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Subject: Limited Competition: Brain Research Foundation (BRF) Seed Grant Program

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Brain Research Foundation's Annual Seed Grant Program is inviting eligible US institutions to nominate one faculty member (Assistant or Associate Professor) to submit a Letter of Intent (LOI). 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. The goal is to have this initial effort succeed in opening future opportunities for research, collaboration and scientific advancement.

Full-time Assistant or Associate Professors studying brain function are eligible. This includes molecular and clinical neuroscience, as well as studies of neural, sensory, cognitive, behavioral, and emotional functioning in health and disease. Each award is limited to \$80,000 (direct costs) for a two-year grant period. BRF does not allow overhead charges or indirect costs.

Required Letters of Intent are due to the sponsor on January 5, 2021. Invited full proposals are due March 30, 2021. For complete program information, follow this link: <https://thebrf.b-cdn.net/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/2021-SG-Guidelines.pdf>.

BRF limits organizations to only **one LOI**. If the PI receives favorable reviews, they will be invited to submit a full grant application. If you are interested in submitting an LOI to this program, please send a statement of interest with a tentative project title and a brief description (200 words) by **noon, Tuesday, November 3, 2020**. Submit your statement of interest via e-mail to **limited@unm.edu** and add the following to the subject line: **Brain Research Foundation – your name**. Based on the number of e-mail responses received, the Limited Competitions Management Team may announce a call for pre-proposals. Please distribute this notice to departments and individuals whom you believe would be interested.

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

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