

Funding Opportunity: Brain Research Foundation

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UNMC Internal Deadline: Monday, May 18, 2015

Scientific Innovations Award

Program Summary & Background

The University of Nebraska is allowed to nominate one senior faculty member to submit a Letter of Intent for the Scientific Innovations Award Program. UNMC may submit up to 3 applicants for consideration so Principal Investigators (PI's) who are interested must first participate in UNMC's internal selection process by submitting a Letter of Intent and brief project summary.

A total of \$450,000 for up to three awards is available for the 2015 competition.

The Brain Research Foundation's Scientific Innovations Award Program provides funding for innovative science in both basic and clinical neuroscience. This funding mechanism is designed to support creative, exploratory, cutting edge research in well-established research laboratories, under the direction of established investigators.

UNMC Internal Review Process

Applicants must email the following to Deborah Hawkins at deb.hawkins@unmc.edu by Monday, May 18, 2015:

- Draft versions of the Letter of Intent and Project Summary forms prepared in accordance with the RFA
- Applications should be submitted as a single PDF file

An internal review committee will evaluate the project descriptions based on the selection criteria in the [linked RFA](#) and invite 3 investigators to submit LOIs.

Award

Up to \$150,000 (direct costs) for a two-year period (January 2016 – December 2018)

Exclusions:

- Facilities & administrative costs
- Salary recovery for the PI
- Domestic & foreign travel
- Conference or seminar fees
- Personal computers, computer hardware or software
- Large laboratory equipment
- Tuition reimbursement

Eligibility

To be eligible, the nominated candidate must be a **full-time professor or associate professor at an invited US institution**, working in the area of studies 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.** Studies should be 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. The grant proposal must detail a new research project that is not funded by other sources. **This grant is not to be used as a source of bridge funding.**

Investigators at institutions that are affiliated with a medical school or university are eligible to **apply only through the institution where they hold a full-time faculty position.**

Scientists that have previously received a BRF Scientific Innovations Award **may not receive the award for a second time until five years** has elapsed since the beginning date of the prior award. Grant requirements from all previous awards must be met. **Only one PI may apply per application.**

Timeline

Monday, May 18, 2015		Draft LOI and Project Summary to Deb Hawkins
Friday, May 22, 2015		UNMC applicants announced by Review Committee
Friday, May 29, 2015		Final LOI and Project Summary to Central Administration
Wednesday, July 01, 2015		UN System Finalist LOI and Institutional nomination letter submitted to BRF
Thursday, October 01, 2015		Full grant application due to BRF for invited applicants

For More Information

- Click [here](#) for RFA, instructions and attachments
- UNMC internal Screening contact: Ken Bayles, PhD at kbayles@unmc.edu or 9-4945
- [Additional information](#)