

TIANQIAO & CHRISSEY CHEN INSTITUTE FOR NEUROSCIENCE
GUIDELINES FOR PROPOSALS FOR RESEARCH GRANTS

Proposal Process:

- Answer the following questions (maximum length: 2 pages):
 - What do you propose to do?
 - How is it innovative and different from “business-as-usual” science in your lab?
 - How does it engage other members from the Caltech community?
 - What is a successful outcome, and what would it allow you to do?
 - What are the risks and pitfalls?
 - To your knowledge, is anything similar being done by colleagues at other universities?
 - Does this research overlap with work in a Chen Center Director’s lab, or involve collaboration with a Chen Center Director? If so, explain.
- Provide a document listing your other support: title of grant, amount of money, and brief one sentence description. (no page limit)
- Include a simple budget outlining how you propose to use the funds.
- Note: DAFs are required by all Divisions.

Proposal deadline: Monday, October 9, 2017, at 5 pm.

Proposal Terms: Grants are for 1-year (with six-month extensions permitted upon request, with justification). Budget can include personnel (graduate RA, postdoc, SURF or other undergraduate), equipment, equipment usage (e.g., fMRI hourly fees), reasonable consumable supplies (e.g., reagents) and reasonable travel for dissemination of research findings. No faculty salary will be awarded. A progress report is required after one year.

Proposal Submission: Send proposal, budget, list of support, and a DAF 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 and additional RFP-specific requirements can be found here: www.neuroscience.caltech.edu/grants. Please note that proposals submitted to RFPs from the Director and the Center for Systems Neuroscience require collaborations between a neuroscience and non-neuroscience/non-biology lab at Caltech, but can be initiated by either lab. **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.