In order to stimulate research on Friedreich's Ataxia, the French Friedreich’s Ataxia association (A.F.A.F.) will be offering grants in 2007 totalling 100,000 euros. Ph.D. students will receive 18,000 euros annually and post-doctoral researchers 22,000 euros, with possible allocation starting in September 2007.

The fields considered will include the basic aspects of the disease (genetics, biochemistry, neurobiology) in either humans or animal models, as well as clinical research. All projects must clearly indicate the expected repercussions on treatment of the disease. Projects concerning therapeutic studies or research into new therapeutic possibilities specific to Friedreich’s ataxia will be particularly encouraged.

The grants will be awarded for 1, 2 or 3 years, depending on the aims of the project. An annual report to the scientific council and AFAF will enable progress of the research to be assessed and determine whether the grant is to be continued the following year.

Grant application forms are available from AFAF:
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