



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

Subject: Limited Competition: Brain Research Foundation Fay/Frank Seed Grant Program

Date: October 30, 2018

Brain Research Foundation's Annual Seed Grant Program was initiated in 1981. The purpose of the Program is to provide start-up money for new research projects and innovative programs that have the potential of becoming competitive for an NIH grant or other external funding sources. Their goal is to have this initial effort succeed in opening future opportunities for research, collaboration and scientific advancement.

To be eligible, the PI must be a **full-time Assistant or Associate Professor** working in the area of studies of brain function. This includes molecular and clinical neuroscience as well as studies of neural, sensory, cognitive, behavioral, and emotional functioning in health and disease. Each total award is limited to \$80,000 (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://www.thebrf.org/for-researchers/fayfrank-seed-grant-program/>

**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 your 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 Monday, November 26, 2018 to [limited@unm.edu](mailto:limited@unm.edu) with the subject line indicating: Brain Research Foundation - your name. No late submissions will be considered.**

The preproposal narrative should include a brief summary of the proposed project. If the PI is an **Assistant Professor**, please indicate how this is a new research project that will generate pilot data that will lead to R01 funding or other comparable outside grant funding. If the PI is an **Associate Professor**, please indicate how this proposed project will enable you to pursue new research directions. The purpose of this funding for associate professors is also to generate data that would consequently lead to R01 or comparative grant funding; in your narrative, indicate what kind of larger funding this project could foster. For both assistant and associate professor PIs, if you have current grants, include an abstract and specific aims of those grants indicating if there is an overlap with this proposed project.

Required Letter of Intent are due to the sponsor January 8, 2019 by 3:00pm MST. Invited full proposals are due March 27, 2019 by 3:00pm MST.

Should you have any questions please feel free to contact us at [limited@unm.edu](mailto:limited@unm.edu).

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