

Corporate & Foundation Relations Advancement

Limited Submission Announcement



2020 Brain Research Foundation Scientific Innovations Award

Overview:

The Scientific Innovations Award provides funding for **innovative science in both basic and clinical neuroscience**. The award is designed to support creative, exploratory, cutting edge research in well-established research laboratories, under the direction of **established investigators**.

It supports projects that may be too innovative and speculative for traditional funding sources but still have a high likelihood of producing important findings. It is expected that investigations supported by these grants will yield high impact findings and result in major grant applications and significant publications in high impact journals.

UMass Amherst has been invited to nominate **one senior faculty** member to submit a Letter of Intent (LOI) for this opportunity.

Eligibility:

- Applicants must be a **full-time associate professor or full professor** working in the area of brain function in health and disease.
- Current **major NIH or other peer-reviewed funding** is preferred but evidence of such funding in the past three years is essential.

Award Background:

- A two-year grant of **\$150,000** (grant period is roughly Jan. 2020 - Dec. 2021).
- Only **one** nominee per institution.
- 100% of funds must be utilized for **direct costs**.
- Support is for **new research projects** related to either normal human brain development or specifically identified disease states. This includes molecular and clinical neuroscience as well as studies of neural, sensory, motor, cognitive, behavioral, and emotional functioning in health and disease.
- It is estimated that **2-4 awards** will be made this year.
- This grant is not to be used as bridge funding.
- [List of Past Awardees](#) - we strongly recommend reviewing past grants to determine competitiveness.

Deadlines

Internal: May 13, 2019
Sponsor: June 25, 2019

Internal Application Process

The internal selection process will be informed by the [grant program's guidelines and submission requirements](#) and led by a committee composed of the deans of applicants' respective schools and colleges or their designees and, if necessary, the Provost, Vice Chancellor for Research Engagement, and/or faculty with relevant expertise.

If you are interested in applying, please send the following items as a single PDF to cfr@umass.edu by **Monday, May 13, 2019**:

- A well constructed concept paper (2 pages max) that includes a closing paragraph that explains how this research will develop (next steps). If your research is disease specific, describe the broader implications.
 - NIH bio sketch or CV.
 - List of current and pending support.
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Additional Information

Brain Research Foundation's Scientific Review Committee will review proposals and make recommendations for funding to the Foundation. The Committee consists of senior scientists broadly representing the various neuroscience-related programs. A representative of the Brain Research Foundation is also present when the Committee meets.

For more information, visit [the program's guidelines](#). If you have technical questions on the Brain Research Foundation Program or your eligibility, please contact [Liz Smith](#) in [Corporate and Foundation Relations](#).

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