The Foundation received a record-setting 236 grant applications in 2013, a 20% increase over last year and a 135% increase over the number received five years prior. What is responsible for this trend? Radiology Research Study Section Chair K. Ty Bae, M.D., Ph.D., has some ideas:

“I believe continued competitiveness and difficulty to get NIH funds are major factors in the increasing demand for R&E Foundation grant dollars. Labs at universities have less research funds available to support junior faculty and trainees, and we all encourage early investigators to submit RSNA grants as a gateway to get larger extramural grants. RSNA grants play an increasingly important role in radiology research by inspiring and encouraging early investigators to pursue a radiology research career.”

Increased grant applications means an increase in the number of volunteer experts needed to review and score the applications. Earlier this spring, Dr. Bae joined study section chairs Charles R. Thomas, Jr., M.D., and Kitt Shaffer, M.D., Ph.D., to lead study section volunteers through the NIH-style peer-review process.