

YALE UNIVERSITY ▼ SCHOLAR AWARD COMPETITION  
**BRAIN RESEARCH FOUNDATION**  
**2019 Scientific Innovations Award in Neuroscience**  
(for associate professors and professors)

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#### DEADLINES

**Expression of Interest** (PI Name, Project Title) by March 20 (*required*)

Internal Competition Deadline: Tuesday, March 27, 2018 at 5:00pm

Anticipated sponsor deadline for letters of intent: June 29, 2018

SPONSOR'S WEBSITE (to be updated for 2019 information when available; no changes expected)

Program Homepage: <https://thebrf.org/for-researchers/scientific-innovations-award-2/>

Program Guidelines: <https://thebrf.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/06/2018-SIA-Guidelines-FINAL1.pdf>

Scientific Review Committee <https://thebrf.org/who-we-are/scientific-review-committee/>

Annual Report: <https://www.thebrf.org/what-we-do/annual-reports/> & <https://www.thebrf.org/what-we-do/scientific-innovations-award/>

#### FUNDING

\$75,000 direct costs per year for 2 years. (Total: \$150,000)

#### NOMINATION LIMITATION

Yale University may nominate one full-time associate professor or professor.

#### PURPOSE

This program provides funding for innovative discovery science in both **basic and clinical neuroscience**. Support is for creative, exploratory, cutting edge **research in well-established research laboratories, under the direction of established investigators**.

Funds will be directed to projects that may be too innovative and speculative for traditional funding sources, but still have a high likelihood of producing important findings in a very short timeframe. 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.

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 should be a unique project for senior investigators who are encouraged to stretch their imagination into areas that can substantially change an area of research.

#### ELIGIBILITY

- Open to full-time **associate professors and professors** working in the area of studies of brain function in health and disease. Only one principal Investigator (PI) per application.
- Current major NIH or other peer-reviewed funding is preferred, but evidence of such funding in the past three years is essential.
- This grant is not to be used as a source of bridge funding.

#### RECENT RECIPIENTS AT YALE

2014, Mark Saltzman

#### INTERNAL COMPETITION PROCEDURES

**For this internal competition only**, submit the following as a single PDF to [melanie.smith@yale.edu](mailto:melanie.smith@yale.edu), cc: [osp@yale.edu](mailto:osp@yale.edu):

(1) **face page** available at <https://your.yale.edu/node/9391/> (skip referee section);

(2) **brief lay summary**; explain your project in lay terms, including its clinical relevance

(3) **a 2-page description of the proposed project**; include hypothesis, approach, and timeline for completion

(4) **biosketch** *with* other support page -- 5-page maximum.

References may be added on a separate page. A letter of recommendation is **NOT** required.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT:

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