AGENCY: Brain Research Foundation

PROGRAM: Brain Research Foundation – Scientific Innovations Award

OBJECTIVES: The 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.

ELIGIBILITY RESTRICTIONS: To be eligible, the nominated candidate must be a full-time professor or associate professor at an invited US institution, 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 Brain Research Foundation is interested in funding projects that may be too innovative and speculative for traditional funding agencies.

FUNDING INFORMATION: UB has been invited to submit one proposal. Based on the quality of applications, the Brain Research Foundation anticipates the SIA program will fund a total of $450,000 in grants. Each total award is limited to $150,000 (direct costs) for a two year grant period from the specified dates only (January 2016-December 2018).

INTERNAL REVIEW PROCESS: The BRF letter of intent deadline is July 1, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. CT. If the LOI receives a favorable review, the PI will be invited to submit a grant application. Due to the limited number of applications, if you or your colleagues are interested in applying, please submit an internal letter of intent to Dr. Kenneth Tramposch at ovpr.limitedsubmission@research.buffalo.edu by April 25, 2015. The letter of intent should include a brief summary of the project (2 page maximum) and a NIH biographical sketch with other support page (4 page maximum).