

NOTICE OF GRANT AVAILABILITY

NAME OF GRANT PROGRAM:

NEW JERSEY COMMISSION ON BRAIN INJURY RESEARCH
POSTDOCTORAL AND GRADUATE STUDENT
FELLOWSHIP

GRANT PROGRAM NO. 12-BIR3

STATUTORY AUTHORITY:

NJCBIR P.L. 2003, C:200,
N.J.S.A. 52:9EE-1

TYPE OF AWARDS TO BE ISSUED:

Letter of Agreement

PURPOSE FOR WHICH THE GRANT PROGRAM FUNDS WILL BE USED:

The goals of this program are (1) to encourage investigators to undertake research on neural protection, repair and regeneration after traumatic brain injury; (2) to encourage individuals to undertake research on the effectiveness of clinical interventions for traumatic brain injury; and (3) to enable researchers with novel scientific and clinical ideas to test them and develop pilot data needed to develop a programmatic area of research that can be supported by additional funding from the National Institutes of Health, and other funding sources

AMOUNT OF MONEY IN THE GRANT PROGRAM:

Postdoctoral Fellowships are generous three-year salary awards that may be active up to and including the 8th postgraduate year. The beginning stipend levels are based on years of relevant research experience since obtaining the doctoral degree, starting at \$40,000 for 0 years experience, then \$42,000 for 1 year experience, etc. For each experience level, salaries for the next 2 years increase each year by \$2,000 (for example: 0 years experience; Year 1 = \$40,000, Year 2 = \$42,000, Year 3 = \$44,000). Applicants may apply by no later than their 6th year after their degree award. In addition to the stipend, there will be an annual research allowance of \$7,500 and an annual travel budget of \$1,500. Additional support includes a fringe benefit supplement at 12% of each annual stipend amount and indirect costs for the institution at 20% of each annual total amount. Institutions may supplement stipends, but not with other full-time fellowship awards, or other NJCBIR monies. A candidate may not apply for a NJCBIR Postdoctoral Fellowship and a NJCBIR Individual Research grant in the same grant cycle. If a first-year Fellow applies for and is awarded a NJCBIR Individual Research Grant, funding will be contingent upon cancellation of the second or third year of the fellowship. Non-research activities, such as teaching or clinical care, 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. An Evaluation Form must be submitted to the NJCBIR office each year for two years following termination of the Fellowship grant.

Graduate Student Fellowships are three-year awards of \$27,500 per annum. They provide an annual stipend of \$24,000, and consistent with institution policy, an annual research allowance of \$2,000, and an annual travel budget of \$1,500. Up to \$6,000 of additional funds will be provided for tuition. No part of this award may be used for institutional overhead. Institutions may supplement stipends, but not with other full-time fellowship awards or other NJCBIR monies. Applicants may not serve as teaching assistants while holding a NJCBIR Graduate Student Fellowship. Second-year and third-year fellowship funding is contingent upon the successful review of a comprehensive progress report and a recommendation from the mentor. An Evaluation Form must be submitted to the NJCBIR office each year for two years following termination of the Fellowship grant.

Successful fellowship applicants are offered the opportunity to participate in an approved brain injury techniques course. The NJCBIR will make available up to \$4,000 for a grantee to attend a brain injury techniques course at an approved University that has the necessary experience and database on the use of standard brain injury models and devices. 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. Awards will begin on or about June 1, 2012. The NJCBIR reserves the right to distribute funds among the grants in this program 12-BIR3 as well as among the NJCBIR's other grant programs 12-BIR1, 12-BIR2, 12-BIR4. The NJCBIR reserves the right not to fund any grant in this program 12-BIR3 to the maximum amount, or not to fund any grant in this program at all. Up to \$6,500,000 will be made available for all programs (12-BIR1, 12-BIR2, 12-BIR3, 12-BIR4)

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 Fellowship grants 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:

Postdoctoral Fellowships - Candidates of outstanding quality must hold a Ph.D., and/or M.D., or equivalent graduate degree. Appropriate degrees must be awarded prior to activation of award. Candidates must be accepted for postdoctoral training under the supervision of an appropriate mentor at a qualifying academic research institution in New Jersey.

Graduate Student Fellowships - Applicants must be full-time graduate students in residence in a proposed course of study directly related to regeneration and repair of the damaged brain. Students must begin study in the semester following activation unless special permission is received prior to activation date. The NJCBIR prefers to support graduate student candidates who have completed the first year of graduate study and are concentrating on research projects at least 80% of their time.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES:

Applications and NJCBIR Research Guidelines governing grants are available for review and submission on the website at www.sage.nj.gov A Letter of Intent must be filed with the NJCBIR office no later than August 1, 2011.

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DEADLINE BY WHICH APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED:

A Letter of Intent must be filed with the NJCBIR office no later than August 1, 2011.
Deadline for Applications: 5 PM on October 3, 2011

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

Notification - April 30, 2012

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