Discovery Research Grants Request for Applications Cycle 4

September 2025

PERTINENT DATES	
RFA released	September 10, 2025
Webinar for applicants	October 8, 2025
Letters of Intent (LOIs) due	November 21, 2025
Full proposal invitations	December 19, 2025
Full proposals due	February 20, 2026
Scientific and strategic evaluation	March to June 2026
Awardees notified	July 2026
Grants awarded	August 2026

Executive Summary

We invite you to apply for a Breakthrough Discoveries for thriving with Bipolar Disorder (BD²) Discovery Research grant. This program supports an innovative and collaborative group of researchers working together to improve our understanding of the biological mechanisms that underlie bipolar disorder. BD² will fund teams of multidisciplinary scientists to develop targeted and groundbreaking research applications that examine the genetic, molecular, cellular, circuit, and/or behavioral mechanisms of bipolar disorder. BD² plans to award up to $1.5 million USD per year for three years (up to a total of $4.5 million) to identified teams of three to five scientists, with an intended opportunity for continued funding up to an additional two years based on strong commitment, productivity, and promise. Apply here today.

Background

Bipolar disorder is a highly complex and heterogeneous disorder that is often debilitating. Even though it is prevalent in about 3% of individuals worldwide, little is known about its underlying biology. Current understanding and treatment of bipolar disorder remain far from ensuring that everyone living with it can manage their condition and lead independent, fulfilling lives.

BD[2] is the first organization focused on funding and advancing research and care for bipolar disorder on a global scale. Our collaborative, open-science approach is intentionally designed to transform and shorten the time it takes for scientific breakthroughs to make a meaningful difference in the lives of the tens of millions of people with bipolar disorder. For too long, there have been limited advances in the study and treatment of bipolar disorder due to a lack of collaboration and funding. It's time for a new approach.

The BD[2] Discovery Research program aims to delineate the etiology and biological mechanisms of bipolar disorder, allowing the development of effective interventions. We are making this a reality by funding multidisciplinary teams of scientists and clinicians who generate new hypotheses and drive innovation in the exploration of causal mechanisms of bipolar disorder with an eye toward novel treatments.

The Opportunity

Throughout the decades of bipolar disorder research, it has become clear that research strategies must shift drastically to ensure faster and more significant discoveries. Philanthropic support has presented a once-in-a-generation opportunity to develop a unique mechanism to bring the most capable and innovative minds together to explore one of the most complex mental disorders.

Teams of three to five scientists may apply to receive up to $1.5 million per year for three years, totaling up to $4.5 million per award. Teams must submit a 2-page letter of intent (LOI) outlining the causal mechanistic hypothesis, goals, general aims, scientific strategies, and methodologies they will employ. This LOI must have a scientific scope that is impactful and will significantly contribute to our understanding of the causal mechanisms of bipolar disorder.

Selected teams will then be invited to develop a 5-page application that describes the scientific scope, technical strategies, team capabilities, a comprehensive budget, organizational commitments, and other details. Funded teams will be expected to share resources, data, and progress with other teams in the network throughout the funding period. Teams will also have the opportunity to develop new partnerships with other teams within the network and the potential to access additional collaborative grants. We intend to continue funding an additional two years beyond the original three-year grant period for teams exhibiting strong productivity and promise.

A Focus on Mechanisms of Bipolar Disorder

We seek multidisciplinary teams of researchers from across the world to pool ideas and work together across expertise to explore the fundamental mechanisms of bipolar disorder. Successful teams will present a diversity of techniques, methodologies, and expertise that focus on a central causal mechanistic hypothesis that gives rise to the etiology of bipolar disorder. Applications that utilize any of multiple approaches, such as animal models, biochemical techniques, cell models (including human iPSCs and brain organoids), and human investigation (including brain imaging and circuit analyses), will be considered. A gender and racial diversity of

subjects and samples reflective of the general population will strengthen an application. Applications focused primarily on the clinical efficacy of a treatment or intervention, especially recruitment of participants into new or existing trials or administrative or infrastructure support for clinical trials, are not within the scope of this program and should not be submitted for consideration.

