

# NACC *Navigator*

Monthly news, updates, and information from the National Alzheimer's Coordinating Center

## ► *Spotlight*

### ON TO THE **MODERN DATA PLATFORM**

As we approach the final milestone in NACC's multi-year modernization effort, February 2026 will mark the planned shutdown of the Legacy Platform and the complete transition to the new NACC Data Platform. This is a crucial step in enhancing the data infrastructure of the ADRC Program. We sincerely appreciate the ongoing engagement of the ADRC community and are confident we can complete this transition together to fully realize the benefits of the new platform.

**After March 1, 2026, all submissions, auditing, and reporting will occur exclusively through the ADRC Portal on the new NACC Data Platform.** Additional guidance, timelines, and support resources are available on our Legacy System Transition webpage.

To assist ADRCs and affiliated studies in finalizing all reviews, resolving outstanding issues, and ensuring that site data is completely finalized before the system is retired, we will be hosting our final legacy system webinar on February 17 at 12-1 pm ET / 9-10 am PT.

[Legacy Platform Resources](#)

[Register for Webinar](#)



### *Shedding New Light on* **Dementia in Down Syndrome**

While it's now recognized that people with Down syndrome develop dementia much earlier than usual, previous research cohorts were limited to primarily white adult patients. A recent study by researchers from the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center builds on prior research by providing a more comprehensive cohort from multiple databases, including NACC, that offers new insights and hope regarding the impact of therapeutic interventions for dementia in people with Down syndrome.

[Read More](#)

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### **Advancements in Interoperable Data Access**

A recent integration between the AD Knowledge Portal and the AD Data Initiative's cloud-based analysis environment (AD Workbench) represents a significant step forward for the AD/ADRD research ecosystem. By enabling researchers to analyze AD Knowledge Portal datasets directly in a secure cloud environment without moving or duplicating data, technical barriers to cross-study analysis are reduced while maintaining strong data governance. Interoperable platforms like this complement NACC's Data Platform and Data Front Door by supporting a broader ecosystem in which standardized, well-governed data can be linked, analyzed, and shared efficiently across national AD/ADRD research resources.

[NACC Data Front Door](#)

[AD Knowledge Portal](#)

## ► Upcoming Events



**Register Today!**

**LATE WEBINAR SERIES:  
PART II: LATE +/- AD**

Tuesday, February 17, 2026 | 3-4 pm ET/12-1 pm PT

### **LATE Webinar #2: LATE +/- AD**

***Tuesday, February 17, 2026, 3-4 pm ET / 12-1 pm PT***

Part 2 of the LATE Webinar series will dive deeper into the clinical and imaging presentation of Limbic-Predominant Age-Related TDP-43 Encephalopathy (LATE), and how that differs in the presence and absence of Alzheimer's disease co-pathology. Large-scale longitudinal data as well as a unique case study will be presented to allow consideration of age of onset, cognitive presentation, rate of progression, imaging characteristics, and clinical trial enrollment in patients with LATE +/- AD.

[Register Now](#)

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### **Using Electronic Health Records (EHR) in Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias Research**

***Tuesday, March 3, 2026, 3-4 pm ET / 12-1 pm PT***

This webinar will explore how real-world electronic health record (EHR) data can be leveraged to characterize heterogeneity and improve outcome prediction in Alzheimer's disease (AD).

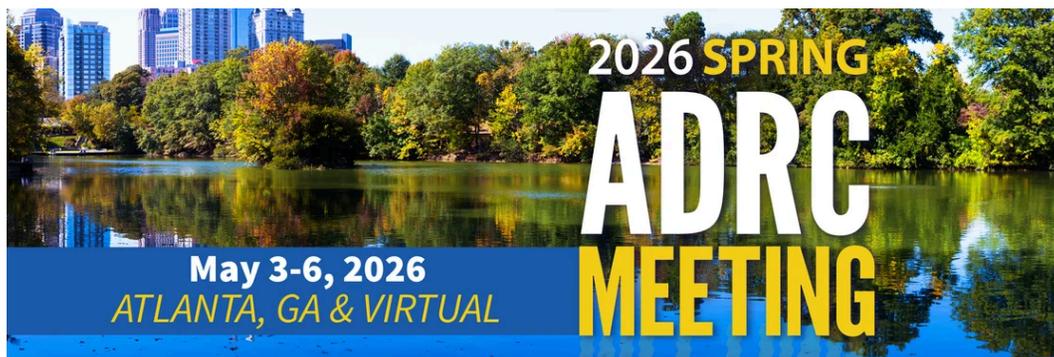
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## TDP43 Summit – Call for Abstracts

Researchers are invited to submit abstracts featuring new and emerging data on TDP43 biology, biomarkers, pathology, and co-pathology with Alzheimer's disease or related disorders. Preference will be given to unpublished or recently published findings that advance detection, characterization, and mechanistic understanding of TDP43. Travel scholarships are available.

