**Boston University Medical Campus**  
**LIMITED FUNDING OPPORTUNITY**

**TO:** BUMC Faculty  
**FROM:** Andrew W. Taylor, PhD, Associate Dean of Research, BUSM  
**DATE:** March 30, 2020  
**SUBJECT:** Brain Research Foundation’s Scientific Innovations Award Program

**PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:** Brain Research Foundation has invited BU to nominate one senior faculty member (Associate and Full Professor) for the [Scientific Innovations Award (SIA)](https://www.brf.org/programs/sia) program. Brain Research Foundation’s Scientific Innovations Award Program 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.

**FUNDING INFORMATION:** $150,000 (direct costs) for a two year grant period.

**ELIGIBILITY RESTRICTIONS:** The nominated candidate must be a full-time associate professor or full professor working in the area of studies of brain function 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. 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. 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. 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.

Scientists that have previously received a BRF Scientific Innovations Award may not receive the award for a second time until five years has elapsed since the beginning date of the prior award. Grant requirements from all previous awards must be met. Only one PI may apply per application.

**INTERNAL SELECTION PROCESS:** BUMC Interested investigators should submit the following materials listed below via [InfoReady Review](https://www.info-ready.com) by **Friday, May 8, 2020**. If you are a BMC investigator and wish to apply for this opportunity, please contact Jennifer Fleming, Director of Foundation Relations and Government Grants at jennifer.fleming@bmc.org.

- Questions outlined in [InfoReady Review application](https://www.info-ready.com)
- A brief statement (up to 2 pages) by the candidate describing their scientific achievements and immediate research plans
• Up-to-date CV or NIH biosketch.

A faculty committee drawn from both campuses will review internal proposals and select nominees. Foundation Relations will work with the nominees to develop and submit the institutional nomination letter and applicant materials by 6/25/2020

**DEADLINES:**

**Internal Deadline:** Friday, May 8, 2020

**Sponsor Deadline:** Thursday, June 25, 2020.

*In requesting to be considered for this limited submission funding opportunity, you are making a commitment, if selected, to submit your proposal to the sponsor in a timely manner and to Sponsored Programs in accordance with the [Proposal Submission Policy](#).*