Working Together
Biomarkers Across Neurodegenerative Diseases (BAND) Program

• **Partners:** Alzheimer’s Association and Weston Brain Institute, Alzheimer’s Research UK and The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson’s Research

• **Main objective:** To stimulate analyses across Alzheimer’s disease (AD), Parkinson’s disease (PD) and other neurodegenerative diseases to increase understanding of pathogenesis similarities and differences.

• **Successes:** To date, funded 20 awards; program now with another 10-12 to be funded in the next few weeks
Partners Every Step of the Way

• Inception
  • Crafting and sharing of the RFA

• Grant Application Process
  • System and process of applications
  • Review criteria, identify reviewers, agree on review process for adjudication
  • Communications/ outreach plans

• Making the Awards
  • Notifications
  • Managing the money

• Award Management
  • Reporting
  • Assessment meetings
Benefits Beyond Funding

• Regular communications identifies other areas of synergy

• Attend each others meetings/events; have provided quotes for various announcements

• ALZ and Weston co-chaired session at AAIC of jointly funded researchers (ALZ and Weston)
Ingredients for Successful (or Not So Successful) Partnerships

• Start with shared vision
  • If you agree on the overarching needs, the details can be figured out if everyone willing to be at the table

• Be open to doing things a little differently
  • Identify key aspects of the process you will not/ cannot negotiate, discuss at the start
  • Be open to other ideas and processes; and also be willing to hear when a particularly process won’t work for a partner

• It’s a relationship - build the trust between partners
  • Recognize the value each partner brings the table; we all play different roles beyond funding
  • Partnerships do take work and regular communication (like any relationship!)
  • Know when TO and when NOT TO partner – it may not always be right

• Be a good partner yourself!
Questions?