

NOTICE OF GRANT AVAILABILITY

NAME OF GRANT PROGRAM:

NEW JERSEY COMMISSION ON SPINAL CORD RESEARCH

Individual Research Grant

GRANT PROGRAM NO. 12-SCR1

STATUTORY AUTHORITY:

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

TYPE OF AWARDS TO BE ISSUED:

Cost-Reimbursement Grants

PURPOSE FOR WHICH THE GRANT PROGRAM FUNDS WILL BE USED:

The NJCSCR will fund research activities that hold the promise of developing effective interventions and cures for paralysis and other consequences of spinal cord injury and disease. All qualifying institutions in the State of New Jersey may apply. Individual Research Grant awards will be awarded to independent investigators with a record of productivity, a demonstrated commitment to spinal cord research, and only for projects that will address significant questions that will advance knowledge in the field. The goals of this program are (1) to encourage independent investigators to undertake research on spinal cord regeneration, recovery and rehabilitation; (2) to encourage scientists who are well-established in other areas to transfer their efforts to spinal cord research; and (3) enable researchers with novel scientific and clinical ideas to test them and develop pilot data needed to seek larger awards from the National Institutes of Health, and other funding sources.

AMOUNT OF MONEY IN THE GRANT PROGRAM:

Applicants are encouraged to apply for a one - three-year award. Maximum funding is up to \$200,000 per year including direct and indirect costs, (10% maximum for the latter). Successful applicants are offered the opportunity to participate in an approved spinal cord injury techniques course. The NJCSCR will make available up to \$4,000 for a grantee to attend one of the following spinal cord injury techniques courses at: Reeve Irvine Research Center, University of California, Irvine; The Ohio State University; and The W.M. Keck Center for Collaborative Neuroscience, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey. 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. Three-year awards are made through one-year contracts. Each funding award within the three-year period will be contingent upon the availability of funds. Second and third-year support for all Individual Research grants is contingent upon submission of a Grant Continuation Application (SCR2). The Grant Continuation Application 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 Individual 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-SCR1 as well as among the NJCSCR's other grant programs 12-SCR3, 12-SCR6. The NJCSCR reserves the right not to fund any grants in this program 12-SCR1 to the maximum amount, or not to fund any grant in these programs at all. Up to \$5,000,000 will be made available for all grant programs (12-SCR1, 12-SCR3, 12-SCR6). Funding estimates may vary, and are subject to annual appropriations.

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. Senior scientists, young investigators, and postdoctoral fellows may serve as principal investigator. If the applicant is a fellow, s/he must submit a letter of support from the laboratory's senior scientist, as well as two other appropriate letters of

reference. 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:

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 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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