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**Chagnon Family - Brain Canada  
Multi-Investigator Research Initiative (MIRI)  
Interventions for Prevention of Alzheimer Disease  
and Related Disorders**

Supported by a joint venture between the Chagnon Family and Brain Canada (Canada Brain Research Fund), the purpose of these MIRI grants is to accelerate novel and transformative **intervention research that will improve the prevention of Alzheimer Disease and Related Disorders (ADRD)**. This will be the largest investment in interventions for prevention of ADRD ever made in this country and sets forth a challenge to fast-track a quantum leap in the field.

**This initiative will reward “outside the box” ideas by supporting research that is truly innovative and may challenge standard paradigms.** The Partners aim to support potentially high-gain research that might have difficulty being funded by other agencies, perhaps because it is conceptually ahead of its time, involves unusual alliances between disciplines, and features novel approaches, including interventions involving complementary and alternative medicine, and alternative uses for existing medications approved for other conditions

Over the next five years, \$25 million will be provided by the Chagnon Family and Brain Canada, through the Canada Brain Research Fund; additional funds in the subsequent five years may also be possible. It is expected that three to five teams will be funded, in the range of \$1-2 million per year per team. **This competition is exclusively for research dealing with interventions in human subjects, intended to lead to new prevention strategies and preventive treatments for ADRD.**

There will be a two-stage application process, beginning with a letter-of-intent which will be reviewed by an expert international selection committee, after which authors of the most promising proposals will be invited to submit a full application for review. The most important selection criterion will be the potential to develop effective strategies for primary and secondary prevention of ADRD, informed by the additional criteria of: innovation and originality; feasibility; and multidisciplinary and teamwork.

**Key dates:** deadline for letters of intent, **February 22, 2013**; and for full applications, July 12, 2013; funding to begin on or after October 14, 2013.

Request for Applications: ADRD\_MIRI\_RFA\_EN.pdf

**For further Information:**

About Brain Canada and the Canada Brain Research Fund: <http://braincanada.ca/>

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