Charleston Conference on Alzheimer’s Disease

The Charleston Conference on Alzheimer’s Disease (CCAD) was initiated in Spring 2013 to address the current stringent nature of research funding that is stifling early career researchers from working on high-risk or high-impact ideas. The CCAD invites early career investigators to propose novel ideas for AD research and awards three investigators $50,000 New Vision Awards to carry out their research. The CCAD experience also offers a unique opportunity for early career investigators from different fields and areas of expertise to network and to collaborate on novel ideas to advance Alzheimer’s disease research.

To be eligible for inclusion in the CCAD application process, investigators must meet the following criteria at the time of application:

- Have a PhD and/or MD degree and have received this terminal degree within the last 12 years.
- Hold an academic rank no higher than Assistant Professor.
- NOT be the PI on any past or current NIH-funded R01, Program Project or Center Award Grant.

To apply for an invitation to the CCAD conference, please email your CV and response to the following questions to Tara Eckenrode Sokolowski (eckenrod@musc.edu) by Monday, August 24, 2015 at 5PM EST:

1) What is your approach to research as it pertains to Alzheimer’s disease?
2) What makes your research innovative, and how does it push the frontiers of AD research?

Your complete response must not exceed ONE (1) page using single line-spacing, 1-inch margins and 11pt Arial font.

While preparing your personal statement, please keep in the mind the mission of the CCAD to encourage high-risk, high-impact research. Researchers outside of the traditional field of AD who believe that their research may be applicable to AD if given the opportunity are also encouraged to apply. Applicants will be judged on their CVs and essay responses, and the 15 with the most innovative current and future research directions will be invited to attend the conference with all expenses paid.

For more information about the CCAD, please visit our website at http://www.charlestonconferences.org/.