

MBBI Spring 25 call for New Connections, New Perspectives Grant Proposals

The Robert H.N. Ho Mind, Brain, and Behavior Initiative (MBBI) invites applications for the MBBI New Connections, New Perspectives Grant. The award supports faculty members from any department, program, or division researching topics related to mind, brain, and behavior (see [our guidance document on what sorts of projects might be a good fit for MBBI funding](#) and [a list of the projects we've granted funding to in the past](#)). The grant is designed to allow Colgate researchers to enhance their work by developing new connections with researchers outside of Colgate¹ and, in doing so, to gain new perspectives and master new methods. We envision that the Colgate researcher will achieve this by spending an extended period of research leave working in another researcher's lab, being part of a research group, collaborating at an archive, or having some other extended, interactive scholarly experience. We expect that the Colgate researcher will share their new knowledge with Colgate colleagues upon their return, both informally and through at least one public talk or event. We envision *an extended period of research* to, in most cases, be approximately a semester (at least multiple months) in length.

What does an MBBI New Connections, New Perspectives Grant Support?

This grant supports travel, housing, and research expenses up to \$25,000, with a maximum of \$10,000 of that covering research expenses. This grant does not award SLA credits and is intended for faculty who will already be on research leave during a semester or for faculty available to devote a summer to the project.

This call is for projects that will take place in Summer 2025, Fall 2025, and Spring 2026.

How does one apply for an MBBI New Connections, New Perspectives Grant?

The deadline for proposals is Friday, January 24th, 2025. Please email proposals to Ben Lennertz (blennertz@colgate.edu) with the subject heading "MBBI New Connections, New Perspectives Proposal." Attach to that email a document with the following components:

- Project title, name of applicant, and proposed semester/term
- Two-to-three page description of the project, including a short section on each of the following:
 - the connection to mind, brain, and behavior (again, see [guidance document](#))
 - how the project will allow the researcher to achieve a new perspective and/or develop a new research method
 - the expected impact of this new perspective on the work of the researcher and their colleagues upon their return to Colgate
 - any expected outcomes, examples of which include, but are not limited to, publishing in a journal, presenting at a conference, serving as pilot data for a grant, and/or contributing to public scholarship
- An expression of interest from a host researcher

¹ The host researcher need not be a complete stranger, but we expect that it will be someone that the Colgate researcher has not previously worked with extensively on projects related to the one proposed for this grant.

- CV or resume of the applicant and the host researcher
- Proposed budget (of up to \$25,000) that clearly indicates expenses for travel, housing, and research (with up to \$10,00 for research expenses) [[budget form](#)]

What is the selection process for the MBBI New Connections, New Perspectives Grant?

Proposals will be evaluated by the Mind, Brain, and Behavior Initiative Advisory Committee using the following criteria: (i) the prospect for the researcher to gain new perspectives and master new methods (thus, longer experiences are preferred), (ii) the likelihood that those new perspectives and methods will influence the researcher's own and the Colgate community's research in the future, (iii) the feasibility of the project, and (iv) the strength of the connection to mind, brain, and behavior (projects that study connections between mind, brain, and behavior are especially encouraged). We hope to offer, on average, two or three grants per year.

Please reach out to Ben Lennertz (blennertz@colgate.edu) or [any member of the MBBI executive advisory committee](#) if you have questions.