

## **CURE, Citizens United for Research in Epilepsy**

**announces**

### **A SPECIAL GRANT PROGRAM IN THE PREVENTION OF EPILEPSY AFTER TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY**

*A partnership with the United States Army Medical Research  
and Materiel Command (USAMRMC)*

CURE seeks proposals for investigator-initiated research of relevance to the prevention and treatment of posttraumatic epilepsy, including the cellular, molecular and systems-level understanding of the underlying pathogenic mechanisms; specific approaches to interdict the development of posttraumatic epilepsy; animal models of posttraumatic epilepsy; and investigations of the impact, natural history and epidemiology of posttraumatic epilepsy. Proposals selected for funding under this program must be scientifically meritorious and must be of relevance to the broad mission of the program. For the purposes of the program, posttraumatic epilepsy is defined as epilepsy related to traumatic brain injury. This area of research is particularly relevant to military personnel today, given the high incidence of traumatic brain injury in our soldiers in Iraq.

Awards will be funded up to a maximum of \$150,000 for a two- or three-year project (\$50,000 a year for three years or \$75,000 a year for two years), to begin July 1, 2007. Early career investigators\* are welcome to apply. International applicants welcome.

*\*Generally, early career investigators will be university faculty at the assistant professor level (or hold an equivalent position in a non-university research organization), and will be within seven years of completion of graduate, professional, or research/clinical fellowship training. In exceptional cases, scientists at the postdoctoral level may be eligible for this award.*

#### **PROPOSAL DEADLINE**

October 31, 2006

#### **APPLICATION PREPARATION**

The application requires the following components:

- Cover Page including: name and address of PI with email address, phone, fax, proposal title, proposal start date and duration, estimated cost, name of institution, institutional representative name, address and signature and PI signature and date);
- Abstract (1/2 page limit)

- Main Body of Proposal (12 page limit)
- Background & Significance for Objectives of the *Prevention of Epilepsy after Traumatic Brain Injury Grant Program* (1 page limit)
- Preliminary Results (if any--electronic versions of relevant publications may be cited and appended to the application, figures may be embedded)
- Research Plan (including specific aims, expected outcomes and interpretations for objectives of this grant program; description of methods will necessarily be abbreviated);
- Budget. A brief budget must justify the use of funds. Indirect costs—overhead or administrative costs (facilities and administration, rent, electricity, depreciation, telephone, etc.) that cannot be identified to a specific project or function—are not provided by this grant program. Please note: the PI will need to travel to Fort Detrick, Maryland one time during the course of the grant period; please build in an appropriate amount for travel.
- Facilities/institutional support (1/2-page limit);
- Bibliography (no page limit);
- Biographical sketches for principal investigator and key personnel (3-page limit per individual);
- Existing/pending support (no page limit);
- Letters of collaboration (if relevant);
- Electronic versions of relevant publications representing preliminary results (if any)
- Regulatory requirements: Proposals selected for funding by CURE will be subject to regulatory requirements regarding environmental compliance, safety, and use of human and/or animal test subjects, as outlined by the DoD Office of Research Protections.

Funding will not be released to awardees until proposals are in compliance with DoD Peer Reviewed Medical Research Program (PRMRP) regulatory requirements as outlined in BAA-05-1. Applicants are asked to familiarize themselves with these requirements (available at <https://mrmc.detrick.army.mil/rodindex.asp>) and those selected for funding be prepared to provide additional information. Please be aware that this process could add up to 3-6 months before funding is released.

**PROPOSAL FORMATTING** (portions taken from FY05 PRMPR BAA Supplement)

Applications must conform to the following guidelines:

- Type font: 12 point, 10 pitch
- Type density: No more than 15 characters per inch (including spaces). (For proportional spacing, the average for any representative section of text should not exceed either 15 characters per inch or 114 characters per line.
- Spacing: Single-spaced between lines of text, no more than five lines of type within a vertical inch.
- Margins: Minimum of 0.5-inch top, bottom, right, and 1-inch left.
- Color, resolution, and multimedia objects: Proposals may include color, high resolution, or multimedia objects (e.g., MPEG, WAV, or AVI files) embedded in the PDF files; however these objects must not exceed 15 seconds in length and a size of 10 megabytes (MB). If you are including black and white printed copies of a color file, applicants may wish to include text in the proposal directing the reviewer to the electronic file for parts of the proposal that may be difficult to interpret when printed in black and white. Photographs and illustrations, etc. must be submitted in JPEG format only (no bitmaps or TIFF).

The full application is to be submitted on one CD/DVD in PDF or Microsoft Word format. The CD/DVD must be labeled with the following contact information in case the disc is unreadable: organization's and PI's names, the email address and phone number for a point-of-contact. All application components must be complete and included on the disc at time of submission. Please mail three (3) CD/DVDs, along with ten (10) full sets of the application to:

**CURE  
TBI Research Grant Program  
730 N. Franklin Street  
Suite 404  
Chicago, Illinois 60610**

Please direct questions regarding this RFP to [info@CUREepilepsy.org](mailto:info@CUREepilepsy.org) or 312.255-1801.