



American Brain Tumor Association

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American Brain Tumor Association Calls for Discovery Research

Letters of Intent due October 15th

Des Plaines, Ill. (September 9, 2009) – The American Brain Tumor Association today launched a new Special Projects Discovery Grant program to support fresh and creative research ideas for solving the challenges of brain tumor diagnosis and treatment.

“While there have been some significant scientific breakthroughs over the past decade resulting in better treatments and longer lives for many patients, a brain tumor remains a devastating diagnosis,” said American Brain Tumor Association Executive Director Elizabeth Wilson

“Through this program, we hope to stimulate and invigorate greater engagement in brain tumor research across and beyond traditional medical and scientific research disciplines and specialties and bring new perspectives, ideas and dreams to the foreground,” said Wilson.

Each year, approximately 60,000 Americans are diagnosed with a primary brain tumor and more than 150,000 have cancer that spreads to, or “metastasizes,” to the brain.

Special Project Discovery Grant Pilot Program

The American Brain Tumor Association Special Project Discovery Grant pilot program – one of four grant programs offered through ABTA’s Research Awards Program – will offer one-year, \$50,000 grants for high-risk, high-impact projects deemed to have the potential to change current diagnostic or treatment paradigms for adult and/or pediatric brain tumors.

Investigators from sciences outside traditional biology fields are encouraged to apply. Proposed studies should be at the hypothesis-driven level. Priority will be given to proposals that address underfunded areas of brain tumor research. Of particular interest for this first round of funding

are proposals pertaining to meningioma or oligodendroglioma, however, other research topics are also invited.

Eligible researchers include advanced post-doctoral trainees, junior faculty, and principal investigators who have not received funding at the equivalent of a National Institutes of Health (NIH) RO1, or higher level.

Projects will be pre-screened by letter of intent, due October 1, 2009. Select individuals will be invited to submit proposals.

ABTA Basic Research Fellowship and Translational Research Grants

The American Brain Tumor Association Research Awards Program will again offer Basic Research Fellowship and Translational Research Grant awards for 2009-2010.

- **Basic Research Fellowships** are two-year training awards that support young researchers entering the field of brain tumor research. These \$80,000 awards are payable over two years.
- **Translational Grants** help scientists to further develop research that is on the cusp of moving from the laboratory into patient testing. One year, \$75,000 Translational grants often support the pre-clinical data that researchers need to collect before securing funding from the National Cancer Institute (NCI) and/or other major funders.

Basic Research Fellowship and Translational grant applications will post at the ABTA web site, in the Research Progress section, by October 15th. Applications for these awards are due no later than January 8, 2010.

More information on the American Brain Tumor Association's Research Awards Program is available at: http://www.abta.org/Research_Progress/2010_Funding_Opportunities/292.

Founded in Chicago in 1973, the American Brain Tumor Association was the first national nonprofit organization dedicated solely to brain tumors. The American Brain Tumor Association is a recognized leader in brain tumor research and patient information, education and support services. Last year, the ABTA funded more than \$2.7 million in brain tumor research. Visit www.abta.org or call 1-800-886-2282 for more information.