

# Brain Research Foundation – Fact Sheet

## Brain Research Foundation: At a Glance

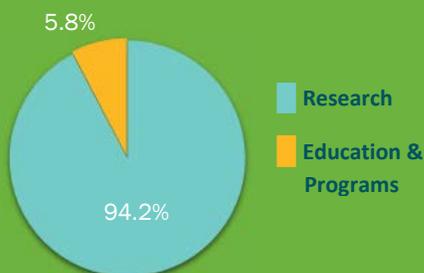
**Year Established:** 1953  
**Headquarters:** Chicago, Illinois  
**Annual Revenues:** \$1.7 million  
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## Vision and Mission

Our vision – To advance neuroscience by funding breakthrough research.

Brain Research Foundation supports neuroscience research that leads to advanced understanding of brain function in children and adults. The foundation is committed to advance discoveries that will lead to novel treatments and prevention of all neurological diseases.

We deliver this commitment through both research grant programs, which provide initial funding for innovative research projects, as well as educational programs for researchers and the general public.



100% of every \$1 donated goes toward funding innovative research and not overhead costs, which are covered through a separate funding source.

## Background

Brain Research Foundation (BRF) is leading the future of brain research. Since 1953, BRF has served as a nonprofit organization dedicated to making a dramatic difference in the lives of children, adolescents and adults devastated by neurological disorders.

BRF believes a broad scope of research is the best way to reach its goal – a thorough understanding of how the human brain functions and how the nervous system develops throughout life. Only with this knowledge will we be able to unravel the mysteries of the brain and discover new treatments and cures for neurological disorders that affect more than 50 million Americans, such as Alzheimer’s, autism, depression, Parkinson’s and schizophrenia.

## How BRF Advances Research

Much like venture capitalists fund start-up companies that have potential to deliver a significant future return on investment, BRF finds and funds the most promising early-stage brain research. Instead of seeking a financial return on funding, the goal of BRF is to build upon the knowledge and understanding of the brain.

BRF Scientific Review Committee represents leading experts in the field of neuroscience and helps direct funds toward visionary scientists at research and educational institutions throughout the United States.



*Of the \$10.2 million BRF has provided in Seed Grant funding, researchers have gone on to secure an additional \$221 million to continue their research.*

## Programs Summary

- **BRF Fay/Frank Seed Grants** provide \$80,000 over a two-year grant period to fund potentially groundbreaking research and provide neuroscientists the foundation to successfully compete for additional large-scale funding. **On average, every dollar BRF has provided to Seed Grant recipients has resulted in more than \$20 in additional funding from other sources.**
- **BRF Scientific Innovations Awards** provide \$150,000 over a two-year grant period to help established and productive neuroscience investigators sustain innovative research projects that have the potential to yield significant breakthroughs and deepen our understanding of the brain.
- **Neuroscience Day** is a unique forum that welcomes world-renowned lecturers and neuroscientists from across the country to present and exchange knowledge on cutting-edge research.
- **Public Education Initiatives** inform the public about issues that affect brain health and raise broad awareness of current trends in neuroscience.