

YALE UNIVERSITY ▼ SCHOLAR AWARD COMPETITION
BRAIN RESEARCH FOUNDATION
2019 Seed Grant Program
(for assistant professors and associate professors)

DEADLINES

Expressions of Interest deadline: October 23, 2018 --REQUIRED-- (PI Name, tentative project title)

Internal Competition Deadline: November 6, 2018 at 5:00pm (no exceptions)

Sponsor deadline for letters of intent: January 8, 2019

SPONSOR'S WEBSITE

Foundation Homepage: <https://www.thebrf.org/>

Program Guidelines: <https://d2f4fnz1e8fuj3.cloudfront.net/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/2019-SG-Guidelines.pdf>

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

Recipients/Projects: <https://www.thebrf.org/what-we-do/fayfrank-seed-grants/> (recent grantees)

FUNDING

\$80,000 direct costs over two years. (Total: \$80,000)

NOMINATION LIMITATION

Yale University has been invited to nominate one candidate.

PURPOSE

This program provides start-up monies for **new and innovative pilot research projects** in the field of neuroscience that have the potential to become competitive for an NIH grant or other external funding sources. Of particular interest to the Foundation are projects 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.

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

Awards are not intended to supplement existing grants. Grant proposals must detail a new research project that is not funded by other sources.

ELIGIBILITY

- Candidates must be full-time tenured or tenure-track assistant professors or associate professors.
- **Assistant Professors** should propose a **new research project** that will generate pilot data that will lead to R01 funding or comparable outside grant support.
- **Associate Professors** should pursue a project that represents a **new research directions**. Candidates must explain how the project is a new research direction. *Note:* a new technique is not considered a new direction unless it pertains to a different area of study.

PAST RECIPIENTS AT YALE: 2013, Yongli Zhang . . . 2015, Michael Higley

INTERNAL COMPETITION PROCEDURES

For this internal competition only, please submit the following as a single PDF: (1) completed [Face Page](#) available at: <http://your.yale.edu/node/9391>; (2) two-page project summary; half-inch margins, 10-point font; include hypothesis, approach, and timeline for completion; include a closing paragraph that explains how this research will develop (next steps); citations can be included on a separate page; (3) list of current grants, including abstracts, specific aims, indicating if there is any overlap with the proposed research; and (4) biosketch (NIH format) with "other support" page (5 page maximum, combined). No letters of recommendation are requested or accepted.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT:

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