



2012 J. Christian Gillin, M.D. Research Grant Program Application Requirements/Criteria and Information

Dr. Gillin's legacy was in neuropharmacology and sleep and chronobiology as he was one of the most influential researchers in the nexus of psychiatry and sleep. In psychiatry, sleep and chronobiology circles throughout the world he enjoyed respect and admiration as he personified the very best in human nature. A fundamental dignity, humanity, and positive approach to life coupled with Dr. Gillin's scientific curiosity made him an admired role model for colleagues and students. He taught many and enriched everyone who crossed his path. Dr. Gillin was a Professor of Psychiatry at the University of California, San Diego from 1982 to 2003, and a past-president of SRS. Dr. Gillin succumbed to esophageal cancer on September 13, 2003.

The SRSF J. Christian Gillin, M.D. Research Grant is intended to support beginning investigators in sleep research for the purpose of gathering pilot data to be used for future grant applications. **The grant is intended for junior faculty investigators who do not already have substantial independent research funding.** These one-year grants will be funded up to \$20,000. Grants will be awarded based on evaluated scientific merit and SRSF programmatic priorities.

Requirements for Applicants

1. The applicant must have a doctoral degree (Ph.D., M.D. or D.O.).
2. The applicant's current faculty appointment must be instructor, assistant professor, or the equivalent.
3. The applicant must be a full member of the SRS at the time of application.
4. The applicant must not have served more than five years at the assistant professor level.
5. The applicant has not previously received an SRSF J. Christian Gillin Award.
6. There must be only one Principal Investigator per proposal.
7. Indirect costs should not be covered by the grant

The Gillin award is intended for junior faculty. At most institutions, junior faculty would be at the Assistant Professor level, but at some institutions, such faculty may hold a position as an Instructor.

Application

Applications must be submitted in English. Applying for the award involves submitting the five items via e-mail in a single attached WORD or PDF document. Applications that do not adhere to the following guidelines will be judged non-responsive and not reviewed.

1. A one-page cover letter that details the following information: 1) how the applicant independently conceived the proposed work, 2) how the work proposed pursues questions distinct from the work of the applicant's mentor(s) and/or senior collaborators, and 3) how the proposed work will advance the applicant's research career goals.
2. A three or four-page curriculum vitae for the applicant (use NIH form or equivalent).
3. A research proposal that includes: specific aims, background, and experimental plan design (subjects, method, design, and data analysis). The research proposal should be **NO LONGER THAN** five pages, including all references, tables and figures. The research plan must be single-spaced using an 11-point font with ½ inch margins. Appendices and reprints will not be accepted. In addition to the 5 page research proposal, an abstract of no more than 175 words should be provided.
4. A budget and budget justification (one page).
5. A list of applicant's other research support, provided in standard NIH format.

The deadline for the receipt of the proposal is November 30, 2011. All proposals must be submitted via e-mail.

The Foundation encourages a non-binding letter of intent be submitted by **October 17, 2011**, and should include the principal investigator, institution, project title, previous funding received, and a brief biographical sketch.

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