

## Melvin Yahr Parkinson’s Disease Clinical Research Award – Research Plan Instructions

The Research Plan should be a maximum of 6 pages. Please include the following sections in the proposal:

* **Specific Aims** – Describe the specific aims for the proposed project.
* **Background/Research Rationale** – Include a discussion of the significance and relevance for Parkinson's disease and clinical practice.
* **Research Strategy** – Provide preliminary data (if available), and details of proposed work, including experimental design (including statistical/data analysis plan), and a discussion of potential pitfalls and mitigation approaches.
* **Overall Summary and Conclusion**

**References Cited** – The literature cited should be limited to one (1) page. It will be uploaded as a separate attachment. **It does not count towards the 6-page limit**.

Formatting:

* **Font**s: Must be 12 pt. Times New Roman or equivalent (≤15 cpi). Use symbol font (e.g., Greek letters) where necessary.
* **Spacing**: Maximum of 15 characters per inch and maximum 6 lines per inch (i.e., single spacing).
* **Page**: Page size must be 8.5” x 11” with a minimum of 0.5” margins on all sides.
* **Figures**: Included as part of text or at end. A descriptive legend with a minimum font size of 10 pt. Times New Roman or equivalent should be included.