

SCHOLAR AWARD COMPETITION THE DANA FOUNDATION

Program in the Neuroimmunology of Brain Infections and Cancers

DEADLINES

Tuesday, March 11, 2008 - Internal deadline

April 1, 2008 - Dana Foundation deadline for preliminary proposals

PROGRAM WEBSITE

Background: <http://dana.org/grants/neuroimmunology/>

RFP: <http://dana.org/grants/detail.aspx?id=4522>

BACKGROUND

The Neuroimmunology Program has been redesigned to focus on brain infections and cancers. While there have been advances in the field of neuroimmunology in recent years, these two areas – brain infections and cancers -- are viewed as requiring new ideas and approaches.

The program is inviting studies of:

- 1) immune-based therapies for primary brain tumors, and for metastases to the brain of other cancers;
- 2) immune responses to infections in the brain, including but not limited to viral encephalitis, meningitis, cerebral malaria, and prion diseases;
- 3) how the immune system affects the brain and how the brain modifies immune function.

The program focuses on clinical studies in humans. Animal studies directly relevant to methods used in humans or to human disease will also be considered. (Research that can be supported through clinical income should not be submitted.)

Specific areas of interest are listed below, but interest is not limited solely to these areas:

- Ways to stimulate immune cell recognition and attack of primary brain tumors and metastases
- Measuring responses to therapeutic vaccines for brain tumors
- Ways to defend against viral infections in the brain
- Ways to prevent and treat infections in the brain, including cerebral malaria
- Role of immune cells in normal and abnormal brain

ELIGIBILITY

- Support is aimed primarily at researchers early in their career, at the assistant professor level *or early in their associate professor career*.
- Established researchers, defined as later associate professors or more senior may apply **ONLY** if they can demonstrate convincingly that they are embarking upon a PIONEERING research direction.
- Postdoctoral investigators are not eligible.

FUNDING

- Awards are for up to \$200,000 over three years and should allow the proposed project to be completed.
- Awards cannot be used for indirect costs.
- As much as 10% of the grant amount may be used to purchase equipment.
- The balance of funds is to be used to meet direct research costs.

NOMINATION LIMITATION

- Yale University may nominate one candidate.

INTERNAL COMPETITION PROCEDURES

Instructions for submitting an application electronically for the Internal Competition are available on the Grant & Contract website at: http://grants.med.yale.edu/funding_opportunities/internal-competition.html.

Note that the internal application requirements for Yale's internal competition overlap almost entirely with the preliminary application requirements of the Dana Foundation. Internal applicants should follow the Dana instructions (for pages 1-2) to complete the two-page project description.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT:

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