**Boston University Chobanian & Avedisian School of Medicine**

**LIMITED FUNDING OPPORTUNITY**

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<td>SUBJECT:</td>
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**OBJECTIVES:** The [BRF Seed Grant Program](#) supports new and innovative projects, especially those of junior faculty, who are working in new research directions. BRF Seed Grant awards are not intended to supplement existing grants.

**FUNDING INFORMATION:** Each total grant is limited to $80,000 (direct costs) for a two-year grant period. The first grant payment of $40,000 will be made upon completion of the Seed Grant Acceptance Form (June 2023). The final payment of $40,000 will be made contingent upon receipt of a preliminary progress and financial report (June 2024). Funds must be utilized within the grant period.

**Funding Specifics:**

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. A new technique is not considered a new direction unless it pertains to a different area of study.
5. Grants are NOT to be used for bridge funding between grants.

These costs may include:
- Purchase and care of laboratory animals;
- Small pieces of laboratory equipment, totaling $5,000 or less;
- Laboratory supplies;
- Salary for scientific (including postdoctoral fellows) and technical staff (including laboratory technicians).

**ELIGIBILITY RESTRICTIONS:** To be eligible, PI must be a full-time Assistant or Associate Professor 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. 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 Seed Grant may not receive the award for a second time unless all grant requirements from all previous awards are met.

Only one PI may apply per application

**INTERNAL SELECTION PROCESS:** BUMC investigators should submit the following materials listed below via **InfoReady Review** by **Friday, Nov. 11, 2022.** If you are a BMC investigator and wish to apply for this opportunity, please contact Jess Howard, Associate Director of Foundation Relations and Government Grants at Jessica.Howard@bmc.org by Friday, Oct. 21, 2022.

- Questions outlined in **InfoReady Review application**
- A brief statement (up to 2 pages) by the candidate describing the proposed project;
- A brief budget outline for the proposed project;
- Up-to-date CV.

A faculty committee drawn from both campuses will review the internal proposals and select a nominee. Foundation Relations will work with the nominee to develop and submit the institutional nomination letter and applicant materials by 12/23/2022

**DEADLINES:** Internal Materials Due: Friday, Nov. 11, 2022 | Sponsor Deadline: LOI: Friday, Dec. 23, 2022, 4:00pm CST

*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.*