Brain Research Foundation – 2016 Scientific Innovations Award (SIA)

**PLEASE NOTE: ONLY ONE (1) CANDIDATE FROM TUFTS MAY BE NOMINATED****

This program is for Senior Faculty who conducts research in neuroscience. Please see the eligibility requirements below.

**DEADLINES:**
Tufts Internal ‘Email of Intent’ Deadline: Friday, April 10, 2015 by 5pm
Sponsor Deadline: Required LOI due July 1, 2015 at 5:00PM CT

For those interested, please send an email of intent to the Office of Research Administration (ORA) researchadministration@tufts.edu informing us of an intention to apply. EOI's received after the deadline will not be considered. The email of intent needs to include:

1. The name of the solicitation,
2. The name of the Principal Investigator, and any co-PI's,
3. The subject or title of the proposed project, and
4. 2-3 sentences that briefly describe the potential proposal

If the number of PIs interested is greater than one, ORA will initiate an internal review process by informing those who submitted an email of intent of the next step in the process.

**PROGRAM INFORMATION:** The Brain Research Foundation’s Scientific Innovations Award Program provides funding for innovative science in both basic and clinical neuroscience. This funding mechanism is designed to support creative, exploratory, cutting edge research in well-established research laboratories, under the direction of established investigators. The objective is to support projects that may be too innovative and speculative for traditional funding sources but still have a high likelihood of producing important findings. It is expected that investigations supported by these grants will yield high impact findings and result in major grant applications and significant publications in high impact journals.

Studies should be related to either normal human brain development or specifically identified disease states. 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. This grant is not to be used as a source of bridge funding.

**ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION:** The nominee must be a full-time associate professor/full professor working in the area of studies and brain function in health and disease. Current major NIH or other peer-reviewed funding is preferred but evidence of such funding in the past three years is essential.

**AWARD INFORMATION:** The grant period is for two years in the amount of $150,000 (direct costs only).

**FURTHER INFORMATION:** [http://www.thebrf.org/Grants/Scientific+Innovations+Award](http://www.thebrf.org/Grants/Scientific+Innovations+Award)