

## UCSF May Submit 1 Application

Internal Deadline: NOON, Friday, April 18, 2025

### PLEASE FORWARD THIS ANNOUNCEMENT TO ALL APPROPRIATE FACULTY AND RESEARCH ADMINISTRATORS

**WHAT:** Brain Research Foundation Scientific Innovations Award ([https://www.thebrf.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/04/2026\\_SIA\\_Guidelines.pdf](https://www.thebrf.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/04/2026_SIA_Guidelines.pdf))

#### PURPOSE:

- To provide funding for innovative science in both basic and clinical neuroscience.
- To support creative, exploratory, cutting-edge research in well-established research laboratories, under the direction of established investigators.
- Funding is to be directed at projects that may be too innovative and speculative for traditional funding sources but still have a high likelihood of producing important findings. This should be a unique project for senior investigators who are encouraged to stretch their imagination into areas that can substantially change an area of research. Preference is given to research projects that will likely lead to successful grant applications with NIH and other public and private funding entities.

#### ELIGIBILITY:

- Applicants **must**:
  - Be a full-time associate professor/full professor working in neuroscience, neurology, neurobiology, physiology, psychiatry, psychology, or related disciplines, proposing scientific projects with a focus on brain health and disease, including cancer.
  - Current major NIH or other peer-reviewed funding is preferred but evidence of such funding in the past three years is essential.
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  - Propose a new research project that **is not** funded by other sources and **is** 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.
- Applicants **must not**:
  - Be an assistant professor, professor emeritus, research associate professor, or part-time faculty member.
  - Have received the BRF Scientific Innovations Award within the past five years, have BRF funding that will overlap this grant period, or have been awarded prior BRF funding but failed to submit scientific and financial reports at the end of their grant period.
  - Be a member, or close relative of a member, of the BRF Scientific Review Committee.

#### BUDGET AND PROJECT PERIOD:

- Award Budget: \$75,000 direct costs per year
- Project Period: 2 years

**NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS UCSF MAY SUBMIT: 1**

**DUE DATES:**

- **Internal:** NOON, Friday, April 18, 2025
- PIs submit directly to the LSP; RMS does not get involved unless and until you are nominated.
- Sponsor LOI Deadline: Tuesday, June 03, 2025
- Sponsor Application Deadline (if invited): Tuesday, September 23, 2025

**Submit the following in ONE PDF file by NOON, Friday, April 18, 2025, to:**  
**limitedsubmissions@ucsf.edu**

1. Limited Submission Pre-proposal Cover Sheet with signatures (form attached to email)
2. Project Summary (1-pg. max, excluding references)
3. NIH Bio-sketch (5-pg. max., including publications)  
(<https://grants.nih.gov/grants/forms/biosketch.htm>)

*To qualify for UCSF Limited Submission Program opportunities, applicants must have a paid UCSF appointment either at the time of application or anticipated by the time of award.*

*The LSP is a selection process, not an award process. As the LSP is under significant time constraints, all reviewer feedback is optional. We encourage you to seek other avenues for proposal feedback.*

*For information on all current LSOs, please visit: <http://rdo.ucsf.edu/limited-submission-program-lsp>*

*Sent by Amanda Yu on behalf of the Research Development Office (RDO), Limited Submissions Program (LSP).*