BIG Center ILC Award Call for Applications

Program Description:
The Center for Brain Immunology and Glia (BIG) is pleased to announce the Inter-Lab Collaboration (ILC) Award. These awards are intended to provide graduate and post doctorate trainees from different labs with the opportunity and support for collaborative exploratory research projects in the fields of neuroimmunology and glial biology. The first round of grants will be awarded March of 2021. One to two projects will be awarded each academic year for up to $25,000. The Alzheimer’s Disease Research Center will be generously funding an additional one to two projects addressing the function of microglia and immune cells in neurodegenerative diseases. This applies to any neurodegenerative disease, not exclusively Alzheimer’s Disease. Note: This is not an individual fellowship, but a grant for a group project.

Eligibility:
1. Applicants must be current graduate students or postdocs at Washington University.
2. Projects must include 2 or more trainees from different labs.
3. Projects that span departments or model organisms are highly encouraged.

Application Materials (Details Below):
Part A: Title page and abstract
Part B: CV for each trainee applicant
Part C: Project description
Part D: A letter of support from each PI
Part E: Estimated budget

Award requirements:
1. Grant recipients will be asked to present their proposals in the BIG seminar series at the start of the grant cycle, with the date to be announced
2. Recipients will be asked to present their project in the BIG seminar series at the end of the grant cycle, with the date to be announced
3. Attendance and participation at the BIG Center research symposium.

Deadline:
ILC Award applications must be submitted to duckett@wustl.edu by Friday, February 5, 2021.
Part A – TITLE PAGE
- Title of Project
- Abstract
- Relevance to Brain Immunology and Glia (BIG) research areas
- List additional financial support related to this project
- Team Member names, emails, PIs, departments

Part B – CV
Please include a CV for each trainee member listed on the application. CVs from lab PIs are not required.

Part C – PROJECT DESCRIPTION
- 1 page of specific aims
  - Specific Aims: Explain the main aims of the project.
- Additional 2 pages of the following
  - Background and Significance: A short introduction to the project and its impact.
  - Innovation: The introduction of a new or different idea, method or product showing inventiveness through research or creative activity.
  - Research Approach: The process(es) you plan to use in completing your project.
  - Alternative Approaches: Plans if issues arise during the primary research approach.
  - Note: preliminary data is not required.

Part D – PI SUPPORT LETTER
Please include a brief letter from each PI stating their support for this project and collaboration.

Part E - BUDGET
- Up to $25,000, no salary/stipend coverage.
- Budget Justification: List major expenditures, no required format.
- Allowed expenditures include laboratory equipment (excluding computers), consumables, animal housing costs, sequencing costs, and service fees.

Formatting requirements:
- 12pt Arial or Times New Roman font
- Minimum of 0.5” margins
- Single-spaced

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