Though this RFA represents a general call for applications across broad areas of inquiry, for this funding cycle we are especially encouraging applications that address the following:

- Cellular and molecular mechanisms of mood-state switching;
- Biological mechanisms by which manic or depressive episodes are induced by external risk factors, such as pregnancy, childbirth, substance use, or seasonal changes; or
- Using experimental pharmacology to test causality of a molecular or circuit-level mechanism underlying mood-state switching.

Sex as a biological variable should be considered in all applications. Studies limited to animal models without a human component or phenomenological human studies that lack a mechanistic hypothesis and readout, will not be prioritized.

Funded teams should champion team science, open science, and innovative thinking. We encourage applications from teams that are diverse in perspective, expertise, gender, race, ethnicity, institution, and career stage. We are building a vibrant community of funded investigators who use ambitious and creative strategies to test causal mechanisms and hypotheses to better understand the etiology, temporal dynamics, and heterogeneity of bipolar disorder.

Co-Developing the Scientific Scope

Researchers will apply as a team of three to five interdisciplinary experts representing different disciplines or experimental approaches, all of whom should be interested in addressing the underlying mechanisms of bipolar disorder. All applications should outline specific aims in their LOIs and, if selected, full applications so that the scientific leadership and BD^2 program staff may identify where potential synergies or alignment across applications is advantageous. The most promising applications may be encouraged to modify their aims to ensure that all grants funded throughout the portfolio are coordinated and provide the highest likelihood of scientific breakthroughs in our understanding of bipolar disorder mechanisms. Grant applications will be evaluated on an aim-by-aim basis. Applications may be selected for partial funding based on the promise of an application's individual aims.

Commitment to Open Science

Open science is a key governing philosophy of BD^2, as it will allow for rapid and efficient sharing of new knowledge, catalyzing novel hypotheses to test. Funded investigators will be expected to adhere to BD^2's Open Science Policy; *teams and their affiliated institutions should review this policy prior to submission to ensure ability to adhere to the policy should their research receive funding*. The policy includes requisite submission of preprints, publication of all protocols and datasets to open access repositories, and the use of an open access format for all publications.

Eligibility

Applications will only be considered from teams who meet all eligibility criteria below:

Institutional Eligibility

- Each applicant organization must be a non-profit academic or research institution, including domestic and non-U.S. non-profit organizations, domestic and non-U.S. public/private academic universities, or institutions of higher learning (including colleges, universities, medical schools, and other related academic research organizations). Certain governmental agencies with active biomedical research programs may also apply.

- The Lead PI must be affiliated with the institution submitting the application. If the Lead PI's institution is selected for funding, grant funds will be awarded to that institution, which will take responsibility for distributing funds as subawards to any institutions with which other members of the collaboration are affiliated.

Leadership Eligibility

- Each team must consist of three (3) to five (5) PIs, with one identified as the Lead PI and the rest as co-PIs. Each PI must hold a doctorate (e.g., Ph.D., M.D.) or related research doctorate degree and be affiliated with an institution eligible to hold funds. Each PI is expected to lead a component or subproject within the overall team proposal. PIs can be recruited from existing or previous collaborations, or from new collaborations. PIs from groups that are underrepresented in science are encouraged (see here).

- One PI within each team must be identified as the Lead PI. The Lead PI is responsible for the scientific and technical direction of the proposed research project, contractual and financial obligations, and other organizational assurances and certifications. The Lead PI will submit the application and be the primary point of contact between the research team and the BD[2] team during the application and evaluation process, as well as during post-award progress reporting and other matters throughout the entirety of the grant period, if applicable.

- There is no minimum or maximum number of institutions required to be represented within each team. All PIs may be from the same institution, all from different institutions, or a mix thereof, though the interdisciplinarity of the PIs will be strongly considered as a priority.

