



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

Subject: Limited Competition: Brain Research Foundation Scientific Innovations Award

Date: February 16, 2021

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 on the following link: <https://thebrf.b-cdn.net/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/2022-SIA-Guidelines.pdf>.

Required Letters of Intent are due to the sponsor on June 24, 2021 by 3:00pm MST. Invited full proposals are due on September 28, 2021 by 3:00pm MST.

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 2-page preproposal addressing the criteria listed below, a draft budget overview, and an NIH formatted CV. All documents must be in a SINGLE PDF file, 11pt font or larger and submitted by NOON on Wednesday, March 17, 2021 to limited@unm.edu with the subject line: Brain Research Foundation - your name. 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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