

## **CBI Policy for Support of Early Stage Investigators**

The CBI has developed a policy for support of Early Stage Investigators (ESI) from all colleges at MUSC who are interested in using and developing MRI methodology in their research. We define ESI following NIH guidelines. In particular, ESI must have “completed their terminal research degree or end of post-graduate clinical training, whichever date is later, within the past 10 years and...not previously competed successfully as PD/PI for a substantial NIH independent research award.” For further details see:

<https://grants.nih.gov/policy/early-investigators/index.htm>

Recognizing that ESI often have limited financial resources, the CBI will assist these investigators by defraying the costs of scanning for grants from foundations and other organizations with small budgets. Most NIH grants (including all R and P series) are not eligible for this support, but some NIH-sponsored training grants may be considered. For qualified grants, the CBI will provide ESI with a subsidy equal to half the costs of the standard scan rate. For example, if the grant requires a total of 20 scans at \$650/scan for a total of \$13,000, the CBI will provide a subsidy \$325/scan for a total of \$6500, which will be credited as scan charges are incurred. Thus, the net scan charges for the grant proposal would be \$6,500.

ESI must establish their eligibility and request this support well in advance of the submission deadline. If qualified, ESI will be given a memorandum of understanding from the CBI Director detailing this arrangement. This memorandum must be kept as proof that the ESI subsidy has been approved. Those interested in this support should send an email to [cbi@musc.edu](mailto:cbi@musc.edu) and request a meeting to discuss their proposal with the CBI Director.