

## Sontag Foundation Distinguished Scientist Awards--Brain Cancer

**Grantor:** Sontag Foundation

**Closes:** 3/24/2010

**Maximum:** \$600,000.00

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Inspire us. We're looking for early career scientists with the potential to create new waves across the brain cancer field. We're looking for increased survival rates and improved recovery for patients. We're looking for a cure or at the very least, treatments to make brain cancer a manageable chronic disease.

In October 2010, The Sontag Foundation will present up to three Distinguished Scientist Awards to the most outstanding early career scientists with inspiring, potential-laden brain cancer research proposals. Each Award consists of a four-year funding component totaling a maximum of \$600,000.

Application deadline is March 24, 2010.

Prior to contacting us, please read our FAQ.

[http://www.sontagfoundation.org/grant\\_opps/grant\\_opps\\_dsa\\_faq.htm](http://www.sontagfoundation.org/grant_opps/grant_opps_dsa_faq.htm)

### Eligibility Requirements

- \* Applicants must hold a doctoral degree in a biomedical science, medicine, or other health-related field.
- \* At the time of application, applicants must hold their first independent full-time faculty appointment at the level of assistant professor, independent researcher or equivalent position at a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) academic, research or medical institution within the United States or an equivalent institution in Canada. If the institution grants tenure, the qualifying appointment must be on the tenure track.
- \* Applicant's initial faculty appointment must have been made no earlier than March 1, 2007.
- \* Applicant's career track and proposed research should demonstrate potential to generate new knowledge relating to causes, cure or treatment of primary brain tumors/brain cancer.
- \* Research proposal submitted for funding must be a primary focus of applicant.
- \* More than one individual from the same institution may apply for this award.
- \* Reapplications in subsequent years of eligibility will be accepted by invitation only.

### Funding

Up to \$150,000 each of four years—as supported by budget request.

Budgets must be approved in advance; funds will be disbursed to the institution in quarterly payments for up to four years, depending upon evidence of satisfactory progress. Progress reports must be received and approved prior to second, third and fourth year of funding. The Sontag Foundation will allow up to 15% of the award to support institutional overhead.

Funding period will begin on or about October 1, 2010 and end on September 30, 2014.

#### Progress Reporting

Recipients must submit a written progress report by September 1 during each of the first three years of the award. Report should include the following:

- \* Two-page summary of scientific progress to date
- \* Financial report detailing expenditures to date
- \* Itemized budget for the next year of funding
- \* Bibliography listing papers published or in press relating to Sontag project; include copies of published papers and accepted manuscripts
- \* Short (less than one-page) update of research progress to date in layman's terms

Informal progress reports are encouraged, and representatives of the Foundation may make periodic site visits at pre-arranged times.

A final written report with copies of all publications relevant to awardee's research will be required within ninety days of completion of funding cycle. Final fiscal report will also be required at that time.

#### Terms of Award

Acknowledgment of support from The Sontag Foundation must be made when findings from sponsored research are reported or publicly given.

Should the recipient wish to discontinue or substantially change the proposed project, leave the current institution or otherwise modify any terms of the award, he or she must seek approval of The Sontag Foundation in advance.

Four-year support is contingent upon continued evidence of satisfactory progress.

#### Applying for the Award

- \* For information to assist with preparation of your application, review the FAQ. Utilize application checklist as a guide to assure accurate submission of your application.
- \* Full applications must be received in the Foundation office by noon on cut-off date. Facsimiles and e-mail submissions will not be considered. Guidelines found on application checklist must be followed. The original application plus six (6) print copies should be sent to:

The Sontag Foundation  
816 A1A North, Suite 201  
Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32082

- \* E-mail notification will be sent to candidates upon receipt of application packet.

\* Selection procedures are designed to identify scientists who show the most outstanding promise of making fundamental/crucial contributions to new knowledge regarding primary brain tumors. In addition to scientific merit and the theme of the proposed research, consideration will also be given to the individual's past performance and promise as evidenced by the documentation submitted.

\* Applications will be evaluated by an independent Scientific Advisory Committee comprised of established scientists; The Sontag Foundation's internal selection committee will also evaluate applications. Applicants will be notified about the status of their proposals by August 1, 2010.

\* Finalists will be interviewed by a lay subcommittee during a pre-arranged site visit to their research institution.

\* Final selection of up to three applicants will be made by the selection committee and submitted for approval to the Board of Directors of The Sontag Foundation.

\* Number of awards (up to three) will be dependent upon receipt of applications of high scientific merit.

\* Final selection will be announced in October 2010.

**Link:** [http://www.sontagfoundation.org/grant\\_opps/grant\\_opps\\_dsa.htm](http://www.sontagfoundation.org/grant_opps/grant_opps_dsa.htm)

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