FY21 McDonnell Systems Neuroscience Small Grants Program

Deadline: Friday, March 27, 2020 by 5:00 p.m.

Overview
The Small Grants Program (SGP) is open to faculty at WashU. The SGP is designed to support promising new research projects within the WashU systems neuroscience community. This program is intended to promote pilot projects, collaborative ventures and significant new research directions that are not readily supported by standard grant sources. The research should fit within the Center's overall mission, which is to improve our understanding of information processing and other integrative functions of the brain in health and disease. The Center encourages interdisciplinary approaches that enhance interactions between clinical and basic researchers and between theorists and experimentalists.

Eligibility
Applicants must be faculty at WashU. If the applicant is an instructor or on a non-tenure track (clinical or research track), the application must include a letter of support from the applicant's Department Head stating the department's commitment to the applicant's research career development at WashU.

Budget
Grants can be for 1-2 years, with a maximum budget of $40,000 per year, starting July 1, of the award year. The budget can include equipment, operating expenses, and/or salary for personnel, including Postdoctoral Research Associates, but not for faculty. Travel requests are not allowed, unless critical to the scientific goals of the project. Funds must be used within WashU and cannot be sent to other institutions.

Additional Review Criteria
The review committee favors proposals with evidence that the project will lead to new or expanded outside funding, projects that involve multiple WashU investigators, and new collaborations. The application should make clear how the proposed research fits within the mission of the Center. Priority is given to applications from junior faculty and faculty who have not been recently funded by either McDonnell Center.

Submission: [FY21 SGP instructions and application form](#)
One deadline is announced each year in the spring. Applications should be a single PDF sent to the Program Coordinator (Carmen Horn, horn_c@wustl.edu). The PDF should include the full application that meets the eligibility criteria and follows the application instructions. Applications will be reviewed by the Operations Committee. Decisions typically are made by June 1st, and notification will come from the Center Director or Administrators.

For questions, contact Carmen Horn at horn_c@wustl.edu.