

HARVARD  *Brain Science Initiative*

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Dear Colleagues,

We are pleased to announce our fourth call for applications for the Harvard Brain Science Initiative (HBI) ALS Grant Program, made possible by the Stephen Van R. Winthrop Fund for ALS Research. Please see the attached program description for details. You can also download application materials and read more about past awardees here: <http://brain.harvard.edu/winthrop-fund-als>.

Questions may be sent to us, as well as Parizad Bilimoria, Assistant Director for HBI, at [Parizad Bilimoria@hms.harvard.edu](mailto:Parizad_Bilimoria@hms.harvard.edu).

Wishing you a healthy, happy and safe fall semester!

Best wishes,



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HBI ALS Seed Grants

The Harvard Brain Science Initiative (HBI) is pleased to announce our fourth call for proposals for the HBI ALS Seed Grant Program, supported by a generous donation from the Stephen Van R. Winthrop Fund for ALS Research. This program seeks to foster a broad range of ALS research, aimed at advancing biomedical breakthroughs that will ultimately enhance our capacity to treat and cure ALS.

ELIGIBILITY

Faculty members (at the assistant professor level or higher) in the Faculty of Arts and Sciences (FAS) at Harvard University or a basic science department at Harvard Medical School (HMS) are invited to apply. Faculty at Harvard-affiliated hospitals who are not part of HMS basic science departments may apply in collaboration with eligible HMS or FAS faculty.

Please note:

- Basic science proposals are encouraged. However, every application should articulate clearly the relevance of the proposed work to ALS.
- Past awardees with one year of support from this program are eligible to apply again. Those awardees with more than one year of funding are not currently eligible.
- Depending on the volume of applications received, when all other factors are equal, we may give priority to applicants who have not yet received an HBI seed grant of any type.
- Each applicant may only submit one proposal, individual or collaborative.

AWARD INFORMATION

- Awards will be made in amounts of \$100,000 for one year (see budget section for details).
- We anticipate awarding up to four new grants this year.
- More information on past awardees is available here: <http://brain.harvard.edu/winthrop-fund-als>

APPLICATION DEADLINES

- Letters of Intent due October 6, 2020
- Full proposals due November 6, 2020
- Selections will likely be made in December
- Grants will likely start in January or February 2021

Letters of intent, due Oct 6, should include:

- Completed HBI cover sheet, with title and abstract of proposal, no more than 250 words (Use the provided two-page PDF form)
- Please name the file with the last name of principal investigator(s) and email to: HBI_Grants@harvard.edu

These LOIs are requested simply to confirm eligibility and help us assemble an appropriately-sized review committee. We will send an email confirming receipt of your LOI and your eligibility within 2-3 days of the LOI deadline.

Full research proposals, due Nov 6, should include:

- Completed HBI cover sheet
- Research Plan of no more than three pages, 11-point font, with at least 0.75 inch margins. Literature references may be provided on supplementary pages
- If the proposal is a renewal or new application from a previously funded investigator, please summarize key findings from previous funding period at the start of the application (within the three-page Research Plan)
- NIH Biosketch of PI(s)
- Budget Page - please use the NIH Form Page 4: Detailed Budget for Initial Budget Period template found here: <https://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/phs398/phs398.html>
 - For collaborative proposals, include a separate budget page for each PI & each institution requesting funding
- Please note:
 - **The \$100,000 total award amount involves a 15% gift assessment by Harvard, leaving \$86,957 available for your direct costs. No indirect costs are allowed on this award.**
 - Travel to present at relevant conferences is permitted, if and when Harvard travel guidance relevant to the COVID-19 pandemic allows. However, the travel expenses per PI may not exceed \$3,000 and airfare must be economy, except when there is a documented medical exemption in line with university travel policies.

- Other Support list (current and pending) with annual direct costs.
 - This list should include sponsor name, title of project, award number if known, project period dates, and a brief description of each project. If relevant, a brief overlap statement should also be provided in this section. NIH Other Support format is acceptable.
- Please assemble all materials together into a PDF file, name the file with the last name of the PI(s) and email to HBI_Grants@harvard.edu. Note that late applications will not be considered.

We will confirm receipt of your application within 1-2 days. If you don't receive confirmation, please do check back with us.

Questions?

Contact Parizad Bilimoria, Assistant Director for HBI, at Parizad_Bilimoria@hms.harvard.edu