- Regardless of the size of the team, there must be at least one PI who is considered an early career researcher (ECR). BD[2] uses a similar definition as the NIH, defining ECR as a PI who currently holds a fully independent faculty position or equivalent and completed their terminal research degree or post-graduate clinical training in the last 10 calendar years (i.e., 2015 or more recent). For example, a postdoctoral fellow would not be eligible to be a co- or lead PI. The lead PI may be an ECR.

- All PIs must allocate a minimum of 15% of their full time effort (FTE) to the proposed project.

- Regardless of the size of the team, there must be at least two scientific disciplines (i.e., experimental approaches) or areas of expertise represented on the team.

- Individual PIs may be on multiple grant applications but may only serve as the Lead PI on a single application, while being cognizant about the minimum effort required for each grant.

Additional Personnel Requirements

- All key personnel, such as collaborators and consultants, must be named in the application.
- Each funded team must budget for a project manager (PM) at a minimum of 50% FTE on the BD^2 project.
    - o The PM must be identified and appointed within six months of award and can be a new hire or someone recruited to the project from within a funded institution.
    - o The PM salary will be supported by the BD^2 Discovery Grant, and the salary level will be determined by the applicant and listed on the Budget Sheet of the full proposal.
    - o It is strongly recommended that the PM:
        - – Is from the same institution as the Lead PI, though they may be affiliated with a co-PI's institution;
        - – Is principally managed by the Lead PI; and
        - – Has a strong scientific background and a PhD or equivalent degree in a relevant field. A minimum of 50% FTE on the BD^2 project must be allocated by the PM, which may include scientific contributions as an active member of the research team.
    - o The PM is expected to manage administrative responsibilities and optimize scientific interactions across the network. The PM may optionally also contribute scientifically to the project as an active member of the research team. Minimum responsibilities of the PM include:
        - – Liaising between the labs within their team, the BD^2 Program Team, and other funded teams;
        - – Attending monthly meetings with the BD^2 Program Team;
        - – Managing data processing and upload requirements for all labs on their team;
        - – Leading and organizing monthly affinity group meetings, described in the "Evaluation and Monitoring" section;
        - – Ensuring compliance with the [BD^2 Open Science Policy](#);
        - – Communicating challenges and feedback to the BD^2 Program Team; and
        - – Managing progress reporting requirements.
- The BD^2 Program Team will provide additional details regarding the PM role during grant onboarding and request follow-up from the Lead PI by the six-month deadline to ascertain the name and contact information of the PM.

Ineligibility

The following types of applications are not within the scope of this grant opportunity:

- Longitudinal cohort studies, defined as studies tracking human subjects over time;

- Applications that primarily seek to develop new interventional strategies;
- Applications that rely on a single research methodology; or
- Applications that focus on clinical trials, especially recruitment of participants into new or existing trials, or administrative or infrastructure support for new or existing clinical trials.

The Application

An LOI must first be submitted for consideration. LOIs will be reviewed by the Scientific Steering Committee and BD[2] leadership. The top ranked LOIs that meet the scientific scope of this funding opportunity will receive a full proposal invitation. LOIs and full applications will be submitted via BD[2]'s SurveyMonkey Apply portal. All Lead PIs must create an account to access the portal and submit applications. Apply [here](#).

Letter of Intent

The LOI is a 2-page document that outlines proposed scientific goals, hypotheses, general aims, and methodologies. One LOI is required per team of three to five PIs. All LOIs shall be submitted via the SurveyMonkey Apply online grant portal. LOIs are due November 21, 2025 at 11:59 PM PT. An LOI shall be submitted by the Lead PI on behalf of their team.

LOI Content
The LOI must include the following information:

- **Hypothesis:** Describe the overarching hypothesis addressing a biological mechanism that is causal to a feature of bipolar disorder.
- **Study Aims:** Describe the study's scientific aims, including scientific goals, strategies, and methodologies for each aim. Each aim must also include a broad estimate of the budget.
- **PI Roster:** List of the co-PIs and brief description of their expertise. Clearly identify the Lead PI and Early Career Researcher(s).
- **Unique role in existing BD[2] initiatives:** Outline how your project might play a unique role in providing resources, expertise, or fill a missing niche within the currently funded BD[2] initiatives. This includes the currently funded Discovery Grants, the Genetics Platform, the Brain Omics Platform, and the Integrated Network, details for which can be found on the [BD[2] website](#).

