Limited Submission Announcement

2018 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/full professor working in the area of neuroscience and 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 Jan. 2018 - Dec. 2019)
- Only **one** nominee per institution
- 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 disease.
- It is estimated that **3 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.

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**Deadlines**

**Internal:** May 9, 2017  
**Sponsor:** June 29, 2017

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**Internal Application Process**

One candidate will be selected from UMass Amherst to submit to this opportunity. The internal selection process will be led by the research deans of applicants' colleges and informed by the Brain Research Foundation Scientific Innovations Award Program's guidelines and submission requirements.

If you are interested in applying to this program, please submit a single PDF to Michelle Wonsey (mwonsey@umass.edu) by Tuesday, **May 9, 2017**.

Please include:

- A well constructed one-page concept paper. In the header include: 1) your name; 2) job title; 3) department; 4) email and phone number; and 5) title of the project. If your research is disease specific, describe the broader implications.
- Grant history

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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. Two or more representatives of Brain Research Foundation are 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
Please click on the following links for more information on funding opportunities:

- Limited Submission Funding Opportunities
- On-Campus Funding Opportunities
- Funding for New or Early Career Faculty

You can find additional information on the CFR Website:

- Private Foundation Limited Submission Opportunities
- Grant Writing Tips and Suggestions