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Inter-Institutional Cognitive Aging and Memory Interventional Core

Dear Dr. Lazar and Dr. Levin,

The Trustees of the McKnight Brain Research Foundation (MBRF) have reviewed the 2023 pilot grant applications submitted through the Inter-Institutional Cognitive Aging and Memory Interventional (CAMI) Core in February 2023. They appreciate the effort you made to develop a thoughtful and rigorous review process and were impressed by the quality and the number of applications from both junior and senior investigators.

It is recognized that no pilot grants were awarded last year, and, therefore, the Trustees have chosen to make three awards this cycle. Furthermore, the Trustees are keen to re-energize this important initiative under the Inter-Institutional CAMI Core. I am therefore pleased to share that, in recognition of the importance of inter-institutional collaboration and based on the strengths of the proposals and their potential for advancing the field of cognitive aging, the Trustees have approved a block grant in support of the three projects listed below:

Dr. Sonya Kaur (PI): "Feasibility of a Timed Bright Light Exposure Therapy to Improve Circadian Function"

Dr. Farah Lubin (PI): "Ketogenic Diet Improvement of Age-Related Memory Impairments, Nominates Cell-type Specific O-GlcNAc Deficiencies in the Aged Hippocampus"

Dr. Joseph Signorile (PI): "Cued High-Speed Multidirectional Yoga: Impact on Retinal Microvascular and Cognitive Measures"

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, 2023, with the requirement of submission of an annual report at the end of each grant year.

For the funds to be disbursed 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.

Congratulations to the recipients of this year's Pilot Grant Awards! We look forward to seeing the result of their research and the impact it will have on the field of cognitive aging. We express appreciation to you for your efforts in advancing the collaborative research in age-related cognitive decline and memory loss through the CAMI Core's Pilot Grants program.

Sincerely,

Angelika Schlanger

Angelika Schlanger | Executive Director, MBRF

CC: MBRF Trustees; Dr. Sonya Kaur; Dr. Farah Lubin; Dr. Joseph Signorile

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