

Young Investigators Award Opportunities

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Academic Pediatric Association, Young Investigator Award	Annual award	Up to \$10,000	<p>The principal investigator and primary mentor of any submitted LOI must be members of the APA or have submitted an application for membership. Receipt of applications is encouraged from individuals who are members of an URM, disabled, or from a socially, culturally, economically, or educationally disadvantaged background.</p> <p>Proposals are welcome from those who are: -Faculty members who are no more than 5 years out from completion of all training (fellowship or post-doc) -Fellows -Residents</p>	<p>The APA Young Investigator Award funds projects in health services research, medical education, adolescent medicine, public health, epidemiology, emergency medicine, child maltreatment, hospitalist medicine, developmental/behavioral pediatrics, and other general pediatric clinical research domains.</p> <p>Awardees may receive up to \$10,000. The funds available for this program are determined annually by the APA Board of Directors. The number of awards is dependent upon the available funds and the budgets requested in each submitted LOI.</p>
Alex's Lemonade Stand, Young Investigator Grants	Varies	\$150,000 over 3 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Applicants should be at the early stages of their research careers as defined below. - Applicants must have their M.D., Ph.D. or dual M.D., Ph.D. and must not have achieved an appointment higher than Instructor (Assistant Professor level faculty, including Adjuncts at this level, will not be considered). In addition: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Applicants from accredited clinical fellowship programs are automatically eligible for the duration of their training and during their first three years at the Instructor level. b) All other applicants must be within five years from the granting of the last doctoral degree. - A minimum of 75% of the applicant's time during the Young Investigator period must be allocated as protected time for all research activities. This percentage of time includes both Young Investigator activities and the applicant's other research responsibilities. - The applicant must not currently hold an NIH independent (R or P Award) or individual training (F or K Award) grant. Institutional training grants (K12, T32) are permitted. Funding from other foundations is also permitted provided there is no budgetary overlap. - A research mentor(s) must be identified and have a track record in pediatric oncology. If no such record exists, a co-mentor with such a record must be identified. The application must document mentor(s) involvement in experimental design and execution. A detailed plan for training activities is expected. 	<p>Young Investigator grants are designed to fill the critical need for startup funds for less experienced researchers to pursue promising research ideas. Eligible applicants may apply during their fellowship training or early in their research careers but must not have achieved an appointment higher than Instructor. These grants encourage and cultivate the best and brightest researchers of the future and lead to long-term research projects. The Young Investigator grant offers up to \$50,000 per year for three years.</p>
American Association for Cancer Research, Career Development Award for Pediatric Cancer Research	Annual award	\$100,000	<p>At the start of the grant term on July 1, 2018, applicants must: hold a faculty position with the title of assistant professor, instructor, research assistant professor, or the equivalent; have completed their most recent doctoral degree within the past 11 years; have independent laboratory space as confirmed by their institution; and work at an academic, medical, or research institution anywhere in the world.</p> <p>Applicants must have a doctoral degree (including PhD, MD, DO, DC, ND, DDS, DVM, ScD, DNS, PharmD, or equivalent doctoral degree) in a related field and not currently be a candidate for a further doctoral or professional degree.</p> <p>Applicants with a medical degree must have completed their most recent doctoral degree or medical residency - whichever date is later - within the past 11 years (time spent in medical specialty or subspecialty training is not considered part of medical residency and will be counted against the 11-year window).</p> <p>Investigators may submit only one application for the AACR-Aflac, Inc. Career Development Award for Pediatric Cancer Research but may concurrently apply for other AACR grants. However, applicants are expected to accept the first grant they are awarded. Individuals may accept and hold only one AACR grant at a time.</p> <p>Employees or subcontractors of a U.S. government entity or for-profit private industry are not eligible.</p> <p>Investigators who currently, or have been, a Principal Investigator on an NIH R01 award, DP2 award, MIRA award, or the equivalent, are not eligible. Qualified investigators are invited to apply for AACR grants for independent investigators.</p> <p>Any individual who currently holds an active AACR grant may not apply. Past AACR grantees may apply if they complied with all progress and financial report requirements.</p> <p>Postdoctoral or clinical research fellows or the equivalent who are working under the auspices of a scientific mentor are not eligible. Qualified fellows are invited to apply for an AACR Fellowship.</p>	<p>The AACR-Aflac, Inc. Career Development Award for Pediatric Cancer Research represents a joint effort to encourage and support junior faculty to conduct pediatric cancer research and establish a successful career path in this field. The research proposed for funding may be basic, translational, clinical, or epidemiological in nature and must have direct applicability and relevance to pediatric cancer.</p>

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American Diabetes Association Core Research Program Grants for Junior Faculty	Annual award: -Deadline mid-April -Funding starts early January	Awards are up to \$138,000 per year for up to 4 years including indirect costs. PI's salary support cannot exceed \$75,000 per year. Additionally, applicants can request up to \$10,000 per year towards the repayment of the principal on loans for a doctoral degree (MD, PhD, PharmD, DPM or DO). Indirect Support: Up to 10% of direct costs	Eligible applicants must be full-time independent faculty with less than 10 years of research experience since their terminal degree who do not have previous or current NIH support (R00, R01, U01 or equivalent). Applicants may not hold concurrent awards of similar intent (NIH K awards, foundation or non-profit career development awards), however they can have completed previous NIH K or other career development funding. Applicants must dedicate at least 75% total effort to research activities. Faculty position: Any level tenure-track faculty up to & including Assistant Professor or equivalent. Citizenship: Applicants must be authorized to work in the United States or U. S. possessions.	These awards support early investigators as they establish independence as diabetes researchers. The American Diabetes Association's Core Research Program funds research with novel and innovative hypotheses in any area relevant to the etiology or pathophysiology of diabetes and its complications that hold significant promise for advancing the prevention, cure or treatment of diabetes. Basic, clinical, translational and epidemiological or health services research approaches are encouraged.
