

# NACC *Navigator*

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

## ▶ *Spotlight*



The 2026 Spring ADRC Meeting in Atlanta, Georgia (and virtually) gathered over 1,000 researchers, clinicians, and administrators for four days focused on Alzheimer's disease and related dementia research. Highlights included the Directors Session, which featured discussions on funding priorities and prompted a community dialogue about the future of the ADRC Program. A key focus was on training the next generation of researchers, evident in 34 poster presentations, three Rising Star Awards, and a Mock Study Section.

Session themes included the importance of a two-way relationship in returning research results to communities, advancements in post-mortem imaging, challenges in transitioning from observation to implementation, and the growing demand for diagnostics as new biomarkers and therapeutics emerge. Additionally, the meeting showcased a milestone data release from the CLARITI consortium.

[Meeting Recap](#)

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\* Note that Meeting recordings are only available to officially registered attendees of the 2026 Spring ADRC Meeting; recordings will be available to all ADRC members via the ADRC Portal at a later date

## ► *Recent Research*

### **EARLY WARNING**

#### Behavioral Changes Predict Alzheimer's Disease Risk

A new study using NACC data found that persistent behavioral changes in older adults may help identify individuals at increased risk for Alzheimer's disease before significant cognitive decline occurs. Researchers reported that participants meeting criteria for mild behavioral impairment (MBI) were significantly more likely to develop autopsy-confirmed Alzheimer's disease within five years.

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## ► *Upcoming Events*



**Register Today!**

**Neuropathological stages of neuronal, astrocytic  
and oligodendrocytic alpha-synuclein pathology  
in Parkinson's disease**

Wednesday, June 10, 2026 | 12-1 pm ET/9-10 am PT

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### ► *NACC Updates*

#### **Strategic Data Management Roadmap**

Stay up to date with the new Strategic Data Management Roadmap page, which provides a centralized, up-to-date view of ongoing and upcoming enhancements. This page will be updated regularly to keep the ADRC community informed on current and future development efforts.

[Strategic Data Management Roadmap](#)

### ► *Funding Opportunities*

#### **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.

[Learn More and Apply](#)

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#### **Alzheimer's Disease Strategic Fund: Vascular Contributions to Cognitive Impairment and Dementia 2026—Understanding Mechanisms of Dysfunction (VCID-UMD)**

**Letter of Intent Due:** June 15, 2026, 5 pm ET

**Full Application Deadline:** September 14, 2026, 5 pm ET

**Award Amount:** \$150,000 to \$300,000 direct costs; no indirect costs; up to 3 years

This Alzheimer's Association program supports collaborative, high-risk team science investigating the biological mechanisms linking vascular dysfunction to cognitive impairment and dementia. Teams pursuing mechanistic VCID research—or broader ADRD mechanistic questions with a vascular angle—are encouraged to apply.

VCID-UMD Funding Opportunity

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## **NBER READ Award: Research Awards for the Study of the Economics of AD/ADRD**

**Full Application Deadline:** June 30, 2026, 11:59 pm ET

**Award Amount:** Up to \$200,000 in total costs

The NIA-funded NBER Coordinating Center invites applications for high-impact, one-year research projects studying the economic impact of AD/ADRD on patients, families, health systems, and society. Topics of particular interest include valuing new diagnostics and treatments, policy and financing drivers of access, and heterogeneity in disease experience. Up to five awards will be made. Open to faculty and research scientists at US institutions.

An optional informational webinar will be held May 29, 2026 at 11 am ET. Register for webinar: [Informational Webinar: READ Awards 2026-27](#)

READ Funding Opportunity

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## **NBER EC-READ Award: Early-Career Research Awards for the Study of the Economics of AD/ADRD**

**Application Deadline:** June 30, 2026, 11:59 pm ET

**Award Amount:** Up to \$50,000 in direct costs

The NIA-funded NBER Coordinating Center supports up to five grants for early-career investigators pursuing economic research on AD/ADRD, with projects

completed over two years. Eligible applicants hold a PhD or equivalent, are within 10 years of post-doctoral training, and have not previously served as PI on a funded NIH research grant.

An optional informational webinar will be held May 28, 2026 at 12 pm ET. Register for webinar: [Informational Webinar: EC-READ Awards 2026-27](#)

EC-READ Funding Opportunity



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