

NOTICE OF GRANT AVAILABILITY

NAME OF GRANT PROGRAM:

NEW JERSEY COMMISSION ON BRAIN INJURY RESEARCH
PROGRAMMATIC MULTI-INVESTIGATOR GRANT

GRANT PROGRAM NO. 15-BIR2

STATUTORY AUTHORITY:

NJCBIR P.L. 2003, C:200,
N.J.S.A. 52:9EE-1

TYPE OF AWARDS TO BE ISSUED:

Cost Reimbursement

PURPOSE FOR WHICH THE GRANT PROGRAM FUNDS WILL BE USED:

The goals of this program are (1) to encourage investigators to undertake research on neural protection, repair and regeneration after traumatic brain injury; (2) to encourage individuals to undertake research on the effectiveness of clinical interventions for traumatic brain injury; and (3) to enable researchers with novel scientific and clinical ideas to test them and develop pilot data needed to develop a programmatic area of research that can be supported by additional funding from the National Institutes of Health, and other funding sources

AMOUNT OF MONEY IN THE GRANT PROGRAM:

The NJCBIR will fund Programmatic Multi-Investigator Project Grants that support collaborative research among at least 3 investigators from different laboratories with an emphasis on traumatic brain injury. Preference will be given to proposals that demonstrate complementary approaches to addressing a research question through multidisciplinary investigations (e.g., molecular, genetic, physiologic, behavioral and pharmacologic privileges). The goal of this mechanism is to enhance in-depth mechanistic analysis and promote translational research. During proposal review, if one sub-project does not receive a favorable recommendation for funding and is not considered necessary for effective implementation of the entire program, the remaining sub-projects, which must be a minimum of 3, may be considered for approval independent of the failed sub-project. Furthermore, if a Multi-Investigator Project grant does not receive an overall favorable recommendation, individual sub-project Principal Investigator(s) that were favorably reviewed may be asked to submit a revised Budget and Specific Aims for their project one time only within 30 days. The revised project(s) will then be considered for approval as an Individual Research Grant by the Independent Scientific Merit Review Panel.

Collaborations are encouraged among independent laboratories within the same institution, or among laboratories from different institutions. Applicants are encouraged to apply for a one-year, two-year or three-year award. Maximum funding is up to \$600,000 per year for direct costs and 20% applicable indirect costs. Awards will begin on or about May 29, 2015. The NJCBIR reserves the right to distribute funds among the grants in the 15-BIR2 program, as well as among the NJCBIR's other grant programs: 15-BIR1, 15-BIR3, 15-BIR4. The NJCBIR reserves the right not to fund any grant in the 15-BIR2 program to the maximum amount, or not to fund any grant in this program at all. Up to \$6,500,000 will be made available for all programs (15-BIR1, 15-BIR2, 15-BIR3, 15-BIR4).

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

GROUP OR ENTITIES WHICH MAY APPLY FOR THE GRANT PROGRAM:

All qualifying institutions in the State of New Jersey may apply for a Programmatic Multi-Investigator grant under this program. A qualifying institution is defined as any academic institution, research organization, public or private institution or other entity, located in the State of New Jersey, with demonstrated capability to conduct grant funded research, and specifically approved by the vote of the Commission, but in no case can an individual be a qualifying research institution.

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. The principal investigator must be located within a qualifying institution in the State of New Jersey. Proposals must identify a principal investigator within each research site as well as an overall Principal Investigator (Program Director) who is responsible for ensuring collaboration among all investigators. Additionally, the Program Director will write the Overall Program

Rationale section that justifies the need for a multi-investigator project. There must be compelling reasons for applying as a program, not simply reflecting matters of geography, relatedness or use of common equipment.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES:

An application for a Grant is to be submitted electronically and upon receipt of a letter of intent, inquiry or concept paper sent to the address listed below. Eligible agencies are to submit grant applications through the Department's System for Administering Grants Electronically (SAGE). Eligible agencies must register at the following internet website address: www.sage.nj.gov. The Request for Applications (RFA) can be obtained by writing or calling the office listed below.

Applications and NJCBIR Research Guidelines governing grants are available for review and submission on the website at www.sage.nj.gov. A Letter of Intent must be filed with the NJCBIR office no later than August 1, 2014.

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DEADLINE BY WHICH APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED:

A Letter of Intent must be filed with the NJCBIR office no later than August 1, 2014.
Deadline for Applications: 3 PM on October 3, 2014

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

Notification - April 30, 2015

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