

Brain Research Foundation Seed Grant Program
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The Brain Research Foundation has invited the University of Pittsburgh to nominate one faculty member for the 2017 Fay/Frank Seed Grant Program. “The objective of 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 Professor – Junior faculty with a new research project that will generate pilot data that will lead to R01 funding or a comparable outside grant.” . An Associate Professor may be eligible if he or she can demonstrate convincingly that the project represents a new direction for his or her research. Awards under this program will be \$80,000 in direct costs, paid in two annual \$40,000 increments.

Letters of Intent (LOIs) are required and will serve as the basis for identifying those applicants whom the Foundation will invite to submit full nominations. Details about the program, including the LOI process, are found at <http://thebrf.org/Grants/Fay+Frank+Seed+Grant+Program>. Individuals who wish to be considered as nominees for this program should submit the following information to Dr. Michelle S. Broido, Associate Vice Chancellor for Biomedical Research, c/o Ms. Selena Crawford, sac32@pitt.edu, by noon on Monday, November 14: the applicant’s CV or NIH biosketch, a brief (no more than one page) summary of the proposed project, a letter of recommendation from the investigator’s department chair, division chief, or institute director.

Preliminary information due (internal process): noon, Monday, November 14, 2016.

Letters of Intent due to Foundation: 4:00 pm CST, Wednesday, January 4, 2017.