The group includes:

- 55 Members of the National Academy of Medicine
- 41 Department & Program Chairs
- 16 National Institute of Health Chiefs & Directors
- 11 Members of the National Academy of Sciences
- 4 Recipients of the National Medal of Science
- 3 Directors of the National Institute of Mental Health
- 1 Nobel Prize Winner
BBRF awards research grants to develop improved treatments, cures, and methods of prevention for mental illness.

Our Mission
The Brain & Behavior Research Foundation is committed to alleviating the suffering caused by mental illness by awarding grants that will lead to advances and breakthroughs in scientific research.

What We Support
BBRF funds the most innovative ideas in neuroscience and psychiatry to better understand the causes and develop new ways to effectively treat brain and behavior disorders.

These illnesses include addiction, ADHD, anxiety, autism, bipolar disorder, borderline personality disorder, depression, eating disorders, OCD, PTSD, schizophrenia, as well as research in suicide prevention.

Our Scientific Council
The high quality of the research we fund is made possible by the BBRF Scientific Council. This group of 183 prominent mental health researchers, led by Dr. Herbert Pardes, reviews each grant application and selects the most promising ideas with the greatest potential to lead to breakthroughs. The Scientific Council guides the Foundation to fund creative and impactful basic, translational, and clinical research relevant to the whole spectrum of mental health.

Grant Funding to Date
BBRF has awarded more than $408 million to fund more than 5,900 grants to more than 4,800 leading scientists around the world. This has led to more than $4 billion in additional research funding for these scientists.

100% of every dollar donated for research goes to research.

We are able to do this thanks to the generous support of two family foundations which cover our operating expenses.

“Together we can dramatically improve the lives of those living with mental illness and enable more people to live full, happy, and productive lives.”

Jeffrey Borenstein, M.D., BBRF President & CEO