

Autism Speaks Trailblazer Award Program

No deadline

More details are available on the website at
<http://www.autismspeaks.org/science/grants-program/open-grants-how-apply>.

Autism Speaks places a high priority on innovation and has designed its new Trailblazer Award to respond quickly to fund highly novel transformative projects. The Trailblazer Award mechanism will support highly novel “out of the box” autism-relevant research that opens new avenues to understanding the causes, diagnosis, subtyping, prevention, treatments, and cure of autism spectrum disorders. The Trailblazer Award mechanism is designed to fund small investigator-initiated high risk/high impact projects that are potentially transformative, paradigm shifting, and/or will overcome significant roadblocks in autism research within a 12 month period. We are seeking projects that may be too risky for regular research mechanisms, including that of Autism Speaks Pilot Study grants.

The proposed Trailblazer project:

- Must explore a highly novel idea or research technique that potentially could have high impact, i.e., have the capacity to change the way we diagnose, subtype, prevent, and/or treat ASD or the way we conduct relevant research on ASD.
- Generally should not have preliminary data.
- Should be considered so risky as to not likely be supported through other AS grants programs, including pilot studies.

Trailblazer awards are limited to a period of 12 months and an amount up to \$100,000 total, inclusive of 10% indirect costs.