI – *reliability, honesty, respect, accountability* - are shared within the international scientific community, as laid out by [the European Code of Conduct for Research Integrity](#).

A.I.Vi.P.S. is fully committed to preserving and promoting the RCR within the funded research community, to ensure and strengthen high-quality research and to maintain public trust in its research enterprise.

Applicants, Grantees and all research personnel (investigators, trainees, administrators and staff) related to any A.I.Vi.P.S. Application must strictly adhere to the highest standards of good behavior.

Publications, data sharing and final scientific reports

All Grantees are required to:

- ◆ acknowledge A.I.Vi.P.S. in all **publications** arising from the project in the Acknowledgements/Funder section and send the relative PDF file to A.I.Vi.P.S.
- ◆ submit a **Final Scientific Report** at the end of the project.

Privacy of personal data

A.I.Vi.P.S. and the Host Institution will be considered as being autonomous data controllers of the personal data to be processed under the Application.