Grant Title: CURE AUTISM NOW FOUNDATION

Funding Opportunity Number: N/A

Agency/Department: Autism Speaks Inc.

Area of Research: Improving the future for all who struggle with autism spectrum disorders. In support of that mission the Foundation provides funding along the entire research continuum - from discovery to development to dissemination - for innovative projects that hold considerable promise for significantly improving the lives of persons with autism.

Release and Expiration: N/A

Application Deadline: Deadline varies for each grant. All proposals must be submitted online via the Autism Speaks grants administration site. Letters of Intent are due annually March 15, 9:00 PM (U.S. Eastern Time).

Amount: For a full-level research grant: $150,000/year maximum. For a pilot-level research grant: $60,000/year maximum.

Length of Support: Full-level research grant: 1-3 years. Pilot-level research grant: 1-2 years.

Eligible Applicants: Investigators holding full-time faculty appointments, professional affiliations or equivalent at accredited academic, medical, osteopathic, chiropractic, research or educational institutions are eligible to apply. See full announcement for complete list of eligible applicants.

Summary: One of the Foundation's goals is to identify and support promising research with the hope that results from these efforts will produce significant findings that will be reported in peer-reviewed journals. Hopefully that grants funded will lead to additional research support from government or other funding agencies. The Foundation funds grants in four areas: pilot studies, base and clinical grants, treatment grants, and environmental studies. Pilot Studies are intended to draw new investigators into the field of autism research and to allow researchers to collect preliminary data to show the plausibility of an innovative area of exploration. Basic and Clinical Grants fund a broad range of areas, providing researchers the opportunity to pursue leads that have shown promise in pilot studies and offering larger awards over a longer period of time. Treatment Grants address the urgent need to develop effective therapies to treat those living with the disorder today by supporting research focused on all aspects of treatment including behavioral, biomedical and technological interventions. The goal of the Innovative Technology for Autism Grants is to spur development of new technology to assist those living with autism. Please be sure to use the keyword "technology" when submitting this type of Treatment grant. Areas of focus include assistive technologies, educational products, rehabilitation technologies, data communication and telecommunications technologies, and tools such as lab equipment informatics and assessment instruments.