

Dear RSA Members,

The **Collaborative Initiative on Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (CIFASD)** [<https://cifasd.org/>] was started in 2003 under the direction of Dr. Edward Riley and funded by NIAAA. The purpose of this consortium is to inform and develop effective interventions and treatment approaches for Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD), through multidisciplinary research involving basic, behavioral, and clinical investigators and projects. Our goal is to enhance the infrastructure to foster collaboration and coordinate projects that address urgent, high-impact unmet needs in the FASD field, e.g., case identification/diagnosis, intervention, mechanistic understanding, and prevention.

The consortium is currently in the final year of the 5th wave of funding (CIFASD 5). Although an NIAAA Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) to support the continuation of the CIFASD consortium into a 6th funding segment has not yet been announced, in anticipation of a possible NOFO we invite FASD investigators to submit brief letters of intent for consideration for collaboration on a CIFASD 6 proposal under the MPI leadership of Sarah Mattson and Jennifer Thomas.

If you are interested, please **upload a 1-page letter of intent** to [this google form](https://forms.gle/EF4X6qAG3cKtE67e9) (<https://forms.gle/EF4X6qAG3cKtE67e9>) by **July 15, 2026**.

To receive priority review, please include these components:

- A brief description of your proposed research project
- An explanation of how your proposed project fits with current CIFASD goals (<https://cifasd.org>) and/or would advance the FASD research field
- An outline of your current resources (e.g., access to participant populations, animal models, equipment, other technical expertise). Please include both resources your site/lab could contribute to the larger consortium, as well as CIFASD resources needed to complete your project goals.

If you have questions, please email us:

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Sincerely,

Sarah Mattson & Jennifer Thomas