

Baszucki Group Invites Proposals for Metabolic Psychiatry Scholar Award

Early-career investigators will receive up to \$150,000 each for translational or clinical studies, in addition to mentoring, training, and capacity building

SAN MATEO, Calif., January 28, 2025 — <u>Baszucki Group</u> announces and invites proposals for the Metabolic Psychiatry Scholar Award, a new funding opportunity designed to support and elevate outstanding early-career investigators bridging the fields of metabolism and mental health. This initiative is part of Baszucki Group's <u>Prize Programs</u> and reflects the organization's commitment to transforming mental health outcomes by fostering innovative research, community-building, and advocacy at the intersection of metabolism, psychiatry and neuroscience.

"Metabolic psychiatry has the potential to revolutionize how we understand, treat, and ultimately prevent serious mental illnesses," said Jan Ellison Baszucki, co-founder and President of Baszucki Group. "Through this Award, we hope to catalyze cutting-edge research into ketogenic and other metabolic therapies and mechanisms, and to support the next generation of experts who will translate evidence-based discoveries into real-world impact."

Projects should emphasize:

- Quantitative or qualitative approaches to understanding the use of metabolic
- therapies (such as therapeutic nutritional ketosis) in serious mental illness
- Mechanisms of action for ketogenic and other metabolic therapies in serious mental illness
- Clinical research examining the link between metabolic health and mental health
- Building therapeutic nutritional ketosis and other metabolic approaches into clinical practice, with an emphasis on embedding research in care.

Baszucki Group Metabolic Psychiatry Scholar Award

<u>Funding</u>: Up to four early-career investigators will be awarded up to \$150,000 USD each
for an 18-month period for translational or clinical studies aimed at elucidating the
interplay between metabolic function and psychiatric conditions. Projects must
demonstrate the potential to significantly advance the field of metabolic psychiatry and to
transform lives.

- Mentorship & Networking: Recipients will be paired with mentors from the metabolic psychiatry community and gain access to collaborative networks spanning research and clinical practice.
- <u>Training & Communication Support</u>: Awardees will receive specialized training opportunities, along with assistance in effectively disseminating their findings through scientific publications, presentations, and public engagement.
- <u>Community Building</u>: Baszucki Group will foster connections among awardees to nurture a vibrant community of early-career investigators, ultimately expanding the metabolic psychiatry movement.

For detailed instructions, including eligibility criteria, formatting guidelines, key deadlines, and how to submit a proposal, please visit the <u>Metabolic Psychiatry Scholar Award Request for Proposals portal</u>. Answers to frequently asked questions are provided in the Applicant FAQs section; any additional inquiries may be directed to the Baszucki Group Science Team at info@baszuckigroup.org.

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About Baszucki Group

Launched in 2021 by Roblox founder and Chief Executive Officer David Baszucki and best-selling author Jan Ellison Baszucki, <u>Baszucki Group</u> leverages private giving, impact investing, advocacy, storytelling and community building to drive foundational change. A primary objective of Baszucki Group is to transform mental health outcomes by supporting initiatives at the intersection of metabolism, psychiatry and neuroscience. To learn more about metabolic strategies for treating mental disorders, including ketogenic therapy, visit <u>Metabolic Mind</u>, a nonprofit initiative of Baszucki Group.