American Foundation for Suicide Prevention Young Investigator Innovation Grants	Annual award	Up to \$85,000 over 2 years	a. AFSP research grants and fellowships are awarded to individuals affiliated with not-for-profit institutions or organizations in the U.S. and abroad. Grant applications are not accepted from for-profit organizations, or from federal or state government agencies. Applications from the Veterans Administration are eligible. Applications from both private and public colleges and universities are eligible so long as the institution is not-for-profit. Check with your institution's financial department if you are not certain about the status of your institution. Grant payments are made to the grantee institution for the individual investigator. b. Individuals may be the Principal Investigator (PI) on only one AFSP grant at a time, and may not simultaneously be the PI on any other type of AFSP research grant. During the second year of funding (the first year in the case of a one-year grant), an individual holding a research grant may apply for another AFSP grant in the same or another category which, if approved, would start after the end date of the first grant. The second grant cannot begin until the final progress report and financial statement for the current grant are received by AFSP and the initiation papers for the second grant are approved. c. Someone who is or has been a PI on an NIH/NIMH research grant or its equivalent does not qualify as a Young Investigator. d. An individual may receive no more than two Young Investigator Grants over the course of a career. e. AFSP research grants and fellowships are awarded with the understanding that the recipient individual and institution will not accept funds from any other granting agency for research that substantially overlaps with what was approved by AFSP. f. The mentor's fee of \$5,000 per year (\$10,000 total over 2 years) can be waived, but cannot be used to increase the budget for the Young Investigator's research beyond the allowable maximum of \$75,000. g. The mentor's fee must be dispersed by the appropriate financial office at the Young Investigator's institution, and cannot be paid directly to the mentor by AFSP. h. Personnel compensated in whole or in part through an AFSP research grant are not considered employees of the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, but of the grantee institution. AFSP does not assume any responsibility for the conduct of the research or other acts of the investigators. AFSP grantees are subject to the ethical and scientific policies of the grantee institution.	Grants awarded to investigators at or below the level of assistant professor. These grants must allocate \$10,000 (\$5,000 per year) of their award for an established suicide researcher to mentor the Young Investigator. AFSP is available to assist you in identifying a suitable mentor. All AFSP research grants are designed to support research on suicide from a variety of disciplines including psychiatry, medicine, psychology, genetics, epidemiology, neurobiology, sociology, nursing, health services administration, social work, and many others. Grants are not intended to support the development or implementation of prevention programs, educational programs, treatments, or other interventions that do not have a significant research component. An additional purpose of the Young Investigator Grant is to assist new researchers to obtain the advice, guidance and supervision of an established mentor in a selected area of suicide research.
