

T&C CHEN CENTER FOR SOCIAL AND DECISION NEUROSCIENCE

Three to four awards from \$50,000 to \$80,000 will be awarded.

Request for Proposals

Seeking exciting research proposals on basic questions about how people make decisions for themselves and when engaging socially with other people. In this funding round, small-scale projects that can produce a tentative insight (suitable for detailed follow-up with other sources of funding) will be preferred.

Evaluation Criteria

Human neuroscience will be preferred. Comparative cross-species research that is especially scientifically informative will also be considered. Research on non-human animal models is unlikely to be funded.

Proposed research should be highly adventurous and exploratory. Path-breaking methods and behavioral paradigms will be preferred. Mature research that is likely to be funded by agencies (NIH, NSF) or foundations will be less competitive.

Priority will be given to research projects that create or strengthen team effort within and across Caltech divisions. A goal of the Chen Institute is to acknowledge and catalyze excitement about neuroscience throughout Caltech. Projects that contribute to this effort will be prioritized.

Proposal deadline: October 1, 2017. Please refer to the Proposal Guidelines for detailed proposal instructions.

Proposal Terms: Grants are for 1-year (with six-month extensions permitted upon application, with justification). Funding \$50,000-\$80,000. Budget can include personnel (graduate RA, postdoc, SURF or other undergraduate), equipment, equipment usage (e.g. fMRI hourly fees) and reasonable travel for dissemination of research findings. No faculty salary will be awarded. Funds permitting, fMRI hours will be matched 1-for-1 by other Center funds. A progress report is required after one year.

Proposal Submission: Send proposal, budget and list of support, as a combined pdf file, to Chen.Inst@caltech.edu. In the body of your email, please identify the RFP to which you are applying. Overview of available RFPs can be found here: www.neuroscience.caltech.edu/grants. There is an IP obligation associated with these grants. For more details about this obligation, please contact Case Cortese casecortese@caltech.edu in the Office of Technology Transfer and Corporate Partnerships.