



American Brain Tumor Association

## **Frequently Asked Questions About American Brain Tumor Association 2010 Basic Research Fellowships, Translational Grants, and Discovery Grants**

### **About all three of these awards**

*May I apply for more than one of the above awards?*

Each of the above ABTA awards has a very different focus; therefore, we will accept only one application per candidate per funding period. In choosing a category for your submission, please review the intent and eligibility criteria for each award as stated on the application cover letters. In brief, Fellowships are training awards whose purpose is to help build basic research skills. Translational Grants are preclinical research awards targeted to faculty-level investigators. Discovery Grant applications will be accepted by invitation only – those invitations were extended in mid-November.

*Where can I obtain Fellowship and Translational Grant applications?*

Applications can be downloaded at

[http://www.abta.org/Research\\_Progress/2010\\_Funding\\_Opportunities/292](http://www.abta.org/Research_Progress/2010_Funding_Opportunities/292).

*How many copies of the application should I submit?*

Submit only one copy.

*May I use last year's application?*

The 2010 applications are slightly different than previous years. Please use the 2010 version.

### **About Fellowships**

*My PhD will not be conferred by January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010 but my coursework will be complete. Am I still eligible for an ABTA Fellowship?*

We encourage you to contact us again next year, but PhDs must have their doctorate by January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010.

*I will have more than 5 years postdoctoral experience by July, 2010. May I still apply for an ABTA Fellowship?*

Because Fellowships are career development training awards, applications outside the range of the eligibility criteria will not be reviewed. If the research is preclinical, approaching human testing, and you hold a faculty level position, please review the criteria for the Translational Grants.

*Are there residency requirements for an ABTA Fellowship?*

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ABTA Fellowships do not currently have residency requirements, but the research must be performed in the United States or Canada.

### **About Translational Grants**

*I hold a faculty position, but the title of that position does not obviously reflect the faculty status. How do I handle this situation?*

If your institution considers your position to be faculty or junior faculty, and this is not obvious from the title, you can reference the level of the position on the cover sheet of your application and/or attach a letter informing us that the position is faculty level within your institution.

*Are there residency requirements for an ABTA Translational Grant?*

ABTA Translational Grants do not currently have residency requirements, but the research must be performed in the United States or Canada.

### **About Discovery Grants**

*How do I apply for an ABTA Discovery Grant? I did not submit a letter of intent.*

The Discovery Grant program uses an LOI mechanism. Letters of intent for this award were due in the ABTA office in October, 2009. Invitations to submit an application were extended by e-mail in mid-November, 2009 and included application instructions. If you received an invitation and will not be submitting, please notify us at [grants@abta.org](mailto:grants@abta.org).

If you are interested in submitting an LOI next year, please watch the Research Progress section of the ABTA web site for announcements of 2011 Discovery Grant opportunities.

*I submitted a Discovery Grant LOI but was not invited to submit an application. May I still apply for a Fellowship or Translational Grant?*

Yes, if you meet the eligibility criteria. Please remember only one application per candidate will be accepted.