American Liver Foundation Liver Scholar Award	Annual award: Deadline in December	\$75,000 per year for 3 years in quarterly installments of \$18,750	Applicants must meet the following guidelines in order to be eligible for a Liver Scholar Award: 1. Applicant must be sponsored by a public or private non-profit institution accredited in the United States, Canada, or Mexico engaged in health care and health-related research. 2. Applicant must apply within the first three (3) years of his/her first faculty appointment (including prior appointments in universities outside of North America) and commence the award within the first four (4) years of faculty appointment. 3. If the applicant does not have a faculty appointment at the time of application, a letter signed by the department chair confirming that the applicant will have a faculty appointment (a) no later than the Liver Scholar Award start date and (b) for the full award cycle must be submitted. 4. At the time of application or during the Liver Scholar Award cycle, the applicant cannot hold or have held any of the following awards: NIH R01, P01, R29, R21, or any K award; AASLD Pinnacle Research Award in Liver Disease; Veterans Administration Merit Review, Associate Investigator, Research Associate, or Clinical Investigator Award; AGA Research Scholar Award; Glaxo Institute for Digestive Health Award; American Heart Association Award, or any other similar award that is intended to primarily support the salary of early career investigators. 5. The American Liver Foundation must be notified immediately if the applicant receives another research award during the application process or after the receipt of an award. 6. Applicant must be sponsored by a research mentor. 7. Applicant may only apply for one award or fellowship offered by the American Liver Foundation.	The Liver Scholar Award is a three-year, \$75,000 per year (\$225,000 total) basic science award that encourages early career investigators to pursue a career in liver related research. The goal is to provide the scientists with support at an early stage of their careers to bridge the gap between completion of research training and attainment of status as an independent research scientist. The additional research experience provided by this award is intended to enable them to successfully compete for research grants from national sources, particularly the National Institutes of Health.

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ARVO Foundation for Eye Research, Genentech Age-related Macular Degeneration Research Fellowships	Annual award	\$40,000	<p>Available to newly established investigators who are age 45 or younger at the application deadline and have received their MD, PhD or equivalent degree after 2007.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Candidates must hold an MD, PhD, DVM, DO, OD or equivalent degree - Applicant must serve as the Principal Investigator on the project - No geographical restrictions - Applicants are not required to be members of ARVO - Applicants must currently be working in non-profit or academic research centers - Previous recipients are not eligible 	<p>As many as 11 million people in the United States have some form of age-related macular degeneration. This number is expected to double to nearly 22 million by 2050. The impact of age-related macular degeneration on the global aging population is enormous as people are deprived of their economic livelihoods and independence. Eye and vision researchers have already discovered several genes at work in AMD, the distinctions between types of AMD and the development of therapeutic remedies. The ARVO Foundation for Eye Research believes the work must continue so that there can be earlier identification of those likely to develop AMD, discovery of ways to slow the progression of the disease and novel ways to treat AMD to limit sight loss. Thanks to Genentech's support, the ARVO Foundation will offer one grant to a researcher working in basic research in the understanding of AMD and another grant to a researcher working in translational AMD research focusing on therapeutics.</p>
Brain and Behavior Research Foundation, National Alliance for Research on Schizophrenia and Depression, Young Investigator Grant	Annual award: -Deadline around February to March	<p>Up to \$70,000 for two years</p> <p>Up to \$35,000 for one year</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Applicants must have a doctoral level degree (e.g., M.D. with [minimum PGY-IV] training, Ph.D., Psy.D., Pharm.D., etc.) and already be employed in research training, or be in a faculty research position. The YI Grant is intended to support advanced post-doctoral fellows, instructors and assistant professors (or equivalent). Pre-doctoral students, first year post-doctoral fellows, faculty who've serve(d) as a P.I. on a NIH R01 grant are not eligible. Investigators at the rank of associate professor or equivalent are also not eligible (assistant professors who serve(d) as a P.I. on a NIH R01 or equiv. grant are now eligible for the NARSAD Independent Investigator Grant) 2. Applicants must have an on-site mentor or senior collaborator who is an established investigator in areas relevant to psychiatric disorders. The mentor/sponsor role is usually extensive for fellowship extension (mentor), and more senior colleague/advisor (sponsor) for an applicant prepared to initiate independent science. 3. Applicants may only apply twice for an initial NARSAD Young Investigator Grant. 4. Only one principal investigator (P.I.) is allowed per application. 	<p>The NARSAD Young Investigator Grant provides support for the most promising young scientists conducting neurobiological research. Two-year awards up to \$70,000, or \$35,000 per year are provided to enable promising investigators to either extend research fellowship training or begin careers as independent research faculty. Basic and/or clinical investigators are supported, but research must be relevant to serious brain and behavior disorders such as schizophrenia, mood disorders, anxiety disorders or child and adolescent mental illnesses.</p>
