
REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS NUMBER: RFA-RM-14-004

PURPOSE:
- To support exceptional investigators who wish to pursue independent research directly after completion of their terminal doctoral/research degree or clinical residency, thereby forgoing the traditional post-doctoral training period and accelerating their entry into an independent research career.

ELIGIBILITY:
- At the time of funding to the grantee Institution, either:
  1. The Early Independence investigator must have received a PhD, MD, DO, DC, DDS, DVM, OD, DPM, ScD, EngD, Dr PH, DNSc, ND (Doctor of Naturopathy), PharmD, DSW, PsyD, or equivalent doctoral degree from an accredited domestic or foreign institution (it is the responsibility of the sponsoring institution to determine if a foreign doctoral degree is equivalent), OR
  2. An authorized official of the degree-granting institution must certify that all degree requirements have been met and that the date of graduation as appearing on the transcript will be within one year of the date of application submission.
- At the time of application, the individual either:
  1. Within the preceding twelve months must have received a terminal doctoral degree or completed medical residency OR
  2. Within the following twelve months must complete all the requirements for a doctoral degree or complete a medical residency.
- The fellowship training period is NOT included in the clinical residency or equivalent training period.
- The date of degree receipt is that which appears on the official transcript for the degree.
- The time of application is the date when the application is submitted electronically to NIH through Grants.gov.
- At the time of application, the PD(s)/PI(s) must not have served as a post-doctoral fellow following a previous doctoral degree for more than one year.
- The individual must also not be the PD/PI of an NIH R01 or equivalent grant at the time of award.

BUDGET AND PROJECT PERIOD:
- Budget: Up to $250,000 in direct costs per year, plus applicable Facilities and Administrative (F&A) costs
- Project period: 5 years

NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS UCSF MAY SUBMIT: 2
DUE DATES:

- **INTERNAL**: 3pm, Tuesday, December 2, 2014
- Please note PIs may submit directly to the LSP; RMS does not get involved unless and until you are nominated
- Agency Letter of Intent (not required): Tuesday, December 30, 2014
- Sponsor: Friday, January 30, 2015

Submit the following in ONE PDF file by 3pm, December 2, 2014, to: limitedsubmissions@ucsf.edu

1. Limited Submission Pre-proposal Cover Sheet with signatures (form attached to email)
2. Project Summary (2-pg. max., including references) addressing the following:
   a. Evidence of exceptional scientific creativity and productivity
   b. A research plan in a scientific area relevant to the NIH mission for which the investigator has demonstrated expertise
3. NIH Bio-sketch (4-pg. max