

The Kavli Neural Systems Institute is now accepting applications for Kavli Pilot Grants (\$25,000 each)

Deadline for applications: August 15, 2019

Pilot grants of \$25,000 are available through the Kavli Neural Systems Institute (Kavli NSI) on a competitive basis to early-stage projects with high technical or intellectual novelty. Funds must be used for costs directly associated with the pilot project and not for general lab expenses. Kavli NSI pilot grant funds cannot be used for salary support for a current employee, including the applicant or the Head of Laboratory. It is admissible to use these funds for salary paid to consultants or for part-time hourly technical assistance.

The goal of the Kavli NSI Small Grants Program is to stimulate new breakthrough technologies and discoveries, which may in addition catalyze successful grant applications from other sources in the future. Effective applications are those that propose new technologies, new approaches, and new ideas rather than a continuation of existing research currently being conducted by the applicant. An application modeled after a conventional NIH grant is unlikely to be successful. To get an idea of what the Kavli NSI has funded in the past, you can find a list of previous grant recipients [here](#).

A description of the scientific focus and goals of the Kavli NSI can be found at <http://kavli.rockefeller.edu>.

Eligibility

- All scientists in Kavli NSI member laboratories, including graduate students and postdocs, are eligible to apply with the following exceptions:
 - Heads of Laboratory;
 - Current Kavli NSI Fellows; and
 - Those in laboratories that received a Kavli NSI pilot grant in the previous cycle. This means the following labs are not eligible to apply this year: Freiwald, Friedman, Greengard, Hudspeth, Kronauer, Sakmar, Vaziri, Young.
- Previous applicants are eligible to re-apply.
- The laboratory head must be aware of and support the application.

Application Guidelines

- Applicants must use the attached application form.
- Completed application forms must not exceed two pages. No attachments permitted.
- Minimum font size 11 points. Minimum margin size is 0.5 inches.
- Any applications that do not follow this format will be returned to the applicant for readjustment.
- Gray and yellow highlighted text can be deleted when completing the form to minimize impact on word count and two-page limit.
- Completed forms should be sent to Lindsey Cole via email (lcole@rockefeller.edu) no later than **August 15, 2019**.
- The Head of Laboratory must be copied on the submission email to indicate support of your proposed research.

Review Process/Timeline

- All applications will be reviewed by the Kavli NSI Steering Committee and a jury of Heads of Labs drawn from Kavli NSI member laboratories and by the Kavli NSI Steering Committee.
- Because funds are limited, no more than one grant will be awarded per Kavli NSI member laboratory. However, there is no limit to the number of applications each laboratory can submit.
- Applicants will be notified of funding decisions in October 2019.
- Selected grants will be funded with a November 1, 2019 start date. They have no fixed end date, but Kavli NSI leadership anticipates most awardees will complete the work and spend out the funds by December 31, 2020.

Feel free to contact me with any questions.

Regards,
Lindsey