

ANNOUNCING THE ARTHUR BRESCIANI PSYCHIATRIC RESEARCH AWARD

INTRODUCTION

The Department of Psychiatry is pleased to offer the Arthur Bresciani Research Award, made possible through a generous donation to the department by Arthur Bresciani in 1997 to support development of psychiatric research. The purpose of the Bresciani Research Award is to increase the number of clinician scientists in the psychiatry department by providing needed resources for junior faculty to develop a formative or pilot project as the basis for future grant-funded clinical research. The department plans to offer a single award of up to \$20,000 each year in a competitive internal grant process.

ELIGIBILITY

The principle investigator must be a faculty member in the department of psychiatry (primary appointment). Collaboration across divisions within the department and with other departments is strongly encouraged. Applicants must be at the assistant professor or instructor rank and have not previously received federal grant funding.

ALLOWABLE USE OF FUNDS

The Bresciani award may be used to purchase services such as research assistant time, statistical consultation, pre or post-doc support, or other resources. Funds may not be used for salary support of the PI or co-investigators. No indirect costs are supported.

OVERSIGHT

The Bresciani Fund is overseen by a committee consisting of the Department Chair, the Vice Chair for Research, and a faculty research leader. A content expert may be added ad hoc as needed. The committee will determine the award recipient based on scientific merit, likelihood of the project leading to federal funding, innovation, potential impact, and strategic benefit to the department. The committee will meet with the awardee periodically during the year to assess progress and provide guidance and mentorship. The awardee will be asked to provide the committee with an interim report at six months and a final report at the end of the year summarizing the outcome of the project and the recipient's progress toward their overall academic goals.

CRITERIA FOR AWARDS

Intellectual Merit – projects should be designed to investigate an important question in psychiatry or psychology and should be conducted with an eye toward gathering formative or pilot data that will lay the groundwork for a K-award or other federal funding application.

Clarity of vision – the best candidates for the Bresciani award will articulate a clear and feasible career plan and demonstrate how the Bresciani award will lay the foundation for their transition to become an independent investigator and future funding.

APPLICATION PROCESS AND DEADLINE

Submit proposals to karen.lambert@umassmed.edu by July 1, 2020, according to the instructions on the following page. The decision will be announced by August 1st for a October 1st project start date.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PROPOSAL SUBMISSION

Proposals have a 3-page maximum limit (including any figures or tables; references do not count against the page limit) and conform to NIH-style.

To discuss questions regarding the application submission, please contact Anthony Rothschild, MD (Anthony.rothschild@umassmemorial.org)

Contents of Proposal (3-page limit)

Project Title (Do not include a cover page)

Name, rank, email of PI and any collaborators (include department for collaborators)

Project background and significance

Specific aims, preliminary data (if any) and approach

Project timeline, expected milestones

Future directions, potential extramural funding sources relevant to proposed project

Attachments (not included in 3-page limit)

Description of facilities to be used

Detailed budget and budget justification (NIH PHS 398 form, pages 4-5)

For assistance in preparing the budget, please contact Entela Baolli (entela.baolli@umassmed.edu) NIH Biosketches of PI and all other faculty investigators (5-page format)