

The L.I.F.E. Foundation is pleased to announce its annual invitation to apply for a research grant. George J. Wile established the Local Initiative for Excellence (L.I.F.E.) Foundation in 2014 with a mission to support research to achieve better health outcomes for patients with brain and neurodegenerative diseases. The L.I.F.E. Foundation provides research grants to support innovative research, sustain productive research teams, and encourage and support investigators in the early part of their careers.

Proposals should focus on basic research to advance understanding of how the brain functions in addition to proposals exploring how COVID impacts basic brain function will also be considered. The L.I.F.E. Foundation plans to fund up to two grants of \$100,000 each (to be awarded over two years \$50,000 per year) for reimbursement of approved research expenditures. *Brain cancer research and clinical research will not be considered for funding.* Second-year funding is subject to board review of the progress report submitted 11 months after initial funding. Researchers will have until the end of the third year following initial funding to complete their project.

The primary criteria that the L.I.F.E. Foundation uses to evaluate Grant Requests are:

- Innovation
- Translational Relevance
- Scientific Approach
- Investigators
- Personnel
- Fundability beyond the L.I.F.E. Foundation

The L.I.F.E. Foundation prefers investigators in the early stage of their career with cutting-edge, high-risk proposals without a history of federally funded grants. Please provide current funding.

All eligible applicants should submit a one-page Letter of Intent (LOI) and Curriculum Vitae (CV) or recent NIH biographical sketch (if you have one) to the L.I.F.E. Foundation, 4200 Malsbary Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45242, by email at lifefoundation@life-brainhealth.org, or through our website <https://life-brainhealth.org/grants/> by June 30. The LOI should describe the problem to be addressed, its significance, and the approach that will be used to answer the proposed scientific question.

The L.I.F.E. Scientific Advisory Committee will invite up to six applicants to submit an application for funding based on scientific merit and the potential for developing a strong basic or



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translational research program. Applicants will be invited by July 30 each year. Invited applicants should submit a full application by August 31 of each year no later than 5:00 pm EST.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to us.

Sincerely,

Louie Randolph, Trustee