

CHAPTER GRANT AWARDS APPLICATION  
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**Number of Current Chapter member:**

Faculty members: 11

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Summary of Activities:

The Ile-Ife Chapter of SfN will be carrying out various activities that will mirror the goals of the Strategic Plan of SfN. This chapter is requesting for funding to support our activities. The goals of this chapter is to advance the understanding of the brain and the nervous system by bringing together scientists of diverse backgrounds as observed in our list of members' area of specialization. We intend to build a sense of community among the neuroscience researchers in our community and most importantly in Nigeria. We also hope to provide professional development activities and information to all our undergraduate, graduates and also to increase participation of staff members in all our activities. Furthermore, we intend to organized public lectures on health related neuroscience topics such as Brain science and Health, Brain Functions and Brain disorders, The aging Brain, Aetiology and management of Parkinson disease, Prevention of Brain disorders and Effects of stress on mental health. Each lecture will consist of presentations by research neuroscientist and will be followed by question and answer period. At the end of the lecture, there will be an informal reception together with participants to allow further discussion on the general topic of the lecture. Organize Debate and quiz competition on Neuroscience among K-12 schools. It is pertinent to say that efforts will be made to create awareness among Nigerian Scientist to join the society-membership drive for expansion of membership. Workshop will be organized on various basic animal models for research in Neuroscience for both the undergraduate and graduate students. Efforts will be made to participate fully during the Brain Awareness Week (ABW) events in the Chapter. Lectures on brain functions will be given using power-point presentation and several supplemental activities to create an interest in learning about neuroscience for elementary and high school students. We will also encourage some members to talk about their research works and organize school visits by members.

The Ile-Ife Chapter of the Society for Neuroscience is requesting for the starting grant of \$500 and additional \$1500 to execute all the programs highlighted above.