Overview:

Brain Research Foundation's Fay/Frank Seed Grant Program was founded in 1981 with the goal of providing start-up money for new and innovative research projects that have the potential to become competitive for an NIH grant or other external funding sources. The goal is to have this grant succeed in opening future opportunities for research, collaboration and scientific advancement.

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

Eligibility:

- The PI must:
  - Be a full-time Assistant or Associate Professor working in the field of neuroscience. This includes molecular and clinical neuroscience as well as studies of neural, sensory, motor, cognitive, behavioral and emotional functioning in health and disease.
  - Propose a new research project that is not funded by other sources.

Award Information:
• **Amount:** $80,000 ($40,000 per year over a 2-year award period)
• **Number of Awards:** roughly 10-12
• 100% of funds **must be used for direct costs**
• **Assistant Professor** - Junior faculty with a new research project that will generate pilot data that will lead to RO1 funding or a comparable outside grant will be first priority.
  ◦ Must provide abstract and specific aims for current grants and indicate if there is any overlap.
• **Associate Professor** - Faculty who are pursuing new research directions.
  ◦ Must explain how the project is a new research direction.
  ◦ Must provide abstract and specific aims for current grant(s) and indicate if there is any overlap.
• A new technique is not considered a new direction unless it pertains to a different area of study.
• Seed Grants are NOT to be used for bridge funding between grants.

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**Deadlines**

**Internal:** November 30, 2017  
**External:** January 8, 2018

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**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 internal applicants' respective schools and colleges or their designees and, if necessary, the Provost, Vice Chancellor for Research Engagement, or faculty with relevant expertise.

If you are interested in applying to this program please email a pre-proposal in a single PDF by **November 30, 2017** to [cfr@admin.umass.edu](mailto:cfr@admin.umass.edu). Please include:

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

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**Additional Information**

For additional information, visit [the program's website](#). If you have technical questions about the grant program or your eligibility, please contact [Liz Smith](mailto:Liz.Smith@umass.edu) or [Michael Stein](mailto:Michael Stein@umass.edu) in [Corporate and Foundation Relations](#).
Please click on the following links for more information on funding opportunities:

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

You can find additional information on the CFR Website:

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