Brain Research Foundation Fay/Frank Seed Grant Program
The Pennsylvania State University has received an invitation to nominate one (1) faculty member to submit a Letter of Intent (LOI) for the Brain Research Foundation Fay/Frank Seed Grant Program.
Amount: Each total award is limited to $80,000 (direct costs) for a two year grant period.
Eligibility: Primary Investigator (PI) must be a full-time Assistant or Associate Professor working in the area of studies of brain function. This includes molecular and clinical neuroscience as well as studies of neural, sensory, motor, cognitive, behavioral and emotional functioning in health and disease. The grant proposal must detail a new research project that is not funded by other sources.
The internal downselect application must be via email with the subject line “Brain Research Foundation Fay/Frank Seed Grant Program” sent to limitedsubs@psu.edu before 4 PM on November 2, 2016 and must include:
Name, academic title, college, department and contact information of PI
Title of program project
Brief summary of program project (2 page maximum, 10 pt. font minimum)
Biographical sketch (using current NIH format) with other support page (5 page maximum)

DETAILS
Funding Preferences:
1.) Funding is to be directed at pilot research projects that are both innovative and will likely lead to successful grant applications to NIH and other public and private funding entities.
2.) Assistant Professor – Junior faculty with a new research project that will generate pilot data that will lead to RO1 funding or a comparable outside grant will be first priority.

3.) Associate Professor – Faculty who are pursuing new research directions. Must explain how the project is a new research direction. Must provide abstract for current grant(s). (Note: A new technique is not considered a new direction unless it pertains to a different area of study.)

4.) Seed Grants are NOT to be used for bridge funding between grants.

**Allowable costs under this award: 100% of these Seed Grant funds must be utilized for direct costs.**

**These costs may include:**
- Purchase and care of laboratory animals
- Small pieces of laboratory equipment, totaling $5,000 or less
- Laboratory supplies
- Salary for scientific (including postdoctoral fellows) and technical staff (including laboratory technicians)

**Costs NOT permitted:**
- Facilities and administrative costs
- Salary recovery for the PI
- Domestic and foreign travel
- Conference or seminar fees
- Personal computers, computer hardware or software
- Large laboratory equipment
- Tuition reimbursement
- Indirect costs, including university fees associated with salary, equipment, etc.

**Examples of recent successful awards:** [https://thebrf.org/Sub+Pages/Past+Topics](https://thebrf.org/Sub+Pages/Past+Topics)

**Sponsor deadlines:**
The sponsor deadline for the LOI intent is January 4, 2017.
If the LOI receives a favorable review by the sponsor, the PI will be invited to submit a grant application due March 22, 2017. (Note: Approximately 50% of invited applications will be awarded funding.)