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2025

A little help to grow as a
Neuroscientist



8th BRAINSTORMING RESEARCH ASSEMBLY
FOR YOUNG NEUROSCIENTISTS
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ONE EXPERIMENT TO RULE THEM ALL!

Neuroscience is one of the most challenging fields of research. Although our understanding of the nervous system keeps growing exponentially, we still have much to learn, especially regarding the intricate interplay between all the different cell types involved in maintaining its homeostasis and counteracting the insults. Indeed, cell-to-cell communication between neurons, astrocytes, microglia, pericytes, endothelial cells and immune cells can significantly impact the nervous system biology, both in physiological and pathological conditions.

The BraYn Association will fund PhD students, post-docs, early-career principal investigators, neurology residents and neurologists to answer an experimental question with a focused research plan in the field of neuroscience, either to validate a hypothesis that concludes a story or to test a hypothesis being the base of a new story. The story and/or approach proposed should be highly innovative.

The grant proposal has to be consistent with the budget (5000 euros) and the time frame (6 months).

Topics that may be covered are the following: **Neuroimaging & Clinical Neurology, Neurodegeneration, Neu-**

ro-development, Neuro-oncology, Neuroinflammation, Neurophysiology & Neural Plasticity.

PhD students or Postdocs at a very early stage of their career from anywhere around the world can apply. The grant proposal should be structured as follows:

Two pages including a brief introduction, scope of the research, preliminary results (optional), a key experimental approach, and a clear indication of the topic(s) covered among those indicated above.

Not included in the two page limit:

- **One page for references (max of 10);**
- **One figure page (optional);**
- **Financials. Funds should be spent on consumables;**
- **Two-pages curriculum vitae (CV);**
- **Applications using funds for stipends, mice, or equipment will not be accepted.**

The successful candidate will be asked to submit a report by two months after the end of the grant period and will be offered the possibility to present the results obtained at the next BraYn Conference in 2026.



Time: 6 months (starting January 2026). Funds must be disbursed to the research host institution by December 22, 2025.

Funding: 5000 euros

Eligibility criteria:

- PhD students, post-docs and young researchers under the age of 40;
- Valid contract until the end of the project.
- Applications should be submitted as a single PDF file to

info@braynconference.com

- Applicants must be registered for the BraYn 2025 conference and must be a member of the BraYn Association.

TEMPLATE

Layout

Margins 3 cm; Times New Roman 11 pt, single spacing. [You can download the Application Form on the web site.](#)

Applicant information

- Project Title
- Name of the applicant (Principal Investigator, PI)
- Affiliation

Background. Explain the background of the research and the challenges it seeks to address, and highlight the originality and potential impact of the research, in both academic and non-academic contexts.

Preliminary results (optional). Report the relevant experimental data that support the likely success of the

research project. Preliminary results should be generated by the applicant and must not refer to data that can be found in the literature. One figure can be included.

Objective. State clearly the objectives, questions or hypotheses that the research will address.

Research design and methodology.

Explain the experimental plan of the research to be undertaken in order to address the above objectives. Describe the methodologies, approaches, equipment, and data interpretation to be utilised.

Budget justification

Justify each element of the project budget to show that the requested resources are necessary to conduct the research.

References

Maximum of 10

Curriculum Vitae

For the lead applicant, describe research career to date, including degrees and qualifications, academic and professional posts, relevant publications and other achievements and appointments. CVs should clearly show that the candidate meets the eligibility criteria. It should not exceed 2 pages.

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