LOI Format
- The LOI shall not exceed two (2) pages. Each page should be the standard 8.5 x 11-inch format, with 1-inch margins throughout. Applications shall be single-spaced and formatted in Arial 11-point font.
- All figures shall be included in the 2-page maximum.
- Citations need not be included in the 2-page maximum and may be included on a third page as needed.

Full Application

Following BD[2] Program Team and Scientific Steering Committee review, the top LOIs that meet the scientific scope of the funding opportunity will receive a full proposal invitation. Full proposals shall be five pages in length for the scientific portion. One application is required per team of three to five PIs. The full application is due February 20, 2026.

An application shall be submitted by the Lead PI on behalf of their team. The application should convey detailed scientific concepts and hypotheses that will be tested and outline the strategies to do so. See below for specific application content and formatting requirements.

Scientific Rationale (maximum 5 pages)

This document should be clearly organized into the sections below and use the same document format as the LOI (Arial 11-point font, 1-inch margins). Note that, for teams funded under this grant mechanism, this Scientific Rationale will be shared with the BD[2] Network to promote a culture of sharing and to keep the network abreast of the research portfolio.

- **Project title**
- **Lay project summary:** Describe your project to a public, non-scientific audience.
- **Overarching hypothesis:** Describe the overarching hypothesis that addresses a causal mechanism underlying bipolar disorder that is guiding the study.
- **Scientific goals:** Describe the central question the application seeks to address, as well as the proposed platforms (e.g., animal models, cell lines, datasets, and existing patient registries) and methods (e.g., specific assays such as genetic methods, circuitry approaches, pharmacological strategies, or clinical paradigms) that will support examination of the hypotheses. As the goal of this initiative is to make true progress in understanding bipolar disorder, successful applications will have convincing, actionable, and consequential ideas to advance the field beyond what has already been achieved.
- **Specific aims:** Describe the various aims of the study. As aims will be considered for funding on an individual basis, it is strongly recommended that a given aim's success is not fully dependent on a previous aim's results. Include experimental designs, power calculations, and alternative strategies. Preliminary data should be included to demonstrate feasibility and support the proposed hypothesis.
- **Cost estimates per aim:** Provide an estimate of cost to fund the execution of each aim. This estimate should include equipment, personnel, storage, reagents, and overhead. See the budget section below for further detail around items eligible for budget inclusion.
- **Milestones:** Outline the various milestones that each aim will encompass. Milestones shall be organized in six-month increments and be specific, attainable, and measurable. Milestones will be used to assess progress during the award phase.

Any figures must be included within the 5-page limit.

References (maximum 2 pages)

Provide citations supporting the scientific rationale of your proposed project. Include a DOI link for each citation. There is no specific formatting requirement.

Team Description (maximum 2 pages)

- **Roster of PIs:** Provide the name, institution, and expertise of the Lead PI and co-PIs on the team. Clearly identify which PI(s) are an early career researcher (ECR). Any key collaborators, co-Is, or project consultants should also be listed but do not count toward the roster total, which must be between 3 and 5 PIs.
- **Resources:** Provide the catalog of relevant resources available from each PI. Resources include expertise, reagents, equipment, clinical and research cores, existing datasets, and access to biobanks.

- **Collaboration potential:** Provide details of how proposed team members have collaborated in the past, and/or why the proposed team is uniquely poised for a successful collaborative relationship.
- **Collaboration plan:** Outline the strategies that the team will adopt to ensure adequate collaboration among the PIs. This may include frequency of meetings, modes of communication, and data sharing strategies.
- **Open science practices:** Describe how the team would successfully implement the [BD^2 Open Science Policy](#).

