

NOTICE OF FUND AVAILABILITY (NOFA) – GRANTS

NAME OF GRANT PROGRAM:

New Jersey Commission on Spinal Cord Research
Postdoctoral & Graduate Student Fellowship Grant

NOFA REFERENCE NO.

CSCR17FEL

PURPOSE FOR WHICH THE GRANT PROGRAM FUNDS WILL BE USED:

To fund research activities that hold promise of developing effective interventions and cures for paralysis and other consequences of spinal cord injury and disease.

ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF MONEY IN THE GRANT PROGRAM:

\$6,500,000.00

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 NJCSCR 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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DATE ON WHICH APPLICATION WILL BE AVAILABLE:

August 1, 2016

SAGE PROGRAM NAME:

Spinal Cord - Fellowship 2017

DEADLINE BY WHICH APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED:

December 12, 2016

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

June 30, 2017

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ADDITIONAL NARRATIVE PROVIDED BY THE DIVISION:

Postdoctoral Fellowships are three-year awards of \$50,000 per annum. They provide an annual stipend of \$36,000, a research allowance of \$13,000, and a travel budget of \$1,000. No part of the award may be used for institutional overhead or indirect costs. Institutions may supplement stipends, but not with other full-time fellowship awards, or other NJCSCR monies. A candidate may not apply for a NJCSCR Postdoctoral Fellowship and a NJCSCR Individual Research grant in the same grant cycle. If a first-year fellow applies for and is awarded a NJCSCR Individual Research grant, funding will be contingent upon cancellation of the fellowship. Non-research activities, such as teaching, may not occupy more than 10% of the fellow's time. All Postdoctoral Fellows must submit a yearly Progress Report accompanied by a letter of support from the fellow's mentor. Second or third year fellowship funding is contingent upon the successful review of the progress report and a recommendation from the mentor.

Graduate Student Fellowships are two-year awards of \$30,000 per annum. They provide an annual stipend of \$25,000, a research allowance of \$4,000, and a travel budget of \$1,000. No part of this award may be used for institutional overhead, or for tuition. Institutions may supplement stipends, but not with other full-time fellowship awards or other NJCSCR monies. Applicants may serve as teaching assistants while holding a NJCSCR Graduate Student Fellowship without special permission. Second year Graduate Student Fellowship funding is contingent upon the successful review of the Progress Report and a recommendation from the mentor.

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 a spinal cord injury techniques courses. The institution is 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.

For full Program details please refer to the NJCSCR 2017 Research Guidelines at www.state.nj.us/health/spinalcord/
