The University of Miami has been invited to nominate one senior faculty member for the Brain Research Foundations 2016 Scientific Innovations Award (SIA) in Neuroscience. The Brain Research Foundation’s Annual 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.

**Objectives:** The objective of the SIA 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.

**Eligibility:** The nominee must be a tenure-track or tenured associate professor or professor working in the area of studies and brain function in health and disease. 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. Current major NIH or other peer-reviewed funding is preferred but evidence of such funding in the past three years is essential. The grant period is for two years (January 2016 – December 2018) in the amount of $150,000 (direct costs).

Please forward the name of any qualified applicant and include the individual’s CV, a brief summary of the applicant’s research project (no more than two pages), a letter of nomination describing the candidate’s research accomplishments and potential to impact science relevant to neuroscience. Self-nominations will be accepted. These materials should be submitted electronically to Karen Lamper (formerly Del Rio) at (klamper@miami.edu) no later than Wednesday, April 22, 2015 by 5:00 PM. The required Letter of Intent (LOI) is due electronically to the Brain Research Foundation on July 1, 2015 no later than 5 pm CST.

Additional program information and the complete program announcement can be found at the Brain Research Foundations website: (http://www.thebrf.org/assets/root/pdf_files/SIA/UPDATED%20SIA%20Guidelines%202015.tr.pdf).

Please direct any questions to Karen Lamper (formerly Del Rio) at 243-5370 or klamper@miami.edu.
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