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## 2018 Request for Applications (RFA)

### PURPOSE:

The UAB McKnight Brain Institute (MBI) invites grant applications for pilot studies on age-related memory and cognitive decline that demonstrate a collaboration between clinical and pre-clinical faculty. The intent of this award is to create teams of basic and applied neuroscientists whose research goals are to generate and test novel, integrative hypotheses. This award is expected to create preliminary data that will support more permanent funding through Federal agencies (preferred) and/or non-profit entities.

### ELIGIBILITY:

- UAB faculty investigators (Instructor to Professor) with permanent appointments
- At least one human/clinical investigator and one basic-research neuroscientist
- Cannot be an already-funded project or have significant overlap with existing projects

### TERMS of SUPPORT:

- Up to \$35,000 in project-related direct costs and appropriate supplies. No indirect costs, equipment or travel.
- Support must stay at UAB and can be used internally
- Duration: One (1) year – March 15, 2018 to March 14, 2019
- Successful applicants will be required to provide a written progress report and to meet with the MBI Leadership at six (6) months.
- Preference will be given to projects for which departmental matching funds are available
- Preference will be given to projects with a biostatistician
- Up to 4 projects will be funded, based on the merit of the applications

### SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS:

- Cover Page -- include Title of project, Investigators names, Departmental affiliations, Budget amount requested, Signature of investigators
- ½ - page lay summary
- Itemized budget and justification. NIH forms can be used.
- NIH Biosketches (Rev. 9/17)
- Three (3) page project narrative (Single-spaced, 11-point Arial font, 1" margins) that includes the innovation arising from the collaboration, research plan, and future plans.
- References

### SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS

- Application Deadline: February 1, 2018
- Proposals are not required to go through OSP
- Submit to: Vicki Hixon ([vhixon@uab.edu](mailto:vhixon@uab.edu))

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