The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research (MJFF) announces the launch of the 2009 Rapid Response Innovation Awards, An Edmond J. Safra Core Program for PD Research, a rolling application program to support novel Parkinson’s disease related research in real-time. The goal of this exciting program is to rapidly support innovative research focused on the cause of and cure for Parkinson’s disease (PD). In particular, MJFF is eager to fund high-risk, high-reward projects tackling critical scientific roadblocks that if successful, can open new avenues for PD therapy development.

With the understanding that submission and review of innovative, high-risk, high-reward proposals should not be limited to one deadline each year, the Rapid Response Innovation Awards operates on a rolling basis. Research proposals may be submitted at any time and funding decisions will be made within 6 weeks of receiving the application. Rapid Response Innovation Awards is designed to support projects with little to no existing preliminary data, but that have the potential to significantly impact our understanding or treatment of Parkinson’s disease.

Applicants may request a project period of up to 12 months and maximum total budget of $75,000 including direct costs and indirect costs. Indirect costs can include up to 10% of direct costs.