

Funder Spotlight

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Brain & Behavior Research Foundation (BBRF)

Type	Private foundation
Priorities	• Neuroscience and psychiatry • Basic and clinical research • New technologies and diagnostic tools • Next-generation therapies
Link to Grants	https://bbrfoundation.org/grants-prizes/grants
Fast Facts about Funding History	• Founded in 1987, BBRF is the US's top non-governmental funder of mental health research grants • Awards nearly 200 grants per year, with the majority going to early-stage investigators (see a summary of last year's "Young Investigator Grant" awardees)
Notable Grant Opportunity	BBRF Young Investigator Grant

Provides support for the most promising young scientists (advanced post-doctoral fellows, instructors, and assistant professors) conducting neurobiological research. Two-year awards up to \$70,000, or \$35,000 per year are provided to enable promising investigators to either extend research fellowship training or begin careers as independent research faculty. Applicants must have an on-site mentor or senior collaborator who is an established investigator in areas relevant to psychiatric disorders. Basic and/or clinical investigators are supported, but research must be relevant to serious brain and behavior disorders such as schizophrenia, mood disorders, anxiety disorders, or child and adolescent mental illnesses.

**Note: The deadline for this year's application period has passed. Submission cycle expected to open February 2027.*

Other Things to Know

- Grants are reviewed by BBRF's 191-member [Scientific Council](#)
- Applications for grant programs typically follow NIH formatting but the narrative portions are very brief

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