

NOTICE OF FUND AVAILABILITY (NOFA) – GRANTS

NAME OF GRANT PROGRAM:

New Jersey Commission on Brain Injury Research
Postdoctoral and Graduate Student Fellowship

NOFA REFERENCE NO.

CBIR16FEL

PURPOSE FOR WHICH THE GRANT PROGRAM FUNDS WILL BE USED:

The NJCBIR is committed to accelerating research to develop effective interventions and cures for the disabilities associated with traumatic brain injury.

ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF MONEY IN THE GRANT PROGRAM:

\$4,500,000.00

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS MUST COMPLY WITH THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS:

1. Terms and Conditions for the Administration of Grants.
 2. General and specific Grant Compliance requirements issued by the Granting Agency.
 3. Applicable Federal Cost Principles relating to the Applicant.
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GROUP OR ENTITIES WHICH MAY APPLY FOR THE GRANT PROGRAM:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hospital | <input type="checkbox"/> Local Health Department |
| <input type="checkbox"/> City/Municipality | <input type="checkbox"/> Federally Qualified Health Center |
| <input type="checkbox"/> County Government | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NJ Based and Operated Research Organization |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Agency | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: Please refer to the NJCBIR Research Guidelines _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-Profit Corporation | |
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QUALIFICATIONS NEEDED BY APPLICANT TO BE CONSIDERED FOR A GRANT:

Principal investigators must be affiliated with a New Jersey State academic institution, research organization, public or private agency or other entity with demonstrated capability to conduct research responsibly. Unaffiliated individuals will not be funded. Individuals of any nationality or citizenship status may apply, provided they are employed by or affiliated with a qualified New Jersey State organization/institution.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES:

1. The applicant requests a copy of the RFA from the Information Contact referenced below.
 2. The applicant submits a Letter of Intent, inquiry, or concept paper to the Information Contact referenced below. This may be submitted via an email.
 3. The Program Management Office will make a grant application available to all “Eligible” agencies in the System for Administering Grants Electronically (SAGE) (www.sage.nj.gov).
 4. The agency will submit a grant application in accordance with the RFA.
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FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:

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Trenton, New Jersey 08625

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DATE ON WHICH APPLICATION WILL BE AVAILABLE:

June 19, 2015

SAGE PROGRAM NAME:

Brain Injury Research (Fellowships) 2016

DEADLINE BY WHICH APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED:

October 5, 2015

DATE BY WHICH APPLICANT SHALL BE NOTIFIED WHETHER THEY WILL RECEIVE FUNDS:

May 30, 2016

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ADDITIONAL NARRATIVE PROVIDED BY THE DIVISION:

Postdoctoral Fellowships are generous three-year salary awards that may be active up to and including the 8th postgraduate year. The beginning stipend levels are based on years of relevant research experience since obtaining the doctoral degree, starting at \$40,000 for 0 years experience. In addition to the stipend, there will be an annual research allowance of \$7500 and an annual travel budget of \$1,500. Additional support includes a fringe benefit supplement at 12% of each annual stipend amount and indirect costs for the institution at 20% of each annual total amount. Institutions may supplement stipends, but not with other full-time fellowship awards, or other NJCBIR monies. Candidates of outstanding quality must hold a Ph.D., and/or M.D., or equivalent graduate degree. Appropriate degrees must be awarded prior to activation of award. Candidates must be accepted for postdoctoral training under the supervision of an appropriate mentor at a qualifying academic research institution in New Jersey. A candidate may not apply for a NJCBIR Postdoctoral Fellowship and a NJCBIR Individual Research grant in the same grant cycle. If a first-year Fellow applies for and is awarded a NJCBIR Individual Research Grant, funding will be contingent upon cancellation of the second or third year of the fellowship. Non-research activities, such as teaching or clinical care, may not occupy more than 10% of the fellow's time.

Graduate Student Fellowships are three-year awards of \$27,500 per annum. They provide an annual stipend of \$24,000, and consistent with institution policy, an annual research allowance of \$2,000, and an annual travel budget of \$1,500. Up to \$6,000 of additional funds will be provided for tuition. No part of this award may be used for institutional overhead. Institutions may supplement stipends, but not with other full-time fellowship awards or other NJCBIR monies. Applicants must be full-time graduate students in residence in a proposed course of study directly related to regeneration and repair of the damaged brain. Students must begin study in the semester following activation unless special permission is received prior to activation date. The NJCBIR prefers to support graduate student candidates who have completed the first year of graduate study and are concentrating on research projects at least 80% of their time. Applicants may not serve as teaching assistants while holding a NJCBIR Graduate Student Fellowship.

Successful fellowship applicants are offered the opportunity to participate in an approved brain injury techniques course. The NJCBIR will make available up to \$4,000 for a grantee to attend a brain injury techniques course at an approved university that has the necessary experience and database on the use of standard brain injury models and devices. Grantees are responsible for making all necessary travel and course participation arrangements and payments. Reimbursements will be made to those who provide proof of course completion and expense receipts.

Letters of Intent are due to the NJCBIR office no later than August 3, 2015

For full Program details please refer to the NJCBIR 2016 Research Guidelines at www.state.nj.us/health/njcbir/
