## BBRF Young Investigator Grant
## Frequently Asked Questions

1. **Can two people apply together for the same BBRF Young Investigator Grant?**
   *No. Applicants may not apply together for the same grant application. However, they may apply separately in the same grant cycle.*

2. **It seems that on the CV or Bio we would need to include current grant support. Do we also need to include completed research support?**
   *Yes, completed research support that is most relevant to the research proposed should be listed.*

3. **The last sentence of the instruction says the applicant research funding must be listed, and should include any support that is pending as well. Do we include this after the justification for the budget as part of the one page limit?**
   *Funding should be listed within the one page limit of the budget section.*

4. **What constitutes a more advanced applicant?**
   *Advanced applicants are those with extensive experience beyond the minimum Young Investigator eligibility requirements, such as those with many years of research experience who maintain institutional affiliation as post-docs or assistant professors.*

5. **There is no mention of current active support for a mentor in the mentor CV section. Do we need to show this here?**
   *Current support should be included within the mentor Biosketch/CV.*

6. **Who is considered an established investigator (guideline #2) to be able to serve as mentor or collaborator?**
   *An on-site mentor or a collaborator is one who is an established investigator with extensive experience relevant to the applicant's proposal. Applicants are allowed off-site mentors as well, as long as at least one mentor is on-site.*

7. **I work on brain tumor diagnostics and I develop biomarker assays to diagnose and follow up diseases. Please let me know if this fits with the vision of the foundation**
   *The Foundation is interested in research on brain tumors exploring a relationship with psychiatric or affective disorders. The Brain & Behavior Research Foundation is committed to alleviating the suffering caused by mental illness by awarding grants that will lead to advances and breakthrough in scientific research.*

8. **The website lists "first year post-doctoral fellows" as being ineligible for the grant. Does this requirement refer to the time of the submission or time of decision/funding?**
   *Applicants must meet eligibility requirements at the time they submit their application. Therefore, first year post-docs are ineligible to apply in the Young Investigator cycle.*

**9.** **I am wondering if you have a list of abstracts of previous awards.**
*A listing of recently funded Young Investigators and their abstracts is available on our website through the following [link](link).*

**10.** **In (d) is says that the proposal should be two pages. And then in (i) it says a references page can be included. Are we here talking about bibliography that includes the references cited within the proposal? I want to be sure because instructions about proposal (d) and reference page (i) were placed so far from each other.**
*References used in the proposal are listed in the Reference section. However, the Reference section is optional.*

**11.** **I have a question about the budget request portion of NARSAD young investigator application. Is it possible that NARSAD grant covers part of the purchase cost for an item while the rest comes from another source (e.g. existing grants, funds)? Say if an item is more expensive than 35k or more than the remaining budget for a given year.**
*A NARSAD grant can supplement funding from another source. However, the budget section should indicate how funds from the Young Investigator grant will be allocated and should total 70K or the amount the investigator is requesting from us.*

**12.** **On the face sheet of the NARSAD-YI-Grant, "Number of peer-reviewed papers" refers to papers authored by the applicant or by the mentor?**
*A listing of peer-reviewed papers should be listed for the applicant on the Face Sheet*

**13.** **One of our researchers meets all the eligibility criteria to apply to the NARSAD YI Grant, but her status at CAMH is presently as a volunteer. Would this count as being employed in research training?**
*Applicants must be affiliated with the institution in order to apply in the Young Investigator cycle. Additionally, the institution must be able to provide an Institutional Assurance Letter fully supporting the applicant by accepting guidelines of the 2019 Young Investigator Award, and agreeing to administer the grant and provide resources and environment necessary for conducting the research proposed. The assurance letter should confirm that the investigator is eligible as a post-doctoral fellow or Assistant Professor or equivalent and must be on institutional letterhead.*

**14.** **Are international applicants eligible?**
*Yes.*

**15.** **Is there a template for the IA?**
*The Institutional Assurance Letter should be on letterhead. There should be a statement from the institution confirming their willingness to administer the grant, acknowledge and accept the grant guidelines and state specifically that the applicant is eligible for the grant because they are a post-doctoral fellow with sufficient research experience or assistant professor or equivalent.*

**16.** **Can I apply if I am currently an Assistant Professor who will be promoted to an Associate Professor during the funding period?**
*Yes, since applicants are required to meet eligibility requirements at the time of application submission, a future promotion to Associate Professor will not affect eligibility.*

**17.** **What is the difference between a mentor and a sponsor?**
*A mentor's role is to guide the applicant in his/her field, work closely with and provide advice, whereas a sponsor shares funding responsibilities and usually holds subcontracts as well.*

**18.** **Who should provide sponsor letters and who should provide mentor letters?**
*Advanced post-docs require mentors both for teaching, supervision and source of equipment, supplies and salary. Mentor and sponsors may provide work space and assures salary support. Instructor and Assistant Professor levels may be more independent but we need assurance that they have space, equipment and salary to support their work. Here a sponsor may be a department Chair who commits to the support needed. This applicant may also need/have a mentor but it is not required. Primary mentor is usually required. Mentor's addresses support including salary and needed space and resources. If the applicant is independent then a sponsor that assures that the applicant's position includes salary, space, and other assistance to support the proposed project.*

**19.** **Can a mentor support more than one applicant, and can more than one applicant submit an application form the same department?**
*Yes.*

**20.** **Would it be preferable to request funding for the continuation of previous project, or for an independent, new project?**
*No preference*