Limited Submission Funding Opportunities

Applications are solicited by the SVPR’s office for the following limited submission funding opportunities:

* + Brain Research Foundation (BRF) Seed Grant Program

**Objectives**

The purpose of the program is to provide start-up monies for new and innovative research projects, especially those of junior faculty, who are working in new research directions, in the field of neuroscience. It is expected that this seed funding will likely lead to extramural funding from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) or other outside funding sources. BRF Seed Grant awards are not intended to supplement existing grants.

**Funding and award period**

Each grant is limited to $80,000 (direct costs) for a two-year grant period. IDC is not allowed.

**Eligibility**

* PI must be full-time Assistant or Associate Professor (research assistant or associate professors are not eligible) at an invited US academic institution, 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.
* Assistant Professor – Junior faculty with a new research project that will generate pilot data

that will lead to RO1 funding or a comparable outside grant will be first priority.

• Must provide abstract and specific aims for current grants and indicate if there

 is any overlap

 Associate Professor – Faculty who are pursuing new research directions.

• Must explain how the project is a new research direction.

• Must provide abstract and specific aims for current grant(s) and indicate if there

 is any overlap.

**Additional Requirements**

* 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.

* A new technique is not considered a new direction unless it pertains to a different area of

study.

* Grants are NOT to be used for bridge funding between grants.

Please read detailed instructions on the [BRF website](https://thebrf.b-cdn.net/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/2021-SG-Guidelines.pdf).

**Internal Application Deadline: November 24th, 2020.**

**Required Documents:**

Please submit applications with these documents in the following order, as a single PDF file to SVP-research-office@downstate.edu :

* Name and academic title of PI with contact information
* Title of program project
* Brief summary of program project (2 page maximum, 10 pt. font minimum)
	+ Include closing paragraph that explains how this research will develop (next steps)
* References may be included on an additional page(s)
* List of current grants (include abstracts, specific aims, and indicate if there is any overlap
* Biographical Sketch (NIH format) **with Other Support Page** (not to exceed 5 pages including other support).