

This message is intended for faculty members contemplating applying to the **Brain Research Foundation's Fay/Frank Seed Grant Program**.

**Wright State University has been invited to nominate ONE faculty member to submit a Letter of Intent for the Fay/Frank Seed Grant Program.** The purpose of the program is to provide start-up monies for new research projects in the field of neuroscience that will likely lead to extramural funding from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) or other outside funding sources. The objective of BRF Seed Grant Program is to support new and innovative projects, especially those of junior faculty, who are working in new research directions. BRF Seed Grant awards are not intended to supplement existing grants.

### **Eligibility**

To be eligible, the PI must be a **full-time Assistant or Associate Professor at an invited academic institution**, 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. The grant proposal must detail a new research project that is not funded by other sources.

### **Ineligibility**

- PI is ineligible if they are not a full-time faculty member at the academic institution in which they are applying under.
- PI is ineligible if they are a Full Professor.
- PI is ineligible if they are a research assistant professor or research associate professor.
- PI is ineligible to submit more than one BRF Seed Grant proposal in a funding period.
- PI is ineligible if they have BRF funding that will overlap this grant period.
- 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.
- PI is ineligible if they are a member of BRF Scientific Review Committee.
- 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: January 8, 2018 4:00 p.m. CST**

The first step in applying for a BRF Seed Grant 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 Seed Grant 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, December 18**. 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 <http://thebrf.org/Grants/Fay+Frank+Seed+Grant+Program>. If you have any questions about the program or nominating procedure, you may contact our office at ext. 2425.