

Dear users of the Behavioral Core:

We are delighted to announce that our Core was awarded \$25,000 for the 2017 Award Period through the Core Coins Program funded by the SOM Research Council. This program aims at accelerating investigation and discovery within the SOM research community.

The funding awarded to the Behavioral Core is intended to assist with comprehensive neurobehavioral phenotyping of animal models from early stage or new investigators with minimal or no experience in behavioral studies, development of specific behavioral assays currently unavailable in the core, or providing a full service of sophisticated and time-consuming behavioral tests.

We will be providing funding of up to \$3,000 per successful applicant. To apply, please provide a one page description of your research project and how the award would benefit your research program. Please include details such as the number of animals and type of testing that will be done, as well as the estimated cost of testing.

A committee comprising of Dr. Mikhail V. Pletnikov (Director, mpletni@jhmi.edu), Dr. Chantelle Terrillion (Manager, cterril1@jhmi.edu), and Dr. Timothy H. Moran (Vice-Chair, Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences) will review all submissions and identify the projects for funding.

The following criteria will be used for selection:

1. Early stage or new investigator based on the NIH criteria
2. New investigator to the core
3. Novelty of the project
4. Investigator without prior experience in behavioral phenotyping
5. Pilot result are needed for grant applications
6. Development of new tests
7. Full service for the behavior tests requiring long-term time and funding commitment

Please submit applications to Chantelle Terrillion (cterril1@jhmi.edu) by November 1, 2017. Awards will be announced by November 15, 2017.

We look forward to receiving your applications