

# The Ruth K. Broad Biomedical Research Foundation, Inc.

A Duke University Support Corporation

## Request for Proposals: Broad Research Award for Graduate Students

Application Due: February 1, 2024

Next Award Period: July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025

The Ruth K. Broad Foundation offers a prestigious opportunity for a year-long named graduate student award supporting a student conducting high priority, high potential, basic or translational research in neuroscience. The award covers the normal graduate student stipend, fringe benefits including health insurance, and tuition remission as defined by Duke University's Tuition Remission – Average Rate Basis (ARB) policy for PhD student research assistants. The Foundation does not allow indirect costs for this award.

Applications will be evaluated on the quality of the science and the applicant. **Potential for the proposed research to advance the understanding of neurodegenerative disorders and a relationship to Alzheimer's disease is a strength, but not a requirement.**

Students applying for funding will preferably be in their second or third year of study at the time of the application. The award is for a one-year period and requires a research report presentation at the Broad Foundation's annual Board of Directors meeting in the spring of 2025 and a final written report at the end of the project. International graduate students are eligible for this award and are encouraged to apply.

To apply please submit:

1. Completed Broad Research Award for Graduate Students Budget and Application Sheet.
2. A one-page proposal:
  - a. Include your name and the project title on the proposal page.
  - b. Describe the research work to be done, and how it is related to the underlying biology of nervous system function in health and/or disease.
  - c. If applicable, describe the potential for this project to advance the understanding of Alzheimer's disease or other neurodegenerative diseases.
  - d. If you are eligible for but have not received NRSA funding, please explain.
3. Curriculum Vitae or, if available, an NIH format biosketch, including pending applications or funding.
4. A letter of recommendation from the faculty advisor. Please indicate in this letter the applicant's year of study.

Please submit applications ELECTRONICALLY as a single .pdf file with pages in the order specified above to [RuthKBroadFoundation@mc.duke.edu](mailto:RuthKBroadFoundation@mc.duke.edu) no later than **February 1, 2024**. If you do not receive an acknowledgement of your email within three business days, please contact Cathleen Durgin at [cathleen.durgin@duke.edu](mailto:cathleen.durgin@duke.edu).

The ***Ruth K. Broad Biomedical Research Foundation, Inc.*** is a support corporation of Duke University. The Foundation funds research in the neurosciences with a specific focus on projects that advance the knowledge, prevention, or treatment of neurodegenerative diseases.

<https://sites.duke.edu/broadfoundation/>

## Broad Research Award for Graduate Students Application Budget and Application Form

Broad Research Award for PhD Graduate Students		
Applicant name:		
Mailing Address:		
City:	State:	Zip Code:
Email address:	Phone number (    )	
Current year of study (as of 7/1/23):		
Department:		
Research project title:		
Advisor:		
Stipend: \$	Fringe: \$	
Tuition Remission: \$		
Fees: \$	TOTAL: \$	
(The Foundation does not allow indirect costs for this award.)		
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Please submit proposal electronically to Cathleen Durgin at: <a href="mailto:ruthkbroadfoundation@mc.duke.edu" style="color: blue; text-decoration: underline;">ruthkbroadfoundation@mc.duke.edu</a>		

Attach the following materials to this page:

1. A one-page proposal of the research work to be done, and how it is related to the underlying biology of nervous system function in health and/or disease. Include your name and the project title on the proposal page. If you are eligible for but have not received NRSA funding, please explain.
2. Curriculum Vitae or, if available, an NIH format biosketch, including pending applications or funding.
3. A letter of recommendation from the faculty advisor. Please indicate in this letter the applicant's year of study.