Children's Tumor Foundation, Young Investigator Award (YIA)	Annual award: -Pre-application deadline in early January	<p>Awards are for two years and rates are commensurate with experience. From \$64,000 to \$108,000.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Applicant must be one of the following – A postdoctoral fellow (MD, Ph.D., or equivalent) with no more than 7 years past completion of their first doctoral degree OR A graduate student pursuing their MD, Ph.D., or equivalent. Note: Applications from individuals holding a faculty position will NOT be accepted. 2. Applicant must be affiliated with the laboratory of a senior researcher who is the applicant's research sponsor. The sponsor must offer a training environment that is conducive for the growth and education of an early-career NF researcher. As part of the application, the mentor will be asked to describe the intended training plan. 3. In a given year, more than one member of a laboratory can apply for a YIA. However, only one application per laboratory per year will be funded. 4. There are no citizenship requirements for this program. CTF seeks and welcomes applications from all qualified individuals worldwide. 	<p>CTF's longest running program, the YIA provides two-year funding, commensurate with the National Institutes of Health (NIH), to young scientists early in their careers, bringing them into the NF field and helping to establish them as independent investigators. Initiated in 1985 by the Foundation, the YIA program was, until 2006, CTF's sole ongoing grant mechanism. A number of YIAs have made significant research findings and notable publications through this program. In addition, the YIA program has been a 'seeding mechanism' for researchers and their mentors, who could showcase their Foundation-funded research to secure larger grants from the NIH and the Congressionally Directed Medical Research Program - Neurofibromatosis Research Program (CDMRP-NFRP). CTF's seeding of the NF field with new talent has been hailed as a key reason for the rapid growth of NF research in recent years.</p>
CURE (Citizens United for Research in Epilepsy), Innovator Award	Annual award: -LOI deadline in early January -Full application deadline in March	Up to \$50,000	<p>This award is available to both established and early career investigators*. Researchers who serve on CURE's Scientific Advisory Council are ineligible to apply for or sponsor a grant for the duration of their term. International applicants are welcome. All materials must be submitted in English.</p> <p>* Generally, early career investigators are university faculty at the assistant professor level (or hold an equivalent position in a non-university research organization). Established investigators are university faculty at the associate professor level or above. Post-doctoral fellows may not apply for this award.</p>	<p>This program awards seed grants to researchers submitting innovative proposals that will provide new directions for epilepsy disease modifying therapies, prevention and, ultimately, a cure. We specifically encourage studies that may not be currently fundable by other agencies or other mechanisms because of their preliminary, innovative or unconventional nature.</p>

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Damon Runyon Cancer Research Foundation Innovation Award	Annual award: -Deadline in early July	Up to 4 years total for \$600,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Institutional nominations are not required and there is no limit to the number of applications that can be received from a particular institution. - Applicants (including non-U.S. citizens) must be conducting independent research at a U.S. research institution. - The applicant must have received an MD, PhD or MD/PhD degree(s) from an accredited institution. - Basic and translational/clinical projects will be considered. Applications will be accepted from all scientific disciplines provided that the proposed research meets the selection criteria. - Applicants with a background in multiple disciplines are especially encouraged to apply. - Joint submission from collaborators working in different disciplines will be considered. (The collaborators will share the award.) Each collaborator must meet the eligibility criteria. - Applicants must belong to one of the following categories: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Tenure-track Assistant Professors within the first four years of obtaining their initial Assistant Professor position. (Cut-off date: July 1, 2013.) 2. Clinical Instructors and Senior Clinical Fellows (in the final year of their sub-specialty training) holding an MD who are pursuing a period of independent research before taking a tenure-track faculty position. Such individuals must have an exceptional record of research accomplishment, dedicated laboratory space and the support of their institution. 3. Distinguished Fellows with an exceptional record of research accomplishment identified by their institution to pursue an independent research program and who have dedicated laboratory space. These candidates are markedly distinct from traditional postdoctoral fellows. Examples: Whitehead Fellows, UCSF Fellows, Cold Spring Harbor Fellows. [Research Assistant Professors, Research Associate Professors, Research Scientists and Postdoctoral Fellows are not eligible. If you are unsure about your eligibility for this award program, please contact the Foundation's Award Programs at 212.455.0520.] - Applicants are expected to commit a minimum of 80% of their time to conducting research. - Applicants may apply no more than two times. - Applicants must demonstrate that they have access to the resources and infrastructure necessary to conduct the proposed research. -The department must guarantee the Investigator is conducting the proposed research independently. 	<p>The Damon Runyon-Rachleff Innovation Award is designed to provide support for the next generation of exceptionally creative thinkers with "high-risk/high-reward" ideas that have the potential to significantly impact our understanding of and/or approaches to the prevention, diagnosis or treatment of cancer.</p> <p>The Innovation Award is specifically designed to provide funding to extraordinary early career researchers who have an innovative new idea but lack sufficient preliminary data to obtain traditional funding. It is not designed to fund incremental advances. The research supported by the award must be novel, exceptionally creative and, if successful, have the strong potential for high impact in the cancer field.</p> <p>Awards are made to institutions for support of the Damon Runyon-Rachleff Innovation Investigators. All awards are approved by the Board of Directors of the Damon Runyon Cancer Research Foundation acting upon the recommendation of the Innovation Award Committee.</p>