Letters of Commitment (maximum 2 pages each)

- **Institutional commitment:** Each application must include Letters of Commitment that demonstrate each institution's commitment to administering the grant according to a written grant agreement to be entered into between the selected organization and BD^2. The letter shall be signed by a department chair or a relevant authorized organizational representative, such as the Dean of Sponsored Research. Applications that have multiple institutions can either have separate Letters of Commitment from each institution or have one Letter of Commitment signed by all relevant authorized institutional representatives from each institution.
- **PI commitment:** Each PI represented in the application shall also provide a letter stating that they are willing and able to commit at least 15% of their time to overseeing and performing the activities of the proposed grant. The letter must also state that each PI is willing and able to commit to executing this project, to communicate regularly with the BD^2 Program Team and the Scientific Steering Committee as needed, and to adhere to the [BD^2 Open Science Policy](#). Applicants can submit separate Letters of Commitment for each PI or have one Letter of Commitment signed by all PIs.

PI Biosketches (maximum 5 pages per PI)

A biosketch of the Lead PI and each co-PI is required and shall not exceed five (5) pages per PI. Use of the [NIH template](#) is preferred, but if any Lead PI or co-PI does not have a biosketch in this template, a CV is sufficient.

Detailed Budget (use template)

Provide a detailed budget in USD, using the template provided in the application portal. Acceptable expenditures shall include salary, fringe benefits, equipment, software, storage, reagents, project-related travel, and up to 15% indirect costs to support institutional infrastructure. Note that Article Processing Charges to publish in an open access format and travel to BD^2-sponsored events will be separately reimbursed by BD^2 and do not need to be budgeted in the proposal.

- The Lead PI's institution shall be proposed as the applicant organization and any other institutions shall be included as sub-grantees, managed by the applicant institution. Each collaborating site must outline their subaward budget to clarify needs for all parties.
- The maximum allowable budget is inclusive of indirect expenses, which may not exceed 15% of the total. For applications including sub-grantee(s), the maximum allowable indirect rate at each grantee and sub-grantee institution remains 15% of the total institutional budget.
- For international applicants, please note grants will be made in USD, and BD^2 is not responsible for changes in conversion rates.
- Use the 2025 [NIH salary cap](#) for guidance when calculating salary and percent effort for personnel. Neither BD^2 nor its parent organization can support salaries above this level.

- Grants selected for funding will be made payable to the Lead PI's institution. Under no circumstances will funding be paid to an individual. Please note that funds will be disbursed on an annual basis to the Lead PI's organization.

Selection Criteria

The BD[2] selection criteria is based on the following characteristics; applications displaying strength and creativity across these domains will have a higher likelihood of success:

- **Scientific merit:** The quality of the scientific rationale and aims and the use of resources, equipment, and experimental designs is sufficient to adequately address a causal mechanism of bipolar disorder. The innovative use of current resources or unique perspectives of examining current dogma is considered a strength.

- **Technical feasibility:** Experimental design is adequately rigorous, and the study is appropriately statistically powered to produce significant findings even in the absence of results that support the study hypothesis.

- **Potential impact:** The success of this proposed scope of work would be significant in understanding the biology and mechanisms of bipolar disorder, bringing meaningful change to the lives of individuals living with bipolar disorder. This includes an application's innovation, or ability to bring new ideas to the field and develop unique avenues to investigate bipolar disorder.

- **Team strength:** The proposed team of three to five PIs reflects a diverse collection of expertise, thinking, affiliation, and demographics, and each institution has a demonstrated ability to adequately support the proposed research. Team composition includes expertise in bipolar disorder and in all proposed technical and subject areas. The Lead PI has demonstrated robust leadership capacity. It is clear the team has been thoughtfully developed, unique advantages of proposed collaboration are clearly communicated in the application, and a concrete plan has been well articulated to support collaborations across the team.

- **Commitment to open science:** Team shows a dedicated commitment to open science. Application exceeds standard methods and approach of sharing data and resources with the research community.

- **Cost realism:** A realistic budget has been provided that adequately supports personnel, equipment, overhead, and other needs to carry out the project.

