

**The McDonnell Center for Cellular and Molecular Neurobiology**  
**FY21**  
**Small Grants Program**  
**Instructions and Grant Application Form**

**Instructions**

Grant proposals should clearly and concisely describe a project whose scope is matched to the duration and amount of funding. If an NIH Research Project Grant (R01) on a similar topic has been submitted, the rationale for Center funding should be clearly articulated.

The application should be completed and assembled in this order, observing the following limits:

1. **Face Page**
2. **Abstract Page:** 250-word limit
3. **Budget:** Not to exceed \$40,000
4. **Budget Justification Page:** NIH format
5. **Other Support Page:** NIH format
6. **Research Proposal:** NIH formatting similar to an R21/R03. Arial 11pt or larger, ½ inch margins, 1 page specific aims, 5 pages that cover Background, Significance, Innovation, Preliminary Data, Approach, Timeline
7. **References:** References are not included in the above page limit
8. **Biographical Sketch:** NIH biosketch for the Principal Investigator and Co-I(s). Biosketches are not included in the above page limit

**Appendices are not allowed**

**NOTE: Priority is given to applications from faculty who have not been funded by the McDonnell Centers within the last five years.**

***Please submit a PDF of this application to Carmen Horn at [horn\\_c@wustl.edu](mailto:horn_c@wustl.edu)***

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