



From: Faculty Research Development Office
Office of the Vice President for Research

Subject: Limited Competition: Brain Research Foundation Scientific Innovations Award

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UNM has been invited to nominate one senior faculty member to submit a Letter of Intent for the Brain Research Foundation's Scientific Innovations Award Program (SIA). 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.

To be eligible, the PI must be a **full-time Associate or Full Professor** working in the area 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.

Each total award is limited to \$150,000 (direct costs) for a two-year grant period. BRF does not allow overhead charges or indirect costs. You can find more information in the [program solicitation](#).

Required Letters of Intent are due to the sponsor around June 24, 2022. Invited full proposals are due around September 28, 2022 (the final FY2023 dates have not yet been announced).

This is a limited competition. An institution may submit only *one* letter of intent for this program. PI LOIs that receive favorable reviews will be invited to submit a grant application. If you are interested in submitting this required letter of intent, **please submit a 3-page preproposal addressing the criteria listed below, a draft budget overview, and an NIH formatted CV in 11pt font or larger** through the [InfoReady Review Portal](#). Preproposals are due by **NOON on Tuesday, April 5, 2022**. No late submissions will be considered.

The preproposal narrative should include a brief summary of the proposed project, including a closing paragraph that explains how this research will develop, i.e. next steps. The summary should highlight the innovation of the project, its uniqueness to the PI, and how it will substantially change an area of research. Include details on how funding could lead to successful grant applications with NIH or other funding entities.

Should you have any questions please feel free to contact us at limited@unm.edu.

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