Review Process

The application review will be a multi-step process and consists of the following:

LOI Review

The LOI will be reviewed by BD[2] leadership, including the Scientific Steering Committee members and Program Team.

- **Eligibility review:** All applications will be assessed to ensure that all eligibility criteria listed in this RFA are met. LOIs are subject to rejection if one or more of these criteria is not met.

- **Scientific review:** Members of the Scientific Steering Committee and the BD[2] Program Team will review each application to assess whether the proposed scientific scope is aligned with this RFA. LOIs are subject to rejection should they fall out of scope, lack scientific quality, or are unlikely to have a strong impact in the field of bipolar.

Full Application Review

The full application will be reviewed by BD^2 leadership, including the Scientific Steering Committee members and Program Team, and a group of external peer reviewers. Applications will undergo a multi-step vetting process, described below:

- **Eligibility review:** Prior to content review, all applications will be assessed again to ensure that all eligibility criteria listed in this RFA are met. Applications are subject to rejection if one or more of these criteria is not met.

- **Peer review:** Applications will be peer reviewed by external scientists against the selection criteria listed above. Peer reviewer comments and rankings will be utilized by BD^2 leadership in the subsequent step of review.

- **Scientific leadership review and integration:** BD^2 leadership will examine all full proposals according to the selection criteria listed above, using the peer reviews as guidance, and rank each application.

- **Scope modification:** The top ranked applicants may be asked to meet with BD^2 Leadership to discuss potential changes to their application prior to funding, to better align with the overall scientific scope of the BD^2 Discovery Research portfolio of projects. A short amendment document may be requested from these teams, subject to approval from the Scientific Steering Committee.

- **Final approval:** BD^2 Leadership will confirm that applications not only meet the scientific scope and rigor, but also fit within the overall vision and strategy of BD^2. Funded projects will receive notice of award upon final approval.

Evaluation and Monitoring

Funded research progress will be monitored by the BD^2 Program Team with input from the Scientific Steering Committee. These actions will ensure that grantees are able to work together among the newly formed teams and partnerships, share data, and conduct their research using best practices and standardized approaches implemented across all funded projects. Funded teams will use a shared virtual platform to streamline communication and resource sharing to improve collaboration potential within the network.

Bi-Annual Updates

Each team will provide progress reports every six months. These reports will include updates on the milestones outlined in the application and descriptions of any challenges faced. The intention of these bi-annual updates is for the funded teams to provide clarity on their research activities with respect to scientific advancements made by the team or setbacks encountered.

Network Engagement

Funded teams will be expected to be active participants in the BD^2 community. This network engagement will include participation in the BD^2 Hub, a virtual community platform, and attendance of affinity group meetings. Affinity groups will be created for members of funded teams who share similar hypotheses (immunology, energy and metabolism, circadian rhythms, etc.), or experimental techniques (genetics, neuroimaging, actigraphy, etc.). These group meetings will allow teams to share progress, successes, and challenges, as well as align methods troubleshoot issues.

Annual Investigator Meetings

On an annual basis, investigators will be convened in person to share progress on work funded by BD² and to further facilitate collaboration across teams. Expenses for attending these meetings will be covered under a separate budget provided by BD².

Grant Terms and Policies

Each funded organization will be required to co-sign and agree in writing to BD²'s grant terms within thirty (30) days from receipt of notice of the award and prior to funds being released. BD²'s grant terms include, but are not limited to, the items below.

Use of Funds

Each team will be applying for a grant that would provide up to $1.5 million per year, for up to three years. Because applications may be partially funded, teams will receive the amount that is sufficient to carry out the aims that are selected for funding.

- **Use of funds:** Funds may be used for scientific and technical personnel, supplies, and standard equipment needs directly related to the successful execution of the proposed scope or work. This also includes travel to relevant conferences and events. However, funds may not be used for laboratory or facility renovations.

- **Carryover funding:** Unused research funds may be carried over to the following year, with approval, and requests for no-cost extensions will be considered.

