Background:

In 2013 the Thomas Hartman Foundation for Parkinson’s Research established the Thomas Hartman Center for Parkinson’s Research in the Department of Neurobiology & Behavior.

Parkinson’s disease affects multiple aspects of a patient’s life. In addition to motor impairments, Parkinson’s disease causes cognitive deficits, depression, sleep & respiratory disorders, bladder dysfunction and sensory problems. The purpose of the Center is to support research pertinent to the causes, pathology and treatment of Parkinson’s disease with the ultimate goal of developing novel therapeutic approaches and finding a cure. Accomplishing these goals requires engaging investigators with different backgrounds and approaches to turn their research toward understanding Parkinson’s disease.

Call:

The Center will award 3 types of projects: Pilot, Starter & Emergency Supplement Awards

***PLEASE USE THE OFFICIAL APPLICATION FORM FOR ALL TYPES OF APPLICATIONS***

Award Types:

**PILOT AWARDS** provide a maximum of $50,000 in direct costs per year. These awards can be extended to two years subject to the board’s review of progress and attainment of specific benchmarks within the first year.

**STARTER AWARDS** funding (<=10K) is for a set of reagents, small equipment, or similar lower cost investments that would be of help to generate data for a Pilot application. Again, relevance to Parkinson’s is mandatory and must be addressed in the application.

**EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTS** are small (<=1K) supplemental awards for special circumstances associated with specific patient needs or supplementation of expended budgets for specific reagent or publication costs.

Application for continuance of 2016 Pilot awards are due at the same time as regular applications and should use the same format as new Pilot awards with the addition of a one page Progress Report.

Restrictions and Conditions:

• Applicants for either Pilot Awards or Starter Awards must be full time SBU faculty.
• Only one application will be considered form each Principal Investigator.
• Applications from collaborating groups (with a designated SBU PI) are welcome.
• Funds may not be used for faculty salary, travel expenses, membership fees or journal subscriptions.
• Support for students to attend and present their Parkinson’s related research is capped at $1,000.
• Publication fees will be funded if (and only if) the SBU Hartman Center for Parkinson’s disease is explicitly acknowledged.

(The University takes indirect costs of 15%)

**ALL GRANT RECIPIENTS are required to participate in the Annual Hartman Center Symposium**
With other Hartman Center Awardees, members of the SBU community interested in Parkinson’s disease, members of the Thomas Hartman Foundation and Center, and invited speakers prominent in the field of Parkinson’s disease research.

Application Materials:

An electronic copy (PDF format) of the completed application as per the instructions on the official application form, must be submitted by May, 2017 to Nancy Whelan (Nancy.Whelan@StonyBrook.edu).

Proposals will be reviewed promptly by the Hartman Center Review Board and select proposals will be chosen for oral presentation to the review committee. NOTE: If you are chosen for an oral presentation, this is a required step to be considered a finalist for an award.

Oral presentations (on request) and Final Award decisions will take place in mid-June and funding will commence as soon as possible thereafter.