

This message is intended for faculty members contemplating applying to the **Brain Research Foundation's Scientific Innovations Award Program**.

**Wright State University has been invited to nominate ONE SENIOR faculty member (Associate or Full Professor) to submit a Letter of Intent for the Scientific Innovations Award (SIA) Program.** The SIA 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.

The objective of the SIA is to support 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.

### **Eligibility**

The nominated candidate must be a full-time associate professor or full professor at an invited US academic 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 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.

### **Ineligibility**

- 1.) PI is ineligible if they are not a full-time faculty member at the institution in which they are applying under.
- 2.) PI is ineligible if they are an assistant professor or professor emeritus.
- 3.) PI is ineligible if they are a research associate professor.
- 4.) PI is ineligible to submit more than one BRF SIA proposal in a funding period.
- 5.) PI is ineligible if they have BRF funding that will overlap this grant period.
- 6.) PI is ineligible if they have been awarded prior BRF funding, but have failed to submit scientific and financial reports at the end of their grant period.
- 7.) PI is ineligible if they are a member of the BRF Scientific Review Committee.
- 8.) PI is ineligible if they are a relative of BRF a representative, including the SRC, as defined by the Foundation.

### **Letter of Intent (required) Due Date: June 22, 2018 4:00 p.m. CST**

The first step in applying for a BRF SIA is to submit a Letter of Intent. The purpose of the LOI is to determine worthy projects that will be asked to submit a complete SIA application for further review.

The LOI and invited application must be submitted by a single investigator. LOI submission must include an institutional signature to verify nomination. The LOI should be submitted by the PI online at <http://research.theBRF.org>.

Because of the above restrictions, Research and Sponsored Programs is requesting that all those interested in applying to the BRF Seed Grant program submit an abstract for their project to Deborah Lundin by **Monday, May 14**. This will enable us to ensure that the University does not submit more than the allotted amount of LOIs for our institution. If the number of abstracts we receive exceeds the number of LOIs we are allowed to submit, we will advise the relevant faculty on how a nomination selection will be determined and how to proceed with the submission of the LOI.

You may download the complete program description and application guidelines at <https://www.thebrf.org/for-researchers/scientific-innovations-award-2/>. If you have any questions about the program or nominating procedure, you may contact our office at ext. 2425.