Jane Coffin Childs Memorial Fund for Medical Research Fellowship	Annual award: -Application opens in early October -Deadline in early February	\$52,000 for 1st year, \$52,500 for 2nd year, and \$53,000 for 3rd year, with an additional \$1000 for each dependent child. There is no dependency allowance for a spouse.	Eligibility requirements for this postdoctoral fellowship are as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Postdoctoral applicants should have no more than one year of postdoctoral research experience at the time of the deadline for submitting applications (February 1). - PhD. degree must not have been conferred more than 18 months prior to the deadline date (February 1) - MD. degree should not have been conferred more than three years before deadline date of application (February 1) - PhD. candidates that do not have their degree at time of application deadline (February 1) are eligible to apply. If awarded, the applicant's PhD. degree must be conferred prior to the start of the Fellowship. 	The Jane Coffin Childs Memorial Fund for Medical Research (known colloquially as the JCC Fund) was established in 1937 for the purpose of supporting research into the causes and treatment of cancer. The Fund has taken a broad approach to the study of cell growth and development, emphasizing the study of the basic biology and chemistry of the underlying processes. The Fund has increasingly focused its resources on the funding of three-year postdoctoral Fellowships, supporting Fellows selected by its Board of Scientific Advisers from among the best young scientists at what is often a critical stage in their careers. As a result, there have been over 1,600 Jane Coffin Childs Fellows doing basic cancer-related research in laboratories in North America, Europe, Japan and Australia.
Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation Career Development Awards	Annual award	Up to \$150,000 per year for up to 5 years, including up to 10% for indirect costs and generally not renewable after 5 years	<p>The Career Development Award is intended for individuals at an early stage of their independent academic career. Researchers who have received their first faculty-level appointment less than 3 years before the submission date are eligible to apply for this award. The applicant must hold an academic faculty-level position (including assistant professor or equivalent) at the time of submission of the proposal, at a university, health science center, or comparable institution with strong, well-established research and training programs for the chosen area of interest.</p> <p>There are no citizenship requirements for this program. To assure continued excellence and diversity among applicants and awardees, JDRF welcomes applications from all qualified individuals and encourages proposals from persons with disabilities women and members of minority groups underrepresented in the sciences.</p> <p>Career Development Award research may be conducted at foreign and domestic, for-profit and nonprofit, and public and private organizations – such as universities, colleges, hospitals, laboratories, units of state and local governments, and eligible agencies of the federal government.</p>	<p>JDRF fosters the development and productivity of the best and the brightest established independent researchers who will bridge the gap between the bench and bedside. The primary purpose of the Career Development Award is to attract qualified and promising scientists early in their faculty careers and to give them the opportunity to establish themselves in areas that reflect the JDRF research emphasis areas.</p> <p>In the five-year term of the award, awardees will focus their research efforts on a subject directly related to JDRF mission goals and research priorities, and position themselves to work at the leading edge of type 1 diabetes research. These awards are designed to assist exceptionally promising investigators. Although JDRF is especially interested in fostering careers in clinical investigation, Career Development Awards may emphasize either basic or clinical topics.</p>

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Leukemia Research Foundation, Hollis Brownstein Research Grants Program	Annual award: -LOI deadline around February to March	\$100,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Preference given to proposals that focus on leukemia, lymphoma, MDS, and multiple myeloma. - New Investigators are considered to be within seven (7) years of their first independent position. Years as a resident physician, fellow physician, or post-doctoral fellow are considered to be training years. Questions regarding eligibility should be directed to our Research Grants Administrator. - Adjustments for career interruptions can be made. These could include but are not limited to, family leave, military service, major illness or injury. It is the responsibility of the applicant to point out and document such interruptions. - Investigators at the instructor level or similar position must include a letter from the department chair confirming their independence. The letter should also describe the facilities and resources available to the applicant. - Applicants with an NIH KO8 or K23 are eligible. 	<p>The Leukemia Research Foundation exclusively funds New Investigators - individuals beginning to establish their own laboratories that are no longer under the tutelage of a senior scientist mentor. It is difficult for them to get the level of funding they need at this critical point in their careers.</p> <p>The Leukemia Research Foundation is unique in the level of support it provides to highly promising scientists in this absolutely critical research niche. Providing one year grants of \$100,000 to selected New Investigator researchers, allows innovative scientists to act on their ideas, and try new procedures and experiments that will hopefully lead to significant breakthroughs. The Leukemia Research Foundation funds the research of scientists that are from independent labs, not the labs of pharmaceutical companies.</p> <p>Researchers funded by the LRF publish their results in an effort to inform the scientific community about their advances. In addition, their initial results are used to obtain grants from larger, multi-year funding sources - thus furthering their research and potential for finding a cure.</p>
