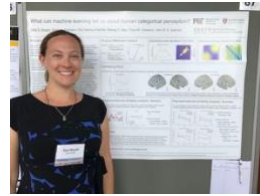
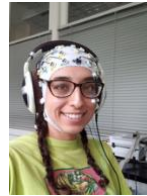
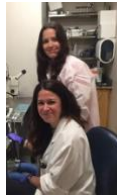


HBI Young Scientist Development Awards 2020

[The HBI Young Scientist Development Award program](#) was launched two years ago with support from the Office of the President & Provost at Harvard University. This program seeks to bolster the career development of PhD students and postdoctoral fellows in neuroscience by providing flexible, small grants of up to \$5,000 to support creative training endeavors not easily covered by other funding sources.



The HBI Travel Award supports travel for advanced training—including specialized research courses, small topical conferences and visits to collaborator labs at other colleges or universities. These awards are open to PhD students and postdoctoral fellows conducting basic neuroscience research at Harvard and its affiliated hospitals.

The HBI Host-a-Scholar Award allows Harvard PhD students and postdoctoral fellows to invite scholars from other institutions to their laboratory to initiate new collaborations or nurture existing partnerships for basic neuroscience research.

AWARD INFORMATION

We anticipate awarding up to **\$70,000 total** in this cycle.

- Travel awards for small research conferences will be made in amounts of \$3,000 or less
- Travel awards for specialized research courses will be made in amounts of \$5,000 or less
- Travel awards for outgoing lab visits will generally cover trips of one week to one month. The proposed budget should reflect the length of the visit and extent of travel involved, with the maximum request being \$5,000
- Host-a-Scholar awards will generally cover hosting experiences of one week to one month. The proposed budget should reflect the length of the scholar's visit to Harvard and extent of travel involved, with the maximum request being \$5,000

ELIGIBILITY

- Applicants must be Harvard PhD students or postdoctoral fellows/PhD level research associates. (PhD students should be at the stage where they have declared a lab)
- Applicants must be currently working on a neuroscience research project in a lab physically situated at Harvard University or an affiliated hospital (with the exception of Division of Medical Science PhD students working with Harvard-affiliated faculty at neighboring institutions, who remain eligible)
- **Each laboratory may submit only one proposal in this round.** Applicants should discuss plans with their PI prior to submitting a proposal
- The 2019 Young Scientist Awardees are not eligible to apply again in this round

ADDITIONAL NOTES

- Conference proposals should be geared towards small topical conferences in the applicant's area of research expertise, generally with under 500 attendees. Very large, general society meetings such as SFN cannot be covered by this mechanism
- Joint proposals are not permitted—only one Harvard PhD student or postdoc can be supported by one award

APPLICATION DEADLINES

- Applications are due **Friday March 27th, 2020** for travel or hosting experiences scheduled between June 2020 and March 2021. Decisions will be announced early May
- The next RFA will likely be issued by the end of the Fall 2020 semester, as funds allow

HOW TO APPLY

Submit the Google form for your desired award type. We will acknowledge all applications within three business days. If you do not receive an email from us, please reach out again to confirm receipt!

[Application Form for Travel Award \(Conference\) >>](#)

[Application Form for Travel Award \(Course\) >>](#)

[Application Form for Travel Award \(Lab Visit\) >>](#)

[Application Form for Host-a-Scholar Award >>](#)

TO LEARN MORE

[Visit our website and read about past awardees >>](#)

[Questions? Email us!](#) We're happy to schedule a phone call or in-person meeting as well. Our main office is located on the HMS Quad, Goldenson 101. We can also meet in Cambridge, Northwest 347.30 with advance notice.

COVERED EXPENSES

These travel and host-a-scholar awards can be applied towards transportation, room and board, course tuition, conference registration fees, poster-printing etc. Laboratory research supplies, salaries and stipends are not typically covered by these awards. Airfare must be economy class. All travel reimbursements will be subject to Harvard's general travel policies, described here: <https://policies.fad.harvard.edu/pages/travel-0>

HOW AWARDS WILL WORK

If your proposal is chosen for funding, the awarded amount would generally be available to your lab after completion of your travel or hosting experience. Your lab would cover individual expenses along the way and then submit an itemized summary with receipts for expenses above \$75 to our grant manager at the end. At that time, we would also require a short synopsis of your experience and a photograph that we may share on our website.

Please note:

- No indirect costs are permitted
- The specifics of payment processing may vary depending on where the awardee lab is situated. Our grants administrator will send more directions if you receive an award
- In most cases, we are not able to directly reimburse awardees for out-of-pocket expenses – the reimbursements would go to the student or postdoc's laboratory

Considering this, PIs are asked to pay up front for large purchases such as plane tickets, conference registration fees or hotel reservations