

Bipolar Disorder Seed Grants

The Harvard Brain Science Initiative (HBI) is pleased to announce our eighth call for proposals for the [HBI Bipolar Disorder Seed Grant Program](#), intended to support research relevant to the basic understanding and eventual treatment of this disorder.

Supported by generous gifts from the Dauten Family Foundation and Petri Deryng, this program seeks innovative, visionary projects with new ideas and approaches that may not attract funding from conventional sources. Basic research at any level—in any model organism or humans—can be supported through this program, but the applicant should articulate a clear connection to bipolar disorder and seek to address fundamental questions appropriate for a seed grant.

Please note, funded investigators as well as members of their laboratories will be expected to participate in an annual symposium. Investigators may also be asked to serve as reviewers in future rounds of HBI seed grant programs.

ELIGIBILITY

- Faculty members with independent research laboratories, at the assistant professor level or higher, across Harvard University (FAS, HMS and affiliated hospitals) are eligible to apply.
- Only one application (individual or collaborative) is permitted per investigator. For collaborative proposals, please be sure to list both PI names on the cover page.
- Past grant recipients who have received two or more years of funding within the past three award cycles (grants starting in 2020, 2021, 2022) are **not** eligible to apply in this round.
- Other past grant recipients are welcome to submit competitive renewal or new applications. However, when all other factors are equal, preference may be given to new applicants.

AWARD INFORMATION

- Awards will be made in amounts of **\$100,000 for one year**.

- We anticipate awarding **nine to ten grants this year.**
- More information on current awardees is available here:
<http://brain.harvard.edu/psychiatric-disorders>

APPLICATION DEADLINES

- Letters of Intent due **Wednesday January 18, 2023**
- Full proposals due **Wednesday February 15, 2023**
- Selections will likely be made in April/May
- Grants will likely start July 1st

Letters of intent, due Wednesday January 18th, should include:

- Completed HBI cover sheet, with title and abstract of proposal, no more than 250 words (Use the provided two-page PDF form. Please be sure to list the names of all PIs involved, remembering that only one application is allowed per investigator, individual or collaborative)
- Please name the file with the last name of PI(s) and email to: HBI_Grants@harvard.edu

LOIs are requested mainly to confirm eligibility and help us assemble an appropriately-sized review committee. We will send an email confirming receipt of your LOI and your eligibility to apply within 5 business days of your email. Please check back if you do not hear from us in this timeframe.

Full research proposals, due Wednesday February 15th, should include:

- Completed HBI cover sheet
- Research Plan of no more than three pages, 11-point font, with at least 0.75 inch margins. Literature references may be provided on supplementary pages

- If the proposal is a renewal or new application from a previously funded investigator who received an HBI bipolar grant in 2020 or later, please summarize key findings from previous funding period at the start of the application (within the three-page Research Plan)
- NIH Biosketch of PI(s)
- Budget Page - please use the NIH Form Page 4: Detailed Budget for Initial Budget Period template found here: <https://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/phs398/phs398.html>
 - For collaborative proposals, include a separate budget page for each PI & each institution requesting funding
- Please note:
 - Awards will be made in amounts of \$100,000 per year. Indirect costs required by investigators at affiliated hospitals must be budgeted within this award amount and are capped at a maximum rate of 15% of total direct costs allocated to the hospital. No additional funds to cover indirect costs will be provided
 - Travel to present at relevant conferences is permitted, when in accordance with all University travel policies. The total travel expenses per PI may not exceed \$3,000 without advance notice. Airfare must be economy (except when there is a documented medical exemption in line with University policies)
- Other Support list (current and pending) with annual direct costs
 - This list should include sponsor name, title of project, award number if known, project period dates, and a brief description of each project. If relevant, a brief overlap statement should also be provided in this section. NIH Other Support format is acceptable
- Please assemble all materials together into a PDF file, name the file with the last name of the PI(s) and email to HBI_Grants@harvard.edu

We will confirm receipt of your application within 3 business days. If you don't receive confirmation, please check back with us.

Questions?

Email us at HBI_Grants@harvard.edu.