

McKnight Brain Research Foundation (MBRF) Grant Award Notice

From: Amy Porter, Executive Director, aporter@mcknightbrf.org; 202-302-9849
Sent: March 5, 2021
To: Members of the McKnight Brain Research Foundation Inter-Institutional Cognitive Aging and Memory Interventional Core: Tatjana Rundek, MD, PhD; Lee Ryan, PhD; Gene E. Alexander, PhD; Ronald M. Lazar, PhD; Ronald A. Cohen, PhD; Adam J. Woods, PhD; Bonnie E. Levin, PhD
cc: MBRF Trustees: Michael Dockery, MD, Chair; Madhav Thambisetty, MD, PhD, Vice-Chair; Lee Dockery, MD, Chair Emeritus; Patricia Boyle, PhD; Allison Brashear, MD, MBA; Isaacson, MD; Sue Pekarske, MD; Gene Ryerson, MD; Robert Wah, MD; Melanie Cianciotto, Corporate Trustee;
Principal Investigators: Ronald M. Lazar, PhD; Abigail Hernandez, PhD; Joyce Gomes-Osman, PT, PhD; Eric Porges, PhD
Subject: Inter-Institutional Pilot Program Award Notice for Three Awards:

Improving Age-Related Cognitive Decline with Exercise in Hypertensive Older Adults: A Pilot Study to Investigate A Retinal Microvascular Biomarker and the Role of IGF. Principal Investigator: Ronald M. Lazar, PhD

Reuniting the Brain and Body to Understand Cognitive Aging: The Nexus of Geroscience and Neuroscience. Principal Investigator: Abigail Hernandez, PhD

Harnessing Optimal Mechanisms of Exercise for Cognitive Gains (HOME-Cog). Principal Investigators: Joyce Gomes-Osman, PT, PhD, and Eric Porges, PhD

The Trustees of the McKnight Brain Research Foundation (MBRF) discussed the above subject proposals submitted through the Inter-Institutional Cognitive Aging and Memory Interventional Core at the Trustees' meeting on February 26, 2021.

In recognition of the importance of the Inter-Institutional Cognitive Aging and Memory Interventional Core and its complementary value to the inter-institutional collaboration, the Trustees have approved a block grant in support of these three proposals.

The submitted budgets have been approved for each of the three awards. Payment from the MBRF will not exceed the submitted and approved amounts. Payment will be over a two-year period. The grant is not intended to provide sustaining support following the conclusion of the grant awards. The funding will be available beginning May 1, 2021, with the requirement of submission of an annual report at the end of each grant year.

For the funds to be dispersed by the MBRF, it will be necessary for the collaborating Principal Investigators at each institution to notify the corporate trustee of the MBRF regarding who has the authority to submit invoices. Invoices should be submitted quarterly to the corporate trustee, noting the title of the pilot grant.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I express appreciation to each of you for your efforts in advancing the collaborative research in age-related cognitive decline and memory loss through the McKnight Brain Institutes.