BRAIN RESEARCH FOUNDATION FAY/FRANK SEED GRANT PROGRAM

Harvard Pre-Proposal Deadline: November 25, 2013 by 5pm
Award Amount: $50,000 direct costs for one year
Target Disciplines: Neuroscience
Eligible Faculty: Assistant and Associate Professors
Limited submission opportunity: Only two applications allowed from Harvard University

The objective of the BRF Seed Grant Program is to support new and innovative projects, especially those of junior faculty who are working in new research directions. Funding is to be directed at pilot research projects that are both innovative and will likely lead to successful grant applications to NIH and other public and private funding entities. Priority is given to Assistant Professors with a new research project that will generate pilot data that will lead to RO1 funding or a comparable outside grant, or to Associate Professors who are pursuing new research directions.

Eligibility (partial list):

- PI must be a full-time Assistant or Associate Professor.
- PI must be working in the area of studies of brain function. 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.
- Seed Grants are NOT to be used for bridge funding between grants.

Application Process:

This is a limited submission funding opportunity. The Office of the Vice Provost for Research will hold an internal competition to select the Harvard nominees. Applicants must submit an internal pre-proposal to Autumn Bennett at autumn_bennett@harvard.edu by November 25, 2013 by 5pm.

All pre-proposals must contain the following:

- Nomination letter from a Department Chair/ Center Director
- Two page research proposal. A third page may be used for related graphics, if needed.
- Current CV (no specific format)
- Budget describing how the award funds would be used (limit one page). The budget may be in table or narrative form and does not need to follow an established template.

The candidates selected as Harvard nominees will submit letters of intent to the sponsor by January 8, 2014. The sponsor will then review letters of intent and inform candidates if they are invited to submit a full proposal for the April 1, 2014 deadline.
Additional Information:

Additional information on the award can be found on the program website. Please read carefully, including the section on permissible and prohibited costs.

Please direct any questions regarding this proposal announcement or submission to Erin Cromack (617-496-5252, cromack@fas.harvard.edu) or Susan Gomes (496-9448, susan_gomes@harvard.edu).

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- Sponsor Letter of Intent Deadline: January 8, 2014 by 5pm
- OSP Full Proposal Deadline: Marcy 25, 2014 by 5pm
- Sponsor Full Proposal Deadline: April 1, 2014 by 5pm