

NOTICE OF GRANT AVAILABILITY

NAME OF GRANT PROGRAM:

NEW JERSEY COMMISSION ON SPINAL CORD RESEARCH

Exploratory Research Grant

GRANT PROGRAM NO. 12-SCR6

STATUTORY AUTHORITY:

NJCSCR Fund Chapter 201 P.L. 1999 NJSA 52:9E-1

TYPE OF AWARDS TO BE ISSUED:

Cost Reimbursement Grant

PURPOSE FOR WHICH THE GRANT PROGRAM FUNDS WILL BE USED:

The purpose of the Exploratory Research Grant award is to enable independent investigators to apply their specific expertise to spinal cord research. The award is designed to provide the resources necessary to acquire preliminary data that will allow the successful applicant to obtain continued support from the NJCSCR, NIH, and/or other funding agencies. It is specifically intended to facilitate the application of innovative ideas from other areas of science to the challenges of spinal cord injury and repair.

In addition to scientific merit and relevance, high priority will be given to collaborative proposals that are inter-institutional and/or inter-state in nature. Priority will also be given to investigators outside the field who bring their expertise into spinal cord injury research.

Successful applicants will have familiarized themselves with state-of-the art knowledge necessary to put the proposed study into the appropriate spinal cord context.

AMOUNT OF MONEY IN THE GRANT PROGRAM:

Two-year non-renewable awards are offered to applicants at a maximum funding level of up to \$100,000 per year including direct and indirect costs, (10% maximum for the latter). All awards are made through one-year contracts. Each funding award within the two-year period will be contingent upon the availability of funds. Second year support for all Exploratory Research Grants is contingent upon the submission and successful review of a Grant Continuation Application (SCR-2). The Grant Continuation Application (SCR-2) must be favorably reviewed by an independent scientific merit review panel and recommended to the NJCSCR for continued funding. An Evaluation Form must be submitted to the NJCSCR office for the second and fifth year following termination of an Exploratory Research grant. Awards will begin on or about June 15, 2012. The NJCSCR reserves the right to distribute funds among the grants in this program 12-SCR6 as well as among the NJCSCR's other grant programs 12-SCR1, 12-SCR3. The NJCSCR reserves the right not to fund any grant in this program 12-SCR6 to the maximum amount, or not to fund any grant in this program at all. Up to \$5,000,000 will be made available for all programs (12-SCR1, 12-SCR3, 12-SCR6).

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 an Exploratory Research 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.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES:

Applications and NJCSCR Research Guidelines governing grants are available for review and submission on-the website at www.sage.nj.gov

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DEADLINE BY WHICH APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED:

Applications - December 8, 2011

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

Notification - June 1, 2012

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