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## **Institutional Eligibility Criteria**

### *Brain Research Foundation Grant Programs*

Brain Research Foundation invites US institutions to nominate **one** faculty member to submit a Letter of Intent for the BRF Grant Programs. Major US universities are invited, as well as eligible research institutions. If your institution was **not** invited and would like to be considered, it must meet the following criteria:

1. Institution must receive an email invitation directly from Brain Research Foundation.
2. Institution must be an accredited university/college.
3. Institution must be an independent not-for-profit institute that supports neuroscience research.
4. Institution must have its own board of directors. The majority of the board members may not be appointed by another organization/parent board.
5. Invited institutions must be incorporated in its own right and have its own audited financial statements.
6. Institution must be able to accept grants in its own name, rather than its grant support having to come through another (parent) organization.
7. Organization must be an identifiable institute, not merely a fiscal conduit that lacks its own employees or administrative staff.
8. Institutions that are parts of other academic or research centers fall under the primary center.
9. Institutions must have independent Ph.D. graduate programs with an emphasis on biomedical research in neuroscience.

BRF reserves the right to make the final decision about the independence of a particular research center.

Investigators at institutions that are affiliated with a medical school or university are eligible to apply **only through the institution where they hold a full-time faculty position.**

All LOIs received for a BRF Grant must be submitted with the endorsement of the dean, or the president of a research institution that receives a letter of invitation from the Foundation.

**This endorsement ensures that no more than one application is submitted per institution.** You must go through your institution's selection process. If your institution does not meet the criteria above, you are not eligible to apply.

If your institution has not been invited and meets the eligibility criteria above, have an institutional representative send us an email to [info@theBRF.org](mailto:info@theBRF.org) stating why your institution should be invited.

If you are unsure if your institution has been invited, please have your Office of Research contact the BRF office at 312-759-5150 or email us at [info@theBRF.org](mailto:info@theBRF.org).