



## CSF Small Grant Request for Proposals

Small grant awards represent a strategic investment by the Chiari and Syringomyelia Foundation (CSF) for the purpose of furthering medical and scientific knowledge in the mechanisms and treatments of Chiari malformations, syringomyelia, and related disorders of cerebrospinal fluid. CSF offers the small grant awards for medical and scientific professionals with advanced degrees (e.g. M.D. and/or Ph.D). For the established investigator award, CSF is particularly interested in mature requests for targeted hypotheses into the mechanisms and treatments of Chiari malformations, syringomyelia and cerebrospinal fluid disorders. It is expected that this award will lead to original discoveries which are ground-breaking, imminently publishable, and ultimately assist the established investigator in securing larger grant awards

### [2012-2013 Awards](#)

#### **CSF Small Grant Award for Established Investigators**

##### **Award Amount**

\$25,000

##### **Purpose**

The Chiari & Syringomyelia Foundation Small Grant Award is meant to assist clinicians and scientists in the clinical investigation or basic science research of Chiari malformations, syringomyelia and related cerebrospinal fluid disorders.

##### **Eligibility**

The award is open to all medical and scientific professionals with advanced degrees (e.g. M.D. and/or Ph.D.) who are at the Associate or Full Professor stage of their career. The awardee must use the award to investigate a targeted hypothesis concerning the mechanisms and/or treatment of Chiari malformations, syringomyelia and related cerebrospinal fluid disorders. The term of the award will be 12 months and the awardee will be expected to present their research at the annual CSF Scientific, Educational and Advisory Board meeting which meets in conjunction with the American Association of Neurological Surgeons annual meetings. Further, any publications or presentations associated with research supported under this small grant award must acknowledge financial support from CSF.

##### **Eligible Expenses**

Budget support of up to \$25,000 is available. Detailed budget justification is required for the application and may include salary support up to \$5,000. The remaining budget must be applied towards equipment and supplies needed to conduct the research. A final account of expenses incurred following completion of the small grant is required. In addition to the budgeted expenses, CSF will extend complimentary American Association of Neurological Surgeons Annual Meeting registration.

## **Application Requirements**

Complete the application requirements listed below:

1. Complete the [application](#) form.
2. Include a detailed description of the grant project, including the question to be addressed, rationale, and research plan. The description should not exceed two pages in length.
3. Include applicant's curriculum vitae.
4. Include personal statement detailing the reasons for pursuing the small grant award and how the award would help the applicant achieve long-term goals thereafter.
5. Include detailed budget plan for the proposed grant expenses and salary justification costs, not to exceed 1 page.
6. Attach any reprints of previous publications by the applicant that are pertinent to the application.
7. Attach a headshot photograph. The purpose of the photograph is only for acknowledgement of awardees on the CSF website.

**2012-2013 Fellowship application deadline is January 31, 2012.**

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