Perceptual and Mental Changes Secondary to Psychedelic Agents
Request for proposal.

$50,000 for pilot study, studying perceptual & mental changes secondary to psychedelic agents.

Overview:

The Trauma Research foundation is interested in supporting research focused on the psychological assessment of how psychedelic agents can change perception, information processing and decision making. Neither self-report, chemical assays, nor neuroimaging can fully capture how an individual’s perceptions and information processing change as a result of one or more psychedelic experiences.

We are thinking of methods such as the Rorschach, or other innovative ways of demonstrating how individuals organize their perceptions and meaning making systems.

The two-page letter of intent for study needs to be submitted to research@traumaresearchfoundation.org and will be judged quarterly for further fine-tuning and elaboration to follow. These initial proposals need to include a clear response to the questions as listed in the Project Description section below.

Project Description: What do you propose to do?

Your submission must include a brief synopsis of the following items, to be completed in a maximum of 2 pages total. Just the facts.

1. Title of the project, what specifically do you plan to study? What is your scientific question? Population to be studied.
2. Location of project, nature of applicant organization. Principal investigator
3. Previous research experience and publications
4. Scientific collaborators and IRBs involved.
5. What measuring tools do you intend to use?
6. Summary of Proposed Methods and Procedures
7. Statistical Analysis capacities
8. Proposed budget and personnel for this pilot project.
9. How do you plan to disseminate the results

Eligibility Criteria:

Applicants must belong to a non-profit academic or research institute, or qualified governmental agency with an active biomedical research program, and access to a process of Internal Review Board (IRB) approval. At the final submission applicants will need to provide documentation of proof of 501c3 status, EIN, and IRS form 990.

Proposed research projects should be led by someone with terminal degree in their field of study and a proven track record in research and scientific publications, or a doctoral student or post-doctoral fellow with demonstrated access to the necessary technical and statical support bring this project to satisfactory conclusion.

Institutions can submit more than one proposal, but each proposal must identify and be led by an unique PI.

Review:

The Trauma Research Foundation will seek independent expert review for each application. Applications will be reviewed based on their scientific and technical merit, team capabilities and competencies, the potential impact of the project, and the realism of the cost.

Consideration of Review:

Proposals received following the guidelines outlined above will be considered and evaluated by our scientific advisory board, at which point the Grants Committee will request more specific details. After the more elaborate proposals have been received, we plan to make the final award announcements.