The goal of the Discovery Theme Initiative in Chronic Brain Injury cost-sharing award program is to offer opportunities to collaboratively invest in top-quality equipment and resources to support innovative research by interdisciplinary teams of investigators. Applications should provide evidence for specific unmet needs shared by multiple investigators affiliated with the Chronic Brain Injury program, and should provide rationale for investment in the desired equipment or resource including the strong probability of success in future funding applications, increased publication quality, opportunities for collaborative projects and increased national reputation.

**ELIGIBILITY**

- Must be **new or existing** equipment and/or resources that address chronic brain injury (stroke, traumatic brain injury, or Alzheimer disease) research.
- All Chronic Brain Injury hires and affiliate faculty at the University must be eligible for use of the desired equipment and/or resources.
- Equipment and/or resources shall not be supported by core grants.
- Applications representing benefit for multiple colleges within the University will be given priority status.

**AWARD SCHEDULE**

- 1 September 2016 RFA
- 15 October 2016 Full Application Due
- 15 December 2016 Funding Decision

**INSTRUCTIONS**

Cost-sharing applications do not need to be routed through the Office of Sponsored Programs (OSP).

A complete application must include:

1. Cover page (use attached form)
2. Detailed budget including budget justification (use attached form)
3. Cost-sharing proposal, limited to **three** pages, must include:
• Equipment and/or resource description
• Project aims of primary investigator
• Rationale for investment
• List of investigators benefitting from investment
• List of entities supporting investment
• Innovation

EVALUATION
• A truncated NIH-style review process will be followed.
• An ad-hoc review committee will meet in between 15 October and 30 November 2016 to review and rank proposals. All applications will undergo review by a committee comprising Chronic Brain Injury executive board members.

NOTIFICATION
• One award will be announced no later than 15 December 2016.
• Funding will not be available until final budgets and documentation of appropriate IRB, animal use approvals, and compliance with all other relevant research study regulations are provided.

FUNDING PERIOD and REPORTING REQUIREMENTS
• Funds are limited to:
  o One-time support for the equipment and/or resource purchase;
  o purchase may include 1-year service contract;
  o salaries and travel are not supported by these funds.
• Awards are capped at $30,000.
• Utilization reports are required and due on 15 July 2017 and 15 January 2018.

DTI CBI REQUIREMENTS
• Awarded applications are expected to:
  o Make equipment available to Chronic Brain Injury hires and affiliate faculty
  o Procure equipment within 3 months of award announcement
  o Leverage equipment and/or resource in applications for extramural grants
  o The PI must detail how the equipment and/or resource will lead to a competitive federal application with full indirect costs within two years of the investment date