

FAQs

American Brain Foundation's Cure One, Cure Many Award in Neuroinflammation

General Eligibility

- **Are researchers at any career stage eligible for this call?**

Yes, however, given the size of these awards, we anticipate that successful applicants will be at least five years post-residency or PhD.

- **Are researchers outside the US eligible for this call?**

Yes, these grants are open to researchers worldwide.

- **Do you have to be a US citizen to apply?**

No, there is no citizenship requirement.

- **Can multiple researchers at the same institution submit applications to this call?**

Yes. Multiple researchers from the same institution may submit applications.

- **Can I submit an application to this RFP as well as a different ABF grant opportunity?**

Yes, researchers can submit applications to multiple ABF grant opportunities. However, if you are awarded multiple grants, you may only accept one.

Project Eligibility and Focus

- **Are there specific disease areas or conditions that the project must focus on?**

Projects should address diseases or conditions related to neuroinflammation. Applications should make clear how the proposed research aligns with the research priorities described in the RFP. The disease areas listed in the RFP are not intended to be exhaustive.

- **Are projects focusing on _____ eligible for this call?**

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- **Are basic research projects eligible for this call?**

This award will support a broad spectrum of projects from basic, to clinical, and through translational research. Basic research projects are included in this spectrum, however, the proposal should include a discussion of the connection of the basic research project to potential translational outcomes.

Institution and Collaboration Requirements

- **What constitutes an “institution” for the purposes of this call?**

For the purposes of this call, an "institution" is defined as a distinct and separate entity, such as:

- A university or college
- A research institute or laboratory
- A biotechnology or pharmaceutical company
- A hospital or clinical research center
- A nonprofit organization focused on scientific or medical research

It is important that these entities are independent from one another, with no pre-existing integrated working relationships. For example, a research institute within a university and an academic department within that same university may count as separate institutions only if it is clearly demonstrated that they operate independently and that the proposed project would foster a new collaboration.

- **Can different institutions, schools, or departments within a university or hospital count towards the three institutions needed to apply for a Breakthrough Grant?**

For the purpose of this grant, the three required institutions must be distinct entities, such as different universities, companies, or research organizations. A separate research institute within a university and an academic department within that same university may be considered separate institutions, provided the applicant clearly demonstrates that the two entities do not already have an integrated working relationship, and that the proposed project would encourage a truly novel and interdisciplinary collaboration.

- **Is there a limit to the number of team members or collaborating institutions involved in a proposal?**

There is no set limit to the number of team members or institutions.

- **Do Catalyst Grants require collaboration between three institutions?**

No, however, applicants should demonstrate a collaborative approach to the proposed research.

- **Can funds be used for indirect costs?**

Yes. For Breakthrough Grants, up to 15% of the total grant may be allocated for indirect costs. For Catalyst Grants, applicants may request a portion of the grant for reasonable indirect costs.

Please contact grants@americanbrainfoundation.org if you have further questions.