Brain Research Foundation has invited **eligible US institutions to nominate one faculty member (Assistant or Associate Professor)** to submit a Letter of Intent (LOI) for the Fay/Frank Seed Grant Program.

Brain Research Foundation’s Annual Seed Grant Program was initiated in 1981. The purpose of our program is to provide start-up monies for new research projects in the field of neuroscience that will likely lead to extramural funding from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) or other outside funding sources.

Brain Research Foundation’s Scientific Review Committee will review the seed grant proposals and make recommendations for funding to the Foundation. The Committee consists of senior scientists broadly representing the various neuroscience-related programs. A representative of Brain Research Foundation is also present when the Committee meets.

The objective of the BRF Seed Grant Program is to support 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.

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 2018). The final payment of $40,000 will be made contingent upon receipt of a Preliminary Progress and Financial Report (June 2019). **Funds must be utilized within the grant period.**

To be eligible, PI must be a **full-time Assistant or Associate Professor at an invited 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.

The first step in applying for a BRF Seed Grant is to submit a Letter of Intent. The purpose of the LOI is to determine worthy projects that will be asked to submit a complete Seed Grant application for further review. The LOI and invited application must be submitted by a single investigator. LOI submission must include an institutional signature to verify nomination. **LOI's submitted without an institutional signature will not be accepted.**

To learn more about the Fay/Frank Seed Grant Program, click [HERE](#).

This is a **LIMITED SUBMISSION GRANT OPPORTUNITY** – no more than one Letter of Intent can be submitted **per institution**. To be considered to submit from WSU, please send a **one page Letter of Intent** and the **PI's abbreviated CV** in **ONE PDF DOCUMENT** to rifs@wayne.edu by 5 p.m. on **October 9, 2017**. The selected candidate will need to submit Letter of Intent to the Brain Research Foundation by January 8, 2018 at 4 p.m. CST.