



CSF Small Grant Request for Proposals

Small grant awards represent a strategic investment by the Chiari and Syringomyelia Foundation (CSF) for the purpose of furthering medical and scientific knowledge in the mechanisms and treatments of Chiari malformations, syringomyelia, and related disorders of cerebrospinal fluid. CSF offers the small grant awards for medical and scientific professionals with advanced degrees (e.g. M.D. and/or Ph.D). For the trainee award, CSF is particularly interested in requests for targeted hypotheses into the mechanisms and treatments of Chiari malformations, syringomyelia and cerebrospinal fluid disorders which can be reasonably completed within the context of the training period.

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CSF Small Grant Award for Trainees

Award Amount

\$10,000

Purpose

The Chiari & Syringomyelia Foundation Small Grant Trainee Award is meant to assist clinicians and scientists in the early stages of their career in the clinical investigation or basic science research of Chiari malformations, syringomyelia and related cerebrospinal fluid disorders. It is our hope that these small projects will lead to the development of a career-long interest in the etiology and treatment of Chiari malformations, syringomyelia and related cerebrospinal fluid disorders.

Eligibility

The award is open to all medical and scientific professionals with advanced degrees (e.g. M.D. and/or Ph.D.) who are within two years of their post-graduate training. The awardee must use the award to investigate a targeted hypothesis concerning the mechanisms and/or treatment of Chiari malformations, syringomyelia and related cerebrospinal fluid disorders. The term of the award will be 12 months and the awardee will be expected to present their research at the annual CSF Scientific, Educational and Advisory Board meeting which meets in conjunction with the American Association of Neurological Surgeons annual meetings. Further, any publications or presentations associated with research supported under this small grant award must acknowledge financial support from CSF.

Eligible Expenses

Budget support of up to \$10,000 is available. Detailed budget justification is required for the application and may include salary support up to \$5,000. The remaining budget must be applied towards equipment and supplies needed to conduct the research. A final account of expenses incurred following completion of the small grant is required. In addition to the budgeted expenses, CSF will extend complimentary American Association of Neurological Surgeons Annual Meeting registration.

Application Requirements

Complete the application requirements listed below:

1. Complete the [application](#) form.
2. Include a detailed description of the grant project, including the question to be addressed, rationale, and research plan. The description should not exceed two pages in length.
3. Include applicant's curriculum vitae.
4. Include personal statement detailing the reasons for pursuing the small grant award and how the award would help the applicant achieve long-term goals thereafter.
5. Include detailed budget plan for the proposed grant expenses and salary justification costs, not to exceed 1 page.
6. Attach a letter of support written by the proposed sponsor and a biographical sketch of the sponsor.
7. If the applicant is a resident, attach a letter from the program director supporting the application. In addition, residents must print a copy of the confirmation page in Section One of the application and obtain the signature of their program director to be mailed or faxed to CSF.
8. Attach two letters of support from neurosurgeons or other professional medical references familiar with the applicant and his/her goals and commitment
9. Attach any reprints of previous publications by the applicant that are pertinent to the application.
10. Attach a headshot photograph. The purpose of the photograph is only for acknowledgement of awardees on the CSF website.

2012-2013 Fellowship application deadline is January 31, 2012.

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