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Lil' Brave One (Hrabriša) Research Grant 2026 Submission Instructions

1. Submission deadline

Completed applications must be submitted by **30 October 2026, 23:59 CET**.

Applications received after the deadline will not be considered, unless an extension has been announced by Lil' Brave One (Hrabriša).

2. How to submit

Applications should be submitted electronically by email to:

office.hrabrisa@gmail.com

Please use the following subject line:

Lil' Brave One Research Grant 2026 – [Applicant's Last Name]

All application documents should be submitted in PDF format, except where otherwise specified in the application form.

Applicants will receive an email confirmation of receipt. If confirmation is not received within 5 working days, applicants are encouraged to contact Lil' Brave One (Hrabriša) to confirm that the application has been received.

3. Required application documents

The application package must include the following:

A. Research Proposal – maximum 3 pages

The research proposal should be concise and should include, at minimum:

- **Project title**
- **Background and rationale**
 - Brief description of the scientific problem or unmet need
 - Current state of knowledge
 - Rationale for the proposed research
- **Research objectives and/or hypotheses**
- **Methodology**

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- Study design and methods
- Key activities
- Where relevant, description of the study population, samples, data, laboratory methods, or other research resources
- **Expected results and potential impact**
 - Expected scientific contribution
 - Potential relevance to neurotransmitter-related disorders and/or patient outcomes
- **Project timeline**
- **Research environment and relevant collaborations**, where applicable

The 3-page limit applies to the research proposal itself. References may be provided on an additional page if necessary.

B. Budget and Budget Justification

Applicants should provide a clear budget showing how the **EUR 10,000 grant** will be used.

The budget should identify:

- Personnel costs
- General operational costs
- Research-enabling activities
- Data collection and coordination
- Infrastructure and/or research resources
- Direct experimental costs and consumables
- Other relevant eligible costs

Direct experimental costs and consumables may account for a maximum of 50% of the total grant amount (maximum EUR 5,000).

Co-funding is permitted. Where applicable, applicants should indicate:

- the amount and source of co-funding;
- whether the co-funding is confirmed or pending; and
- which project costs will be covered by the co-funding.

A short justification should be provided for each major budget category.



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C. Curriculum Vitae of the Principal Investigator

The CV should be relevant to the proposed project and should preferably include:

- Current position and institution
- Education and relevant qualifications
- Research experience
- Relevant publications
- Previous research funding, where applicable
- Relevant collaborations or expertise

There is no strict page limit for the CV, but applicants are encouraged to keep it concise.

D. Institutional Support Letter

A letter from the institution where the Principal Investigator is employed is required.

The letter should confirm:

- the applicant's current position at the institution;
- the institution's awareness and support of the proposed project;
- that the applicant will be able to conduct the proposed research within the institution; and
- that the institution is able to **accept and administer the grant as a donation** in accordance with its applicable legal, financial, and institutional procedures.

4. Grant administration and donation requirement

The **EUR 10,000 grant will be provided as a donation to an eligible institution**, rather than as a personal payment to the researcher.

Therefore, the host institution must be legally and administratively able to **receive, accept, and administer the grant as a donation** from Lil' Brave One (Hrabriša).

Applicants are responsible for confirming with their institution, before submitting an application, that the institution:

- is eligible to receive a donation from a patient organization;
- has an appropriate mechanism for accepting and administering donated funds;



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- can receive the grant in accordance with applicable national legislation and institutional policies; and
- can provide the necessary documentation for the transfer of funds.

The grant will be transferred to the institution designated in the successful application, subject to completion of any required donation agreement or other administrative documentation.

5. Ethical and regulatory requirements

Where applicable, projects must comply with all relevant ethical, regulatory, and institutional requirements.

Depending on the nature of the proposed research, applicants may be required to obtain appropriate:

- Ethics Committee/Institutional Review Board approval;
- informed consent or other required participant documentation;
- approvals for the use of patient data or biological samples;
- laboratory or institutional approvals; and/or
- other national or institutional regulatory approvals.

Applicants should indicate in the proposal whether such approvals are already in place, pending, or will be sought before the relevant research activities begin.

Obtaining the necessary ethical and regulatory approvals remains the responsibility of the Principal Investigator and the host institution.

6. Project duration and start date

The planned grant start date is **1 January 2027**.

Projects are expected to be completed within **6–12 months**.

An extension may be considered upon written request to Lil' Brave One (Hrabriša), provided that valid reasons are given and the request is submitted before the original project end date.

7. Evaluation and selection process

Eligible applications will be reviewed by a multidisciplinary evaluation committee comprising relevant scientific experts and patient representatives.

Applications will be evaluated according to the following criteria:

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1. **Scientific quality and originality**
2. **Feasibility and clarity of the proposed methodology**
3. **Relevance to neurotransmitter-related disorders**
4. **Potential scientific and/or patient impact**
5. **Appropriateness and justification of the proposed budget**
6. **Qualifications and relevant experience of the research team**

The committee may request clarification or additional information from applicants where necessary.

The decision of the evaluation committee will be final.

8. Notification of applicants

The successful applicant will be notified by email following completion of the evaluation process.

The selected applicant and host institution may be required to provide additional administrative or institutional documentation before the grant can be awarded.

Unsuccessful applicants will also be notified by email.

9. Use of grant funds

Grant funds must be used exclusively for activities and costs described in the approved project budget.

Any substantial change to the approved budget or project scope should be discussed with and approved by Lil' Brave One (Hrabriša) in advance.

The grant may not be used for costs that are unrelated to the approved research project.

10. Reporting requirements

The Principal Investigator will be expected to provide:

- a brief progress update, if requested by Lil' Brave One (Hrabriša); and
- a final scientific report summarizing the activities undertaken, main results, challenges encountered, and potential next steps.

A brief financial statement or expenditure summary may also be requested from the host institution.

Further reporting requirements will be specified in the grant/donation agreement.

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11. Acknowledgement of support

Publications, presentations, posters, abstracts, or other outputs arising from the supported project should acknowledge the support of **Lil' Brave One (Hrabriša) Research Grant 2026**, where appropriate.

The exact wording of the acknowledgement may be agreed with Lil' Brave One (Hrabriša).

12. Questions and further information

Questions regarding eligibility, application requirements, budget, institutional requirements, or the submission process should be sent to:

office.hrabrisa@gmail.com

Applicants are encouraged to contact Lil' Brave One (Hrabriša) sufficiently in advance of the submission deadline if they have questions regarding the eligibility of their proposed project or their institution's ability to receive the grant as a donation.