**CALL FOR APPLICATIONS**

The UCLA Brain Injury Research Center (BIRC) has funded Traumatic Brain Injury research for over 20 years and supports research projects to increase understanding and facilitate treatment and eventual reversal of sequelae resulting from Traumatic Brain Injury. Research proposals that focus on basic science or translational work related to TBI, will be considered.

**SUPPORT APPLICATION SUBMISSION**

Applications will be reviewed anonymously by an External Advisory Board, which will assess each application’s research significance, innovation, and approach to determine an overall research score. These scores will be used to determine funding distribution by the BIRC finance committee. Proposals should be designed for a 2-year period and budgets should reflect achievable aims within that timeframe.

**Please submit your Application, NIH Biosketch, and Budget (Excel file) to** [**MHarisis@mednet.ucla.edu**](mailto:MHarisis@mednet.ucla.edu)

**Applications are due by 5:00pm PST, January 31, 2024.** Late or incomplete applications will not be considered. Funding notifications will be sent in March 2024.

**ELIGIBILITY**

The Principal Investigator (PI) must be a full-time Researcher, Project Scientist, or Faculty member at UCLA to be considered for support funding.

**FUNDING LEVELS**

**Pilot Data & Early Career Researchers**:

* 2-year awards, starting July 2024, with a funding level of $25,000-50,000 per year.
* The support funds are intended for early career researchers or established researchers with novel ideas to test their hypotheses and develop pilot data in order to acquire follow-on awards from National Institutes of Health (NIH) and other funding sources.

**Established Researchers**:

* 2-year awards, starting July 2024, with maximum funding level of $125,000 per year.
* The support funds are intended for established, productive TBI researchers who propose to expand upon their prior work in Traumatic Brain Injury research.

**BUDGET GUIDELINES**

1. Applicants must provide a detailed budget and justification using the provided Excel template.
2. BIRC awards are supported by state general funds (i.e.19900). All budgets and expenditures must adhere to the [university’s policies and restrictions](https://www.ucop.edu/business-resource-center/policies-and-guidance/guidelines/state-funding-guidelines.html) regarding state funds.
3. Funds may not be used towards subawards.
4. Year 1 funds may not carryover to Year 2. Funds must be spent within their allocated year and balances remaining at fiscal year end will be forfeited. Encumbered funds do not equate to an expenditure.
5. No cost extensions are not permitted.

**RESEARCH GRANTEE RESPONSIBILITIES**

Awardees are required to:

1. Provide an annual progress report.
2. Acknowledge funding source in publications as “UCLA Brain Injury Research Center”.
3. Provide a list of all publications that emerge as a result of the funding.
4. Future grants generated in collaboration with outside entities should be associated with faculty in UCLA Neurosurgery & submitted through UCLA Neurosurgery.

**BIRC Support Funding Application**

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| **Principal Investigator (First Name, Last Name, Degree, Title):** |

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| **Team/Personnel:** Provide the name, title, and proposed effort for each individual that is requesting salary support. Describe each individual’s role on the project. For TBD roles, indicate the anticipated timeframe to fill the position. |

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| **Project Title:** |

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| **Project Summary:** Briefly describe the proposal with Specific Aims (1-page max) |

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| **Significance:** Describe the TBI problem you are addressing and how scientific knowledge will be advanced if the aims of the project are achieved. What will be the effect of these studies on the concepts or methods that drive this field?(1/2 page max) |

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| **Innovation**: Describe the novel concepts, approaches or methods of this project. Does the project challenge existing paradigms or develop new methods or technologies? (1/2 page max) |

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| **Approach:** Describe your overall strategy, experimental design, and methodology to accomplish the aims of the project. Include composition of study population, as applicable. Consider potential problems and alternative strategies to achieve the aims. (**3-page max** for pilot studies and **6-page max** for larger projects) |

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| **Facilities, Equipment, and Other Resources:** Describe the available facilities, equipment, and resources that will be used in this project. If funds are being requested to purchase new equipment, describe how this will enhance the proposed project in context to what is presently available to you. |

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| **Research Subject Protection:** If research includes animals or human subjects, applicants must address the risk to subjects and the adequacy of protections against risk. An approved ARC or IRB protocol number should be provided. |