Limited Submissions
Sponsor: 1907 Research
Program: 1907 Trailblazer Award

Estimated Award Amount: $120,000
JHU Nomination Limit: 2
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Deadlines:
Internal Application: May 25, 2021
Full Application: June 30, 2021

Opportunity Summary:
The 1907 Trailblazer Award was established to encourage high-impact, disruptive, step-change approaches to research in the brain and mind sciences for mental health. The purpose of the award is to promote these aims by providing a $100,000 research gift on an unrestricted basis, a $20,000 prize to enhance the economic security of the scientist, and travel & expense coverage for attendance at two annual meetings.

Projects must be grounded in the study of biological mechanisms underlying brain function, cognitive processes, and/or consciousness. The award will support projects for basic science in addition to near-term applications (e.g. disruptive technologies and potential clinical interventions). The key criterion in assessing applications will be the extent to which research programs bring us closer to causes and cures based on an enhanced understanding of how aberrant neurobiological and/or psychological mechanisms give rise to behavioral (objective) and psychological (subjective) symptoms. Research programs that simply test the efficacy of an existing intervention or that follow established research paradigms (such as using standard analytic tools on large public imaging databases) are not suitable for this call.

Eligibility & Requirements:
bullet Applicants must be within ten years of the date when PhD/MD degree was awarded.
bullet Applicants must demonstrate independence from senior colleagues and must be able to initiate and direct their own research as principal investigator, have full responsibility for running their labs and full control of their research funds. Postdoctoral researchers working primarily in another investigator’s research group, as well as adjunct faculty, are not eligible to apply.
bullet Applicants must have a strong track record of scientific publications relevant to their research program
bullet Research applications may be related to but cannot be identical to any other currently funded projects

Internal Nomination Process:
Interested applicants should complete their application at the following link: https://jhu.infoready4.com/#competitionDetail/1841370. Requirements are listed below.

1. Proposal: maximum of 500 words (excluding citations) addressing the following questions: What is the novel idea and what is the potential impact to the field? What is the scientific rationale of the idea given current gaps in knowledge? Who are you trying to help? What is your execution plan and why are you uniquely positioned to execute? Why is 1907 Research best positioned to partner with you?
2. Curriculum Vitae of investigator, including current external research support and publications
3. Budget (two pages maximum)
4. Letter of Recommendation from the Department Chair/Director

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