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Dear Researcher,

Promoting research into the causes and treatment of obsessive-compulsive disorder (OCD) and related disorders is a top priority of the International OCD Foundation (IOCDF). Since 1994, the IOCDF has awarded over \$4.2 million to researchers through our Research Grant Program. This year, through the incredible generosity of an anonymous donor, we have expanded our program to include larger, multi-year research grants (Breakthrough and Innovator Awards).

We are very pleased to share several exciting grant opportunities that will be available in 2019:

Young Investigator Awards: We will award between three and five Young Investigator Awards of up to \$50,000 each. Young Investigator Awards are disbursed over the course of one year in quarterly installments. These awards are only available to graduate students and researchers with less than five years of research experience following the completion of their terminal degree. Research projects must investigate topics in the field of OCD and related disorders (OCD, including pediatric OCD; PANS/PANDAS; hoarding disorder; or body dysmorphic disorder).

Innovator Awards: We will award two Innovator Awards of up to \$300,000 each. Innovator Awards are three year grants paid in annual installments. Applicants must have at least five years of research experience following the completion of their terminal degree. Eligible research projects must investigate topics in the field of OCD, with a focus on finding a cure for OCD. Note: this may include prevention (i.e., keeping OCD from taking hold), and treatment (i.e., once symptoms begin, can treatment reduce them as close as possible to zero).

Breakthrough Award: We will award one Breakthrough Award of up to \$500,000. The Breakthrough Award is a three year grant paid in annual installments. Applicants must have at least five years of research experience following the completion of their terminal degree. Like the Innovator Award, research projects eligible for the Breakthrough Award must investigate topics in the field of OCD, with a focus on finding a cure.

The IOCDF evaluates all grant applications through a peer-review process. Expert members of our Grant Review Committee will score and offer narrative reviews of all applications that we receive. At the conclusion of the selection process, we will provide each applicant with their narrative reviews, offering a valuable opportunity to incorporate feedback into future grant applications.

We hope that you will consider applying for one of these grants yourself, and will share this opportunity with students and colleagues who may be interested.

Applications for grants will be accepted beginning on January 2, 2019. The deadline for applying will be February 28, 2019. Funding decisions will be made in June 2019, and awardees will receive their first grant installments in September 2019.

For more information, and to apply, please visit ocdresearchgrants.org. Please note that complete application guidelines will be available at this website before the application period opens.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff Szymanski". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jeff" being more prominent than the last name "Szymanski".

Jeff Szymanski, PhD
Executive Director
International OCD Foundation