

Caltech | Funding Memo

Title: BBRF Young Investigator Grant

Funding Agency: Brain & Behavior Research Foundation

External Deadline(s):

03/25/2021 08:59 PM PDT (Full Proposal)

Cognizant Office: Office of Sponsored Research/Office of Foundation Relations

Description:

The Brain & Behavior Research Foundation is the largest non-government, donor-supported organization that distributes funds for psychiatric brain and behavior disorder research. The Foundation's **BBRF Young Investigator Grant** program is intended to facilitate innovative research opportunities and supports basic, as well as translational and/or clinical investigators. All research must be relevant to our understanding, treatment and prevention of serious psychiatric disorders such as: schizophrenia; bipolar; mood and anxiety disorders; or early onset brain and behavior disorders.

Frequency: Typically annual

Total Award: \$70,000

- Up to \$35,000 per year for up to two (2) years (\$70,000 total)
 - The Foundation allows considerable flexibility in the use of funds: equipment, stipends, etc., are all acceptable as long as the support is in the service of the BBRF Young Investigator Grant research project

Indirect Costs: Not Allowed

- **Caltech's minimum overhead rate is based on the award's annual gross funding. Please refer to the [FY21 Annual Rate Memo](#) for applicable minimum overhead requirements. Applicants must work within their division to account for the required overhead via an approved MORA form**

Duration: 2 years

- The earliest grant start date is January 15, 2022

Discipline(s): Biology and Biological Engineering; Chemistry and Chemical Engineering; Engineering and Applied Science; Humanities and Social Sciences

Eligibility: Postdoc, Research Faculty, Tenure-Track Faculty

- Applicants must have a doctoral level degree (e.g., M.D. with [minimum PGY-IV] training, Ph.D., Psy.D., Pharm.D., etc.) and already be employed in research training, or be in a

faculty research position. The YI Grant is intended to support advanced post-doctoral fellows, instructors and assistant professors (or equivalent)

- Pre-doctoral students, first year post-doctoral fellows, faculty who serve or have served as a P.I. on a NIH R01 grant are not eligible
- Investigators at the rank of associate professor or equivalent are also not eligible (assistant professors who serve(d) as a P.I. on a NIH R01 or equiv. grant are now eligible for the BBRF Independent Investigator Grant)
- Caltech researchers other than tenure-track faculty will need to obtain approval from the Division Chair and Vice Provost for Research prior to submitting an application
- Applicants must have an on-site mentor or senior collaborator who is an established investigator in areas relevant to psychiatric disorders. The mentor/sponsor role is usually extensive for fellowship extension (mentor), and more senior colleague/advisor (sponsor) for an applicant prepared to initiate independent science
- Applicants may only apply twice for an initial BBRF Young Investigator Grant
- **Applicants are eligible for a maximum of two BBRF Young Investigator Grants**
- Prior grantees at the advanced post-doctoral, instructor or assistant professor level can apply for a second grant. However, grants cannot overlap in time, **only one application for a second BBRF YI Grant is permitted**, and substantial productivity on the first grant must be documented and the applicant must show how a second grant will facilitate competition for a NIH R01 grant or equivalent
- Only one principal investigator is allowed per application
- Funds will be granted to universities, institutions, or medical research centers operating in the United States, Canada, or any foreign countries. All international applicants are welcome to apply. Researchers need not be U.S. citizens

Research Areas of Interest:

- Neurobiological and psychobiological basic science
- Clinical science (see guidelines)

Post-Award Obligations:

- Interim and final progress reports, as well as a final financial report

Recent Caltech Recipients:

- Min Jee Jang (Gradinaru Lab, 2020)
- Mu Qiao (Meister Lab, 2019)
- Sangjin Yoo (Shapiro Lab, 2019)
- Cindy Hagan (Adolphs Lab, 2018)
- Jerzy Szablowski (Shapiro Lab, 2018)
- Jennifer Treweek (Gradinaru Lab, 2017)
- Daniel Allen Lee (Prober Lab, 2016)
- Julien Dubois (Adolphs Lab, 2015)
- Moriel Zelikowsky (Andersen Lab, 2015)

Guidelines & Other Information:

Overview and Application portal: <https://www.bbrfoundation.org/grants-prizes/bbrf-young-investigator-grants>

Guidelines: https://www.bbrfoundation.org/sites/default/files/pdfs/2021_narsad_young_investigator_grant_guidelines.pdf

Previous Recipients (2020): <https://www.bbrfoundation.org/sites/default/files/2020-yi-grants-booklet.pdf>

Scientific Council: <https://www.bbrfoundation.org/about/our-people/scientific-council>

FAQ: <https://www.bbrfoundation.org/sites/default/files/pdfs/bbrf-young-investigator-award-questions.pdf>

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