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## ► ADRC/CORE Spotlight



Engaging Spanish-speaking participants in Alzheimer's research is essential to understanding the way the disease affects people across racial, ethnic, and cultural differences. A team of experts across the ADRC program, led by Drs. Katya Rascovsky and María Marquine, has come together to create culturally aware Spanish translations of the UDSv4.

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## ► *NACC Updates*

### **New Releases and Features!**

Several new data access and reporting features are now available to support ADRC operations and research.

- [NCRAD APOE data now available in the ADRC Portal](#), expanding access to key genetic information for ADRC participants.
- [Form B1a and Down Syndrome Module \(UDSv3\) submissions](#) are now supported through the ADRC Portal. Down Syndrome Module submissions associated with UDSv4 will be available in March.
- You can now access the initial release of the ADRC Program reports on the ADRC Portal home page. Documentation accompanies the figures in the Portal in a separate tab.
- [New mixed protocol PET analysis data are available](#) for request through the NACC data request survey.

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### **Change to Critical Forms Updates Process**

Going forward, NACC will release Critical Forms updates on a quarterly schedule. This change replaces the current monthly cadence and is intended to reduce the form maintenance burden for ADRCs and affiliated partners. The next Critical Forms Update is scheduled for April 14, 2026.

[View UDSv4 Forms and Changelog](#)

## ► *Funding Opportunities*

### **Alzheimer's Association Clinician Scientist Fellowship for All (AACSFAs)**

***Letter of Intent Deadline: February 23, 2026***

***Full Application Deadline: April 21, 2026***

***Award Amount: Up to \$250,000***

The AACSFAs program supports clinician scientists advancing their research careers in Alzheimer's and all dementias. Open to U.S. and international investigators within 15 years of their clinical doctorate, holding positions at or

below Assistant Professor, with active clinical practice. Requires 40% of protected research time. Funding supports research costs, mentorship, professional development, and mandatory attendance at the Alzheimer's Association International Conference.

[Learn More and Apply](#)

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## **Alzheimer's Association Research Grant for All (AARGA)**

***Letter of Intent Deadline: February 23, 2026***

***Application Deadline: April 21, 2026***

***Award Amount: Up to \$200,000 over 2-3 years***

The 2026 AARGA program supports early-career investigators (Assistant Professor or equivalent for  $\leq 7$  years) developing preliminary data and hypotheses across all areas of AD/ADRD research. Awards provide up to \$200,000 over three years or \$140,000 over two years. The Association encourages applications from researchers from underrepresented groups. Open to US-based academic institutions and VA hospitals.

[Application Information](#)

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## **Alzheimer's Association Research Fellowship for All (AARFA)**

***Letter of Intent Deadline: February 23, 2026***

***Application Deadline: April 21, 2026***

***Award Amount: Up to \$200,000 over 2-3 years***

The AARFA program supports postdoctoral researchers within 10 years of receiving their doctoral degree who are working in AD/ADRD research under experienced mentorship. Awards provide up to \$180,000 for research expenses, \$12,500 for travel (including required AAIC attendance), and \$20,000 in completion stipends. Applicants must not hold independent faculty positions. Open to US and international researchers.

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## RCCN Workshop Travel Awards for Early Career

### Investigators

***Application Deadline: February 27, 2026***

NIA's Research Centers Collaborative Network offers approximately 10 travel awards for early career investigators to attend the "Multidisciplinary Research in Aging/Team Science" workshop (May 20-21, 2026, Bethesda, MD). Awards cover travel, meals, and accommodation. Applicants must be doctoral students, postdoctoral fellows, or early stage investigators affiliated with NIA-sponsored centers (including ADRCs) with demonstrated multidisciplinary/translational aging research interests.

Apply Today

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## FTD Diagnostic Biomarkers Initiative Grants (AFTD and partners)

***Letter of Intent Deadline: March 6, 2026***

***Application Deadline: May 12, 2026***

***Award Amount: \$250,000 to \$700,000***

AFTD, supported by the Holloway Family Fund and partners, invites applications to advance diagnostic biomarkers for frontotemporal lobar degeneration (FTLD). Projects should enable earlier, more accurate diagnosis across the FTLD spectrum. Open worldwide to investigators in academia, nonprofits, and for-profit organizations. Academia-industry collaborations encouraged; postdocs may serve as co-PIs but not lead PI.

Submit Application

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## Institutional Training Programs to Advance Translational Research on Alzheimer's Disease and AD-Related Dementias (T32)

***Application Deadline: May 25, 2026***

The NIA supports institutional training programs developing the next generation of AD/ADRD translational researchers. Programs train predoctoral and postdoctoral researchers in interdisciplinary team science, data science, and precision medicine approaches. Maximum 5-year awards support stipends,

tuition, and training expenses. Trainees gain experience with NIA's open science consortia. US institutions only.

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