- **Indirect costs:** Indirect costs are included in the $1.5 million per year award. Up to 15% of the entire grant budget may be slated for indirect costs. Note that awards may be lower than the maximum $1.5 million per year. In such a case, only up to 15% of that specified grant budget may be allocated to indirect costs.

- **Unexpended funds:** Any funds not expended or committed for the purposes of the grant by the conclusion of the grant term must be returned to BD² unless otherwise agreed to by BD² in writing.

- **Supplemental funding:** If a funded organization proposes to supplement any funds provided by BD² with funds provided by a third party, the organization must first provide notice to BD² and must ensure that the funding terms associated with any such third-party funds do not preclude sharing of data or publication or project results as outlined in this RFA.

Open Science Policy

The goal of BD² is to develop a deeper understanding of bipolar disorder to facilitate the development of improved interventions through a collaborative, open, and dynamic network of researchers. Open science is a key value of this initiative and allows research data and resources to be accessible online, and free of cost and other barriers. The BD² Open Science Policy promotes the rapid and free exchange of ideas to accelerate research and enable discovery. This policy can be summarized through five primary components:

1. **Post preprints.**
   Draft manuscripts must be posted in an open access preprint repository no later than the time of article submission to a journal for review.

2. **Ensure immediate open access.**
   Publications in a journal must be immediately freely available online with no embargo period. Grantees are required to retain copyright via CC BY 4.0 or CC0 license for unrestricted reuse.

3. **Share research outputs and inputs.**
   All previously unpublished research outputs (data, code, protocols, and lab materials) that are included in a publication must be deposited in a publicly accessible repository no later than time of publication and cited in the publication with their persistent identifier. All previously published research inputs (data, code, protocols, and lab materials) included in a publication must be unambiguously identified.

4. **Include appropriate acknowledgments and affiliation.**
   BD^2 must be acknowledged with specific language and all BD^2-affiliated authors must share their ORCID in the manuscript.

5. **Share outputs with the BD^2 network.**
   All BD^2-funded Research Outputs arising from BD^2 grants must also be shared within the BD^2 virtual community platform, no later than time of final publication.

Agreement to the Open Science Policy terms by all members of the team and their institutions is a requirement for funding.

Intellectual Property

Intellectual property resulting from, created, developed, conceived, or reduced to practice in whole or in part with funding from BD^2, including all patent, copyright, trademark, trade secret, and other rights therein (Grant IP) is subject to obligations on the recipient organization to:

- Commercialize any Grant IP that has the potential to benefit patients who have bipolar disorder;

- Allow BD^2 or its sublicensee to commercialize any such Grant IP that the grantee is unwilling or unable to commercialize;

- Widely disseminate through publication the results of research funded with grants from BD^2; and

- Grant a research license to BD^2, the primary funders of BD^2, and all of their respective non-profit grantees to use and to practice Grant IP in the field of bipolar disorder.

Funding Awarded at BD^2's Discretion

Responding to this RFA and/or submitting an application does not entitle any individual or institution to receive funding from BD^2. Funding, if any, will be provided at BD^2's sole discretion pursuant to the terms of a written grant agreement executed by BD^2 and the selected grantee organization, the terms of which BD^2 may require to be acknowledged by the PI.

NOTE ON ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE USE

BD^2 understands that artificial intelligence (AI) tools are being used to support authors. The human authors who use these tools are accountable for anything that AI has developed or edited across all application materials for both the LOI and the full application. Applicants and awardees are expected to abide by best practices in research and publishing ethics and must address any questions pertaining to the accuracy or integrity of any of their work. As all applications are considered confidential, BD^2 and its peer reviewers will not analyze any submissions using AI.

Contact Information

An automated email confirmation is generated upon application submission. If you do not receive confirmation within 24 hours of submitting your application, please check spam filters, then contact DiscoveryGrants@BipolarDiscoveries.org.

For inquiries about scientific priorities, eligibility requirements, application submission, as well as general and media inquiries, please contact: DiscoveryGrants@BipolarDiscoveries.org.