

MJFF Training and Integrated Learning Support Grant(s)

The Mentorship and Training Task Force from Michael J. Fox Foundation Data Community of Practice is soliciting proposals to support training and integrated learning initiatives. Two proposals for \$3,750 each (direct costs) will be awarded. This funding mechanism is intended to support early career stage investigators conducting multidisciplinary research on Parkinson's disease (PD) using MJFF data sets including but not limited to those found [here](#). Support for PD-related research using non-MJFF data sets will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

This award provides supplemental resources to advance professional development, training, and small-scale research activities that support the generation of pilot data. Examples of eligible costs include travel to scientific conferences, computing costs, cloud services, course work, publication fees, among others. The funds are not intended to serve as primary support for major research initiatives by established investigators.

Eligible applicants must be an assistant professor, instructor, post-doctoral scholar, or doctoral student. Assistant professors and instructors must be within 7 years of their terminal degree. Applicants with other backgrounds will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Priority will be given to work related to an existing MJFF data set, but support for PD-related research using non-MJFF data sets will also be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Applications are particularly encouraged from investigators who identify as belonging to an underrepresented group in PD research. Use of these supplemental funds to support research involving underrepresented research participants is strongly encouraged.

Proposals are due on 11:59 PM EST on **March 2, 2026**. Please email the proposals to researchcommunity@michaeljfox.org. No appendices are allowed. Signatures from department or administrative officials are not required. At least two expert reviewers will review and score each grant based on the applicants qualifications and scientific merit. The MJFF Mentorship and Training Task Force will make funding decisions based on these scores and program priorities. The selected grants will be funded by April, 2026. A brief half-page report on the project outcomes will be required at the end of the one year and awardees will be required to join (if not already members) and make a public post highlighting outputs supported by this work on the community's forum located at: <http://rcop.michaeljfox.org>, as well as in other community-maintained areas such as GitHub or Zenodo (where applicable).

Proposal must include the following documents:

1. A one page proposal that includes:
 - a. Title
 - b. Background and goals of the candidate
 - c. Description of the research project that the funds will support. There should be sufficient detail for reviewers to evaluate the significance and scientific merit of the research
 - d. An overview of how these funds will facilitate the applicant to their short and long-term career goals
2. Biosketch
3. Brief budget justification

This is an initiative of the Michael J. Fox Foundation's Data Community of Practice. For specific program guidelines or additional information, please contact: researchcommunity@michaeljfox.org.