

## **2023-2024 BHI Mock Grant Review Program, sponsored by the Motivational and Affective Neuroscience Working Group**

### **Details for application and review**

The Brain Health Institute (BHI) Motivational & Affective Neuroscience Focus Area Working Group is pleased to announce the 2023-2024 mock grant review program at Rutgers University. The primary objective of this program is to increase the success of grant proposals submitted to NIH by Rutgers investigators connected to BHI.

**Format:** Investigators should submit **Specific Aims** and **Research Strategy** for review, formatted according to NIH style application guidelines. The proposal should be single-spaced and use font/size Arial 11 with 0.5 inch page margins, combined into one PDF document (13 pages for R01 and 7 pages for R21). If you are re-submitting a previously submitted grant, please include the NIH summary statement with your proposal submission, as well as your Introduction to the Resubmission. Investigators should not submit applications that have already received NIH summary statements unless accompanied by proposed revisions. We will observe confidentiality, and only the panel will access your grant information.

**Process:** The Motivational & Affective Neuroscience FAWG has established an internal review panel of 25 senior and/or NIH-funded investigators across Rutgers campuses. All submissions will be reviewed by 2-3 reviewers who will provide specific comments on 1) Significance, 2) Innovation, and 3) Approach using a standardized set of criteria. Following this review, each applicant will be invited to attend a live mock review of his/her proposal. One of the panel members will be able to offer help with the responses and modifications.

**Deadlines:** The first round of internal reviews will be scheduled in order to provide feedback before the February 5, 2024 NIH submission deadline. To have your proposal reviewed:

1. Notify Paul Manowitz ([manowitz@rwjms.rutgers.edu](mailto:manowitz@rwjms.rutgers.edu); with CC to [rarc@bhi.rutgers.edu](mailto:rarc@bhi.rutgers.edu)) of your intention to submit a proposal for review by **Monday, December 4, 2023**. THIS IS REQUIRED SO WE CAN LINE UP REVIEWERS FOR YOUR PROPOSAL.
2. Submit the SINGLE PDF file to Paul Manowitz ([manowitz@rwjms.rutgers.edu](mailto:manowitz@rwjms.rutgers.edu); with CC to [rarc@bhi.rutgers.edu](mailto:rarc@bhi.rutgers.edu)) by **5 PM, Friday, December 22, 2023**.
3. Mock reviews will be held the week of **Monday, January 8, 2024** to allow time for revision prior to submission.

Please contact [rarc@bhi.rutgers.edu](mailto:rarc@bhi.rutgers.edu) with any questions.

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