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This makes me think of The Zoro Center for the Deceptive Mind...

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**From:** Eleana Ricci [REDACTED]  
**Date:** Mon, Sep 16, 2013 at 4:35 PM  
**Subject:** [Scsb-Internal Faculty] REMINDER: Simons Center Call for Applications: 2013 Round 2 - New Postdoctoral Fellowship Rolling Deadline

Dear Colleagues:

The Simons Center for the Social Brain (SCSB) at MIT is pleased to announce its 2013 Round 2 funding opportunities for faculty seed grants and postdoctoral fellowships. The **deadline** for seed grant applications and postdoctoral applications from candidates already at MIT, is **September 30, 2013. Postdoctoral fellowship applications from candidates outside MIT will now be accepted and reviewed on a rolling basis.**

**Mission and goals:**

The mission of the [Simons Center for the Social Brain](#) is to understand the neural mechanisms underlying social cognition and behavior, and to translate this knowledge into better diagnosis and treatment of autism spectrum disorders.

Neural correlates of social cognition and behavior exist in diverse species, and the underlying mechanisms can be studied in both humans and relevant model organisms and systems. We expect that experimental approaches will take advantage of strengths at MIT in genetics and genomics, molecular and cell biology, analyses of neural circuits and systems, cognitive psychology, and engineering.

**Seed grants:**

MIT faculty members with an interest in autism research may apply as the PI on a seed research grant. The project must involve a primary PI and a co-PI from different labs: we seek innovative research projects that are directly relevant to autism and that bridge at least two different MIT labs, or one MIT lab and another at a different Boston-area institution. The expectation is that the seed funds will enable the collection of pilot data on bold new projects,

bringing the work to the point where it can be funded through standard channels after the first year. This mechanism will provide a single year of support, at a maximum level of \$100,000 in direct costs. Successful applicants can apply later for a second year of funding, but the application will be considered in competition with all submitted applications (including new ones).

For information on how to apply, please visit our website at <http://web.mit.edu/scsb/seedgrant.html>.

### **Postdoctoral Fellowships:**

Applications for postdoctoral fellowships (named Simons Postdoctoral Fellowships) are sought from candidates with PhD or MD degrees who aim to conduct research at MIT that is relevant to autism. These prestigious fellowships are open to candidates nation-wide. They are designed to enhance and showcase autism research at MIT and will be awarded to candidates who propose innovative research bridging at least two different labs. While the fellowships are open to candidates currently at MIT, an important goal is to attract outstanding external candidates. MIT faculty members are encouraged to bring these fellowships to the attention of exceptional candidates who wish to come to MIT for postdoctoral training as Simons Fellows. **Fellowship applications from candidates who are currently not at MIT will now be accepted and reviewed on a rolling basis. The deadline for Fellowship applications from candidates who are already at MIT is September 30, 2013.**

The Simons Postdoctoral Fellowships will provide a competitive stipend plus an allowance for health insurance, travel and research-related expenses. The fellowships will be awarded for 2 years, conditional upon satisfactory progress at the end of the first year.

For information on how to apply, please visit our website at <http://web.mit.edu/scsb/pdfellowship.html>.

We look forward to your participation.

Sincerely,



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