March of Dimes, Basil O'Connor Starter Scholar Research Award	Annual award	\$150,000 for 2 years, including 10% indirect costs to sponsoring institutions.	<p>The Basil O'Connor Starter Scholar Research Award is intended to be an initial independent grant to young investigators. Eligibility is thus restricted. PhD applicants should be four to eight years past their degree and must hold a full-time faculty position at their current institution. For MD or MD/PhD applicants, the same 4-8 year timeline applies, but begins upon completion of the last year of clinical training required for medical specialty board certification. Requests for exceptions (e.g. parental leave) should be directed to the Senior Vice President for Research & Global Programs.</p> <p>Basil O'Connor applicants may not be recipients of a major grant (e.g. R01, or other grant exceeding \$200,000 a year) at the time of the application. Applicants who have transition faculty-mentored awards (e.g. K99/R00) are welcome if they have completed the mentored portion. If not, application should be deferred. Candidates may not simultaneously hold a grant for any other March of Dimes research program. Those who have previously submitted an application to the Basil O'Connor program are ordinarily not eligible for resubmission; however, exceptions will be considered on an individual basis.</p>	<p>Named for the first March of Dimes chairman and president, the Basil O'Connor Starter Scholar Research Award (BOC) is designed to support young scientists embarking on their independent research careers. Applicants' research interests should be consonant with those of the March of Dimes' mission: The mission of the March of Dimes is to improve the health of babies by preventing birth defects, premature birth and infant mortality. The March of Dimes defines a birth defect as any abnormality of structure or function, whether inherited or acquired in utero, and presenting in infancy or early childhood. Reproductive health of women and men as an underlying basis of birth defects, i.e. preconceptional events, perinatal course, and premature births are appropriate subjects for research support. Relevance is interpreted broadly to include fundamental cell biology (embryogenesis, cell lineage, organ differentiation), genetics and genomics, molecular and clinical pathogenesis of disorders of importance to mothers and infants, biomedical engineering and imaging, and social and behavioral aspects.</p>
National Ataxia Foundation, Research Grants (Young Investigator Awards)	Annual award: -LOI deadline in early August -Full application deadline in early September	\$35,000	<p>For both Young Investigator award programs, candidates must have attained an MD or PhD degree, and have an appointment as a junior faculty member, senior post-doc or clinical fellow. Individuals at the Associate Professor level are not eligible. Clinicians must have finished their residency no more than five years prior to applying. PhDs must be no more than five years from end of the completion of their post-doc training.</p> <p>The sponsoring institution must agree in writing to the following provision: the young investigator (MD or PhD) must be free to allocate approximately half time (50%) for Ataxia related research.</p>	<p>The Young Investigator Award was created to encourage young clinical and scientific investigators to pursue a career in the field of ataxia research. It is our hope that ataxia research will be invigorated by the work of young, talented individuals supported by this award. Candidates must have attained an MD or PhD degree, and have an appointment as a junior faculty member. Individuals at the Associate Professor level are not eligible. Clinicians must have finished their residency no more than five (5) years prior to applying.</p> <p>Each recipient will receive a one-year \$35,000 award. This award will be made to the sponsoring institution and will be used as salary support or for direct research expenses. Awards are for direct costs only, not for indirect costs or institutional overhead. Periodic progress reports may be required.</p> <p>Due to the larger availability of funding for Ataxia-Telangiectasia (A-T), those research proposals will receive a lower priority. However, a higher ranking will be given to those Ataxia-Telangiectasia research studies which lend themselves to an overall better understanding of the ataxia process.</p>
National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Harry Weaver Neuroscience Scholar Awards	Annual award: -Pre-application deadline in early August -Full application deadline in mid August	The maximal direct costs that may be requested in the grant budget of the award is \$30,000 in the first year, increasing incrementally each year up to \$40,000 in the last year.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Previous Training and Experience: Candidates are eligible who hold a doctoral degree (M.D., Ph.D. or equivalent) and have received sufficient research training at the postdoctoral level to be capable of independent research. Individuals who have already conducted independent research for more than five years after postdoctoral training are ineligible. - Sponsoring Institution: Candidates must hold or have been offered an academic appointment at the assistant professor (or equivalent) level at an approved university, professional school or research institute in the United States at the initiation of the award. - Citizenship: U.S. citizenship is not required. 	<p>Harry Weaver, Ph.D., known worldwide for his contribution to neurosciences and multiple sclerosis research, was the Society's Director of Research from 1966-1977. Throughout his tenure with the Society and throughout his career, Dr. Weaver continued to encourage young investigators to enter and pursue MS research, and to broaden our understanding of basic and clinical aspects of MS. In recognition of Dr. Weaver's contribution to the neurosciences and MS research, and to his dedication to young researchers, the Society named this prestigious Award in his honor.</p> <p>As part of its overarching goals of stopping MS progression, restoring function, and ending MS forever, the National MS Society offers a limited number of Harry Weaver awards to highly qualified candidates who have concluded their research training and begun academic careers as independent investigators in an area related to multiple sclerosis. The awards are designed to provide salary and grant support for a five year period, thus permitting the awardee to establish competence in his/her chosen research area. Application must be made jointly by a candidate and the institution in which an appointment is held.</p>

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Scleroderma Foundation, New Investigator Grant	Annual award: -Deadline is September 15 (Note: If the grant deadline falls on a weekend, the following Monday will be the deadline.)	Up to \$50,000 per year for up to 3 years	Applications may be submitted by domestic non-profit organizations, public and private such as universities, colleges, hospitals and laboratories. Foreign organizations and institutions are not eligible. These new investigator grants may not be used to support thesis or dissertation research or fellowship training. Applicants must have a doctoral degree in Medicine, Osteopathy, Veterinary Medicine or one of the sciences; and must have completed a postdoctoral fellowship by the grant award date. Applicants who have been a principal investigator on grants from the Scleroderma Foundation or other national, private or government agencies other than fellowship grants are not eligible for this award.	Purpose: The Scleroderma Foundation seeks applications from promising new investigators who hold faculty or equivalent positions and who wish to pursue a career in research related to scleroderma. This grant supports promising research that is likely to lead to individual research project grants. Objective: The Scleroderma Foundation New Investigator Grant is designed to facilitate the entry of promising new investigators into areas of research related to scleroderma.
Scoliosis Research Society, New Investigator Grant	Bi-annual award: -Spring cycle: April 1 -Fall cycle: October 1	Up to \$25,000	A new investigator is defined as someone who is either a fellow or within 10 years of completion of fellowship or equivalent specialist training in their country and has not previously been awarded funding from a major funding organization. Preliminary data is suggested although not absolutely required, and the application should be limited to seven pages.	This grant is specifically targeted towards new investigators. A new investigator is defined as someone who is either a fellow or within 10 years of completion of fellowship or equivalent specialist training in their country and has not previously been awarded funding from a major funding organization. However, this grant is available to candidates who have received a Small Exploratory grant. The maximum award is \$25,000 and the duration of research may extend up to two years. Preliminary data is suggested although not absolutely required, and the application should be limited to seven pages.
Simons Foundation Autism Research Initiative (SFARI), Bridge to Independence Award	Annual award	\$150,000 per year for up to 3 years	- Applicants must hold a Ph.D., M.D. or equivalent degree - Applicants must have fewer than six (6) years of postdoctoral or otherwise mentored training. - Applicants must be currently in non-independent, mentored, training positions, as recognized by their institution. The following guidelines should be used to distinguish independent from non-independent positions (modified from NIH's K99/R00 Program Announcement eligibility section): - Evidence for non-independence may include: 1. The applicant's research is entirely funded by another investigator's grants. 2. The applicant's research is conducted entirely in another investigator's assigned space. 3. According to institutional policy, the applicant is not allowed to submit an application for an NIH research grant (e.g., R01) or SFARI grant (e.g., Explorer, Pilot, Research, and Targeted awards.) - Applicants must be actively seeking a tenure-track position at a U.S. institution of higher education during 2017-18 academic year. - Applicants are not eligible if they are recipients of other career development awards with similar budgetary scope as the SFARI Bridge to Independence award. These include, but are not limited to: 1. NIH K99/R00 (please note that other K awardees may be eligible, e.g., K01 and K08) 2. Burroughs-Wellcome Fund Career Award for Medical Scientists 3. American Academy of Neurology Career Development Award 4. Howard Hughes Medical Institute Hanna H. Gray fellowship	The Simons Foundation Autism Research Initiative (SFARI) seeks to improve the understanding, diagnosis and treatment of autism spectrum disorders by funding innovative research of the highest quality and relevance. The autism research community has expanded substantially in recent years and SFARI has contributed to this change by attracting outstanding established scientists to the field of autism. In order to sustain this level of scientific excellence in future years, SFARI is extending our support to promising early-career investigators. One of the most salient milestones in a scientific career is the transition from formal mentorship to an independent position. Unfortunately, this transition has become increasingly tenuous in recent years, in part because of the decreasing number of tenure-track faculty positions, compounded by the increasing number of Ph.D. graduates and postgraduate traineeships.1 SFARI created the Bridge to Independence Award program to address this issue and to encourage continued excellence in the autism research field. Grants awarded through the Bridge to Independence Award program are intended to invest in the next generation of top autism investigators by identifying talented early-career scientists interested in autism research and facilitating their transition to an independent research career.
