



THE NEUROSCIENCE INSTITUTE

UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER

Neuroscience Institute (NI) Pilot Program For Collaborative Grant Applications

Goal: The NI solicits the submission of proposals for collaborative, multidisciplinary neuroscience research. Such grant applications may involve 3 or more investigators who plan to submit an application for an NIH PPG, NIH Center, or similar research ensemble (*e.g.*, large R01 with non-modular budgets of >\$350,000/yr) focused on a coherent research theme. The PI and at least one collaborator must have active NIH funding.

Method of Support by NI: The NI will primarily provide funds for personnel or a crucial piece of equipment, and some additional funds for supplies. Support will be for a maximum of 2 years for any one group. A progress report must be submitted after each year of funding, and “UTHSC Neuroscience Institute/Center of Excellence” acknowledged in any publications relevant to support. These publications should be forwarded to NI.

Types of Grant Application Eligible for Consideration of NI Support:

1. Preliminary: Committed research team of established PIs who meet NIH criteria for a successful application; early stage grant hypotheses/concepts and committed funding from the research team to obtain preliminary data;
2. Advanced: NIH Institute indicates a commitment to the grant and to a level of NIH funding that can be requested by the applicants;
3. An Advanced Concept with a first set of positive critiques from an NIH review panel requesting additional preliminary data prior to resubmission.

NI Funding Levels: Groups may request up to \$40,000 for the first year of support. The amount awarded will depend on the budget justification and the number of quality applications. A second year of support will be determined by the progress report (including NIH review) and availability of funds.

NI Application for Support:

1. Two page application that identifies the PI and other key personnel, a brief description of the project and its current status (*e.g.*, preliminary, advanced, etc), and the intended category of application (*e.g.*, large R01, P01, P30, P50).
2. Each investigator involved in the project should also supply a current NIH format biosketch that includes current funding.
3. Itemized budget with justification.
4. For advanced concept (#3 above), the NIH review should be submitted with application.

Review Process: The NI Executive Committee will review applications; a brief, written summary will be sent to the corresponding PI.

Deadline: Jan. 14, 2008. Additional submission dates will be announced in early 2008. Submit electronic (PDF) copies to:

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