

Call for Proposals



ADVANCE

Global Awards for Advancing
Chronic Pain Research

Funding innovative, novel research proposals that seek to advance the understanding and management of chronic pain

Pfizer Inc. and Eli Lilly and Company are pleased to announce the call for proposals for the 2nd Global Awards for Advancing Chronic Pain Research (ADVANCE) in 2019.

ADVANCE is a competitive awards program and will provide a unique opportunity for Pfizer Inc. and Eli Lilly and Company to support chronic pain research at medical and research institutions throughout the world.

Proposals will be reviewed by an external multidisciplinary, Independent Review Committee comprising renowned, global experts in chronic pain. The assessment process is completely independent of Pfizer Inc. and Eli Lilly and Company, with final responsibility for selection of Awardees resting with the Co-Chairs.

The intent of the program is to fund approximately 5 grants between US \$50,000 and US \$200,000, from a total fund of US \$1 million.

Areas of research that are considered **in-scope** for an ADVANCE research grant, with conditions of interest being osteoarthritis and chronic low back pain, will include studies that aim to advance the understanding of:

- Evaluation of unmet medical needs in chronic pain
 - Benefit-risk assessment and patient preference in the choice of chronic pain medication for patients with comorbid conditions (e.g., cardiovascular disease or history of substance abuse)
 - How risks associated with long-term use of analgesics are assessed currently
 - Treatment of chronic pain in special populations (e.g., postsurgical, elderly)
- Evaluation of multidisciplinary approaches (e.g., physical therapy, cognitive behavioral therapy) and their combination with pharmacological treatment
- Approaches to improving adherence to therapy or therapeutic regimens for chronic pain
- Use of patient characteristics such as biomarkers or other objective evaluations (e.g., quantitative sensory testing, imaging modalities) in the assessment and management of osteoarthritis and chronic low back pain to better understand disease course
- Evaluation of improved function
 - How changes of physical function are assessed in clinical practice in patients with osteoarthritis and chronic low back pain, and how current physical function assessment could be improved
 - How individual goal setting can contribute to treatment outcome (including pain and function)
 - What impact the improved physical function has on the patients' quality of life

Areas that are considered **out of scope** and will NOT be considered for an ADVANCE research grant include:

- Preclinical research
- Studies involving pregnant or lactating females and/or participants <18 years of age
- Drug requests
- Requests for funding from countries that currently have restrictions on trade with the United States

For further information about ADVANCE, including how to apply, please visit www.advanceresearchawards-chronicpain.com

Application Deadline:
August 8, 2019