The Glenn Foundation for Medical Research and AFAR (American Federation for Aging Research), Research Grants for Junior Faculty	Annual award: -Deadline for LOI in December -If invited, full application due in late March	Up to \$100,000 for a one- to two-year award	The applicant must be an independent investigator with independent research space as described in a form completed by the Dean or Department Chair, and must be no more than 10 years beyond start of postdoctoral research training as of July 1, 2017. Exceptions to the ten year rule may be requested for unusual circumstances by emailing an NIH-style biosketch to AFAR at grants@afar.org at least one week prior to the deadline date. The AFAR Research Grant for Junior Faculty Program does not provide support for: -Postdoctoral fellows in the laboratory of a senior investigator -Investigators who have received major extramural funding for research in any area (such as an NIH R01 or NSF Research or equivalent grant) prior to and including the start date of this award -Senior faculty, i.e. at the rank of Associate Professor level or higher -Former AFAR Research Grant for Junior Faculty recipients -Federal employees -Applicants for the 2017 Glenn/AFAR Breakthrough in Gerontology (BIG) award -Applicants who are conducting research at a for-profit institution, or at an institution outside of the United States	The major goal of this program is to assist in the development of the careers of junior investigators committed to pursuing careers in the field of aging research. GMRF and AFAR support research projects concerned with understanding the basic mechanisms of aging. Projects investigating age-related diseases are also supported, especially if approached from the point of view of how basic aging processes may lead to these outcomes. Projects concerning mechanisms underlying common geriatric functional disorders are also encouraged, as long as these include connections to fundamental problems in the biology of aging. Projects that deal strictly with clinical problems such as the diagnosis and treatment of disease, health outcomes, or the social context of aging are not eligible.
The McKnight Endowment Fund for Neuroscience, McKnight Foundation, Scholar Awards	Annual award: -Application materials available in September -Deadline in early January	\$75,000 per year for 3 years	Applicants must have: -An M.D., Ph.D., or other suitable advanced degree -A record of meritorious research -Evidence of a commitment to a career in neuroscience -An appointment with tenure-track status at a U.S.-based sponsoring institution, to which the award will be paid -No more than four years of experience in an independent/tenure-track faculty position (exceptions may be made for parental leave) -Documentation that the sponsoring institution has government approval for the applicant to work in the U.S. Applicants may not: -Be employees of the Howard Hughes Medical Institute or of the Intramural Research Program of the National Institutes of Health -Apply in more than two rounds of competition -Have already been granted tenure -Hold another award from the McKnight Endowment Fund	These awards were established to encourage emerging neuroscientists to focus on disorders of learning and memory. Applicants for the McKnight Scholar Awards must demonstrate interest in solving important problems in relevant areas of neuroscience, including the translation of basic research to clinical neuroscience. Awards are given to exceptional young scientists who are in the early stages of establishing an independent laboratory and research career. Traditionally, successful candidates have held faculty positions for at least one year.

Young Investigators Award Opportunities

Funder	Timeline/Deadline	Amount	Eligibility Requirements	Program Summary
The Sontag Foundation Distinguished Scholar Award (DSA)	Annual award	Up to \$600,000 over 4 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Applicants must hold a doctoral degree in a discipline which can be brought to bear on the intractable disease, brain cancer. - At the time of application, applicants must hold their first independent full-time faculty appointment at the level of assistant professor, independent researcher or equivalent position at a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) academic, research or medical institution within the United States or an equivalent institution in Canada, appointment must have been made no earlier than March 1, 2014. - If the institution grants tenure, the qualifying appointment must be on the tenure track. - Research proposal submitted for funding must be a primary focus of applicant. - Applicant's career track and proposed research should demonstrate potential to generate new knowledge relating to causes, cure or treatment of primary brain tumors/brain cancer. - More than one individual from the same institution may apply for this award. - Reapplications in subsequent years of eligibility will be accepted by invitation only. 	<p>The Distinguished Scientist Award (DSA) seeks to provide career and research support to early career scientists who demonstrate outstanding promise for making scientific and medical breakthroughs in the field of brain cancer research.</p> <p>Recipients of the award are inspired individuals with projects that show potential to generate new knowledge relating to causes, cure or treatment of primary brain tumors/brain cancer. Applicants are carefully considered and selected by The Sontag Foundation and its independent Scientific Advisory Board based on the scientific merit of the proposed project, career trajectory, peer and mentor references and an onsite research facility visit.</p>