ALS Network 2025 Impact: Global ALS Research

The ALS Network fueled research innovations, advancements in drug development and clinical trials, and new collaborations designed to accelerate the pace of discovery in the search for prevention strategies, effective treatments, and cures for ALS.

The ALS Network **hosted the 15th annual ALS Research Summit** in January, 2025, bringing together world-renowned researchers, investigators, clinicians, biotech companies, government representatives, and advocates in ALS and related fields to drive new ideas and foster collaboration.

The ALS Network presented **ASK ME educational webinars** focused on **scientific advancements**. Topics included highlights on ALS research and care in 2025 and discussions about promising new ALS treatments and therapies.

To promote access to research opportunities, **the ALS Network increased outreach and communications about ALS clinical trials** through connection group messages, e-Newsletters, website and social media features, and concierge care management services.

The ALS Network **hosted the 8th annual Barber ALS Research Awards** and funded each of the seven top poster presenters at our ALS Research Summit and the University of California's Reinvigorating Innovation in ALS conference. Our Barber awards recognize and bolster early-career researchers, in tribute to Jim Barber, one of the founders of the ALS Research Summit.

The **Community Research Committee was established** to provide ALS community member guidance, recommendations, and feedback to the ALS Network in its mission to advance ALS research. This committee contributes to the development and execution of a robust research agenda, ensuring excellence, innovation, and relevance in the pursuit of unique projects designed to solve critical problems in ALS.

In Spring 2025, the ALS Network launched its first public request for proposals, significantly expanding the portfolio of supported research through the **ALS Network Innovation Grant** funding opportunity. After an extensive review process, driven by our Scientific Advisory Committee and Community Research Committee, 14 groundbreaking Innovation Grants were selected for funding.

The ALS Network funded **$2.4M in research grants to over 40 researchers, including 14 early career researchers** via collaboration with leaders across the ALS research ecosystem. This brings ALS Network's total research investment well over $21M.

President & CEO, Sheri Strahl, **participated in numerous presentations, articles, and podcasts about ALS research** and ALS Network's unique approach to funding science, including the Barrow Institute C9orf72 FTD/ALS Summit, the University of California's Reinvigorating Innovation in ALS, and the Impossible Dreams Podcast Medical Roundtable episode, among others.

In 2025, ALS Network **co-funded ALS research with more than five partners** including Muscular Dystrophy Association, Packard Center for ALS Research, ALS Finding a Cure, Foundation for NIH, and ALS United, amplifying impact and accelerating progress toward treatments and cures.

Your support makes a difference. Let's cure ALS together.