

Herrenhausen Conference

Rethinking Neurodegeneration – Challenging established paradigms and exploring new paths

TRAVEL GRANTS AVAILABLE

Neurodegenerative diseases and dementia are a dramatic burden for our aging societies. While the age-associated demise of neurons leading to dementia has been intensively studied for decades, the individual causes of degeneration are not fully understood. Consequently, causative therapies or a cure are still missing. Although dementia-associated diseases such as Alzheimer's disease and Frontotemporal Dementia exhibit substantial heterogeneity at multiple levels – including genetics and affected brain regions – an increasing number of shared mechanistic pathways are being identified. These findings raise the possibility that “dementia” may represent a continuum of pathological processes rather than a collection of distinct disease entities. For instance, most Alzheimer's disease cases are currently described as mixed pathologies, as they involve the deposition of several proteins that are found in various types of neurodegenerative disorders; examples are the deposition of amyloid beta, tau, alpha-synuclein, or TDP-43.

Deadline: September 30, 2026

We award up to 10 travel grants to PhD-/MD-students and postdoctoral researchers. The grants are intended to support early career researchers whose work relates to the scientific themes of the conference and who wish to actively contribute to the interdisciplinary exchange on neurodegeneration and dementia research.

Travel expenses will be reimbursed as follows:

- Germany: up to 300 €
- Europe up to 500 €
- Overseas: up to 1,500 €

Please keep all travel receipts and submit them after the conference for reimbursement. We have reserved a block of hotel rooms for the selected travel grant recipients. The costs will be covered by the organizer.

Selection

Applications will be evaluated based on scientific quality, originality, relevance to the conference topics, and the potential contribution to interdisciplinary discussion.

More detailed information on our [Conference Website](#)