WHAT: Brain Research Foundation Seed Grant Program

PURPOSE:
- To provide start-up money for new research projects and innovative programs that have the potential of becoming competitive for an NIH grant or other external funding sources.
- To support new and innovative projects, especially those of junior faculty who are working in new research directions.
- BRF Seed Grant awards are not to be used to supplement existing grants or as bridge funding between grants.

ELIGIBILITY:
- Must be a full-time Assistant or Associate Professor working in the area of studies of brain function. This includes molecular and clinical neuroscience as well as studies of neural, sensory, motor, cognitive, behavioral, and emotional functioning in health and disease.
- **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.
- **Associate Professor:** Faculty who are pursuing new research directions. Must explain how the project is a new research direction (Note: A new technique is not considered a new direction unless it pertains to a different area of study.)
- Scientists that have previously received a BRF Seed Grant may not receive the award for a second time unless all grant requirements from all previous awards are met.
- Only one PI may apply per application.

BUDGET AND PROJECT PERIOD:
- **Award Budget:** $40,000 **direct costs** per year
  - These costs may include:
    - Purchase and care of laboratory animals
    - Small pieces of laboratory equipment, totaling $5,000 or less
    - Laboratory supplies
    - Salary for scientific (including postdoctoral fellows) and technical staff (including laboratory technicians)
  - Costs not permitted:
    - Facilities and administrative costs
    - Salary recovery for the PI
    - Domestic and foreign travel; conference or seminar fees
    - Personal computers, computer hardware or software
    - Large laboratory equipment
    - Tuition reimbursement; graduate student stipends
Publication costs
Indirect costs, including university fees associated with salary, equipment, etc.
Charges or other costs that support the infrastructure an institution provides researchers.

- Project Period: 2 years

NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS UCSF MAY SUBMIT: 1

DUE DATES:
- **Internal**: 11:59 PM, Thursday, September 14, 2023. If multiple groups submit an LOI, an additional pre-application will be due Monday, October 02, 2023
- **PIs submit directly to the LSP; RMS does not get involved unless and until you are nominated.**
- Sponsor LOI: Tuesday, November 21, 2023
- Sponsor application (if invited): Thursday, March 07, 2024

Submit the attached Letter of Intent (LOI) by 11:59 PM, September 14, 2023

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](http://rdo.ucsf.edu/limited-submission-program-lsp)

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