



## BRAIN & BEHAVIOR INSTITUTE

### **Descriptions for BBI faculty categories**

The mission of the Brain and Behavior Institute is to leverage existing strengths in neuroscience and its partner disciplines, to promote the development of cutting-edge tools and to advance the translation of basic science by addressing some of today's most pressing issues in nervous system development. Vital to this mission is the creation, maintenance and growth of centralized community of likeminded investigators.

All College Park tenure-track and professional track faculty are invited to join the Brain and Behavior Institute. Three different types of faculty memberships and their expectations are described below. Membership will be reviewed on a rotating basis every five years.

#### **BBI Affiliate Faculty**

Any UMD faculty member interested who is in pursuing research in the brain and/or behavior can become a BBI affiliate. Joining the BBI as Affiliate faculty demonstrates the desire to participate in a centralized community of neuroscientists, engineers, computer scientists, mathematicians, physical scientists, cognitive scientists, and humanities scholars. BBI Affiliates are expected to:

- a. Engage with the BBI, including participation in community events, seminars and the annual seed grant symposium;
- b. Actively contribute to success of the BBI; and
- c. Pursue an active research agenda that is aligned with the goals of the Institute.

#### **BBI Member Faculty**

BBI Members are UMD faculty who receive material support from the BBI, including seed grant funds, assistance with proposal development, technology transfer, equipment or space, and/or those faculty who play a role in BBI administration. BBI Member faculty should meet the expectations listed for Affiliate faculty above and are also expected to:

- a. Host a visiting distinguished speaker once every three years, with financial support from the Institute;
- b. Contribute to the success of the BBI by serving on search, core development, and other committees as needed and commensurate with rank; and
- c. Actively pursue new multi-disciplinary collaborations to expand one's research agenda.

#### **BBI Fellow Faculty**

BBI Fellows are recruited to the University of Maryland with BBI financial support for salary, start-up package, and/or research space. In addition to the expectations for Affiliate and Member faculty listed above, BBI Fellows are expected to:

- a. Attend at BBI career development and grant writing workshops;
- b. Facilitate the inclusion of at least one BBI Affiliate faculty member—preferably from the Fellow's home department—on the faculty Fellow's annual review and promotion and tenure review committees;
- c. Participate in at least one new BBI-related collaborative endeavor every three years.