Brain Research Foundation’s Scientific Innovations Award Program (SIA) 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.

Brain Research Foundation has invited eligible US academic institutions to nominate one senior faculty member (Associate or Full Professor) to submit a Letter of Intent for a project in the area of brain function in health and disease up to $150,000 (direct costs only) for a two year grant period.

Eligibility & Requirements:
- The nominated candidate must be a full-time associate professor or full professor at an invited US academic institution, working in the area of studies of brain function in health and disease. Investigators at institutions that are affiliated with a medical school or university are eligible to apply only through the institution where they hold a full-time faculty position.
- 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.
- Current major NIH or other peer-reviewed funding is preferred but evidence of such funding in the past three years is essential.
- 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.

Internal Nomination Process:
Interested applicants should submit the following documents:

1. JHU Limited Submission Cover Sheet
2. One-page LOI that contains the name and academic title of PI; contact information (including mailing address, telephone number, fax number, and email address); title of program project; brief summary of program project (2 page maximum, 10 pt. font minimum, not including references); list of current grants (include abstracts, specific aims, and indicate if there is any overlap)
3. Applicant’s NIH biosketch with other support page (5 pages)

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