



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

Subject: Limited Competition: Brain Research Foundation Scientific Innovations Award

Date: April 12, 2024

UNM has been invited to nominate **one senior faculty member (Associate or Full Professor)** to submit a Letter of Intent for the 2025 Brain Research Foundation's *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.

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

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 Letter of Intent is due to the sponsor by June 25, 2024 at 4:00pm CT. Invited full proposals are due October 8, 2024 at 4:00pm CT.

This is a limited competition. An institution may submit only *one* letter of intent for this program. UNM Main Campus and Health Sciences Center are considered a single institution by this sponsor. We will be conducting a two-step internal competition to ensure we have a review committee in place by the pre-proposal deadline. **You must complete both steps if you are interested in participating.**

STEP ONE: Instructions for both Main Campus and HSC applicants: Please enter your ~100-word **statement of interest** by **NOON on April 23, 2024** in UNM's [**InfoReady Review portal**](#). This is a required step and no late submissions will be considered.

STEP TWO: Instructions for both Main Campus and HSC applicants: Submit a 3-page preproposal addressing the criteria listed below, a budget overview, and an NIH formatted CV in 11pt font or larger through the [**InfoReady Review Portal**](#). Preproposals are due by **NOON on April 30, 2024**. No late submissions will be considered.

The 3-page preproposal narrative must include:

- Description of the proposed project which should highlight the innovation of the project, its uniqueness to the PI, and how it will substantially change an area of research.
- Details on how funding could lead to successful grant applications with NIH or other funding entities.
- Closing paragraph that explains how this research will develop, i.e. next steps.

Should you have any questions please feel free to contact us at [**limited@unm.edu**](mailto:limited@unm.edu) or HSC Limited Competition at [**HSC-LimitedComps@salud.unm.edu**](mailto:HSC-LimitedComps@salud.unm.edu).