

## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

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### **NEW JERSEY COMMISSION ON SPINAL CORD RESEARCH**

#### **Notice of Availability of Grant Funds**

**Take notice** that, in compliance with N.J.S.A. 52:14-34.4 et seq. (P.L. 1987, c. 7), the Department of Health and Senior Services hereby publishes notice of grant availability of the following grant program:

**Name of grant program:** The New Jersey Commission on Spinal Cord Research, Spinal Cord Injury Techniques Training Travel Grant.

**Grant program number:** 12-SCR7.

**Statutory authority:** The Spinal Cord Research Act, P.L. 1999, c. 201 (approved September 13, 1999), codified in part at N.J.S.A. 52:9E-1 through 10, particularly 52:9E-4 and 5.

**Type of awards to be issued:** Cost reimbursement.

**Purpose for which the grant program funds will be used:** The purpose of the Spinal Cord Injury Techniques Training Travel Grant award is to offer applicants the ability to participate in a spinal cord injury techniques training course located at either Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, or at the National Institute for Neurological Disorders and Stroke sponsored Spinal Cord Injury Research Training Program held at the Ohio State University.

Spinal cord injury techniques training course information: Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey offers a Spinal Cord Injury Research Methods Workshop through the W. M. Keck Center for Collaborative Neuroscience. Scientists and trainees entering the field can participate in an intensive three-day workshop on spinal cord injury research methods to include lectures, demonstrations and hands-on experience in all facets of spinal cord injury research. Three workshops will be offered during 2012. The Ohio State University Spinal Cord Injury Research Training Program is designed for scientists and trainees entering the field who desire in-depth and hands-on training from experts in spinal cord injury research methods. The curriculum will emphasize proficiency in technical skills and understanding of historical background and current spinal cord injury research approaches. The three-week training program is offered during July 2012.

**Amount of funds in the grant program:** In order to encourage more spinal cord injury research in the State of New Jersey, and facilitate the most rigorous science possible, the New Jersey Commission on Spinal Cord Research (NJCSCR) is offering a one-time per applicant non-renewable award of up to \$2,999. Each funding award will be contingent upon the availability of funds.

All applicants to this grant program must first apply to the NJCSCR by December 8, 2011 for consideration of funding to attend either training program. The NJCSCR will make a decision to award funding by February 28, 2012. The NJCSCR will issue a letter of commitment to the successful applicant's institution to provide an award of up to \$2,999 in support of his or her attendance at either training program.

Applicants must also apply separately to either training program via the internet. For Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey at <http://keck.rutgers.edu/main>, or to the Ohio State University at <http://sci.osu.edu/> and include a copy of their NJCSCR letter of funding commitment with their application. There is no guarantee of acceptance into either training program. There is no relationship between the NJCSCR and either Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, or the Ohio State University.

If the NJCSCR grantee is accepted into either training program, he or she must immediately send notice of acceptance to the NJCSCR office in order to initiate payment to his or her institution. It is the responsibility of the New Jersey institution to make payment in full on behalf of the NJCSCR grantee.

If the NJCSCR grantee is not accepted into a training program, it is the responsibility of the applicant to notify the NJCSCR office of this outcome.

Successful grantees are responsible for making all necessary travel and course participation arrangements and payments. Upon completion of the training program, the applicant must submit a copy of the Certification of Completion to the NJCSCR office in order to fulfill the requirements of this award. Reimbursements will be made to those who provide proof of course completion and expense receipts.

Further information on the deadlines for application to either training program can be found via the internet at Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey <http://keck.rutgers.edu> or for the Ohio State University program at <http://sci.osu.edu/>.

The NJCSCR reserves the right to distribute funds among the grants in this program 12-SCR7, as well as among the NJCSCR's other grant programs 12-SCR1, 12-SCR3 and 12-SCR6. The NJCSCR reserves the right not to fund any grant in this

program 12-SCR7 to the maximum amount, or not to fund any grant in this program at all. Up to \$6,000,000 will be made available for all programs (12-SCR1, 12-SCR3, 12-SCR6, 12-SCR7).

**Applicants must comply with the following to qualify for a grant:**

1. Terms and Conditions for the Administration of Grants;
2. General and specific Grant Compliance requirements issued by the granting agency; and
3. Applicable Federal Cost Principles relating to the applicant.

**Groups or entities that may apply for the grant program:** All qualifying institutions in the State of New Jersey may apply for a Spinal Cord Injury Techniques Training Travel Grant under this program. A qualifying research institution is defined as any academic institution, research organization, public or private institution or other entity, located in the State of New Jersey, with a demonstrated capability to conduct grant funded research, and specifically approved by the vote of the Commission, but in no case can an individual be a qualifying research institution.

**Qualifications needed by applicant to be considered for a grant:** Applicant must be affiliated with a New Jersey State academic institution, research organization, public or private agency or other entity with demonstrated capability to conduct research responsibly. Unaffiliated individuals will not be funded. Individuals of any nationality or citizenship status may apply provided they are employed by or affiliated with a qualifying research institution.

**Application procedures:** Application forms are available for review at the website at [www.sage.nj.gov](http://www.sage.nj.gov). Completed applications must be submitted electronically through the website at [www.sage.nj.gov](http://www.sage.nj.gov).

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**Deadline by which applications must be submitted:** December 8, 2011.

**Date by which applicants shall be notified whether they will receive funds:**  
February 28, 2012.