



Call for Research Proposals on the Interplay between Brain Health, Violence and Compassion

Purpose

The Avielle Foundation (TAF) is committed to supporting traditional neuroscience, public health, and clinical research that focuses on the interplay between brain health, violence, and compassion. We use the term 'brain health' to promote an understanding of the brain as the organ that controls our memories, feelings, and behaviors; If a behavior is abnormal, it is the consequence of organic and tangible abnormalities in biochemistry and structure. By supporting research designed to bridge the biochemical and behavioral sciences, TAF is working to make the invisible world, traditionally labeled as mental, a visible and tangible world of brain health.

The purpose of this request for proposals (RFP) is to encourage and support research aimed at better understanding the etiologies, precursors, risk and protective factors, prevention strategies, and consequences of violence to self or others. Behavioral and/or biomedical researchers working in basic sciences, public health, or a clinical setting are eligible for funding based on the detailed eligibility criteria below. This RFP is driven by the critically unmet need to understand the underlying causes of violence and the ways in which we can decrease the disease of violence - to prevent, intervene, and cure it. We seek to understand the underlying risk factors and neural pathways involved in violent behaviors and, conversely, the protective factors and neural mechanisms that lead away from violent behaviors and toward compassion, connection, kindness, and resilience. Funded studies will explore these mechanisms and strategies with the intent that the information gained will lead to evidence-based action, to prevent violence and improve the health of the community at large.

Total Awards

- Funds will be provided up to a total of \$50,000 per year for 2 years (including F&A costs)
- 2 studies will be funded starting in 2018 within the basic or clinical sciences and/or public health:
 - One research award – \$50,000/year for two years
 - One program implementation and/or evaluation award – \$25,000/year for two years
- The F&A rate is limited to 8%

Key Dates

- Deadline for letters of inquiry (LOI) September 15th, 2017 (5 p.m ET)
- Deadline for complete application November 15th, 2017 (5 p.m ET)
- Notification of awardees..... December 30th, 2017 (5 p.m. ET)
- Grants start..... January 1st, 2018



Eligibility and Selection Criteria

We encourage diverse, innovative, and creative proposals that incorporate biochemical and behavioral concepts and theories. The review committee will weigh the potential for impact of the research to further our understanding of brain health, violence and/or compassion, the qualifications of the principal investigator and research team, as well as its translatability to the everyday citizen (*i.e.* the underlying hypotheses must be clear and understandable at the eighth-grade level). Examples include novel research projects, the development of pilot data, bringing a novel perspective to current or existing research, or program evaluation. Successful applicants who use this funding to complement other funding sources must identify the unique outcome resulting from this funding.

Researchers are eligible to submit proposals through their affiliated professional organizations, businesses, or institutions. Applications must be filed using the attached application form, and following the instructions provided on the application.

Please use a 12-point font, with 1-inch margins. Submissions that do not comply with the instructions will be deemed ineligible. For all proposals involving human subjects, institutional approvals that comply with the human subjects CFR requirements are required, unless the study has been deemed exempt by the institutional review board, in which case documentation of exemption must be provided.



Research and Program Evaluation Funding Application 2017

§1.0

Principle Investigator: _____

Title: _____

Office Phone: _____

Fax (optional): _____

Email: _____

Mailing Address: _____

§1.1 - Project title:

§1.2 - Project type and focus: (check all that apply)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Research-Neuroscience | <input type="checkbox"/> Program Implementation | <input type="checkbox"/> Program evaluation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Research-Other | <input type="checkbox"/> Clinical science | <input type="checkbox"/> Public health |

§2.0

Scientific abstract of the proposed research (≤ 350 words):

§2.1

Description of the proposal in lay terms (eighth grade reading level) (≤ 350 words):



§3.0 – Brief background (≤ 2 pages)



§3.0 – Brief background (≤ 2 pages) Continued...



§4.0 – Brief summary of prior research in this area, if any (≤ 1page)



§5.0 – Research hypothesis and key question(s) (≤ 1 page)



§6.0 – Methods and timeline (≤ 2 pages)



§6.0 – Methods and timeline (≤ 2 pages) Continued...



§7.0 – Potential significance of results (≤ 2 pages)



§7.0 – Potential significance of results (≤ 2 pages) Continued...



§8.0 – Dissemination plans: How do you plan to disseminate results?



§9.0 – Human subjects research approval for the project, if applicable.

Check here if this is not-applicable. If the project is exempt from human subjects review requirements, please explain.

Please attach if more space is needed



§10.0 – If animals are being used in this project, provide animal research approval.

Check here if this is not-applicable

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§11.0 - Detailed budget (no more than 1 page)



§12.0 - Budget justification (1 page)



§13.0 – Principal Investigator’s CV and Research mentor’s CV (if applicable)

Please attach

§14.0 – Legal name of your institution

§15.0 – Financial contact at your institution

§16.0 – Letter of support from research mentor (attach if applicable)

Check here if this is not-applicable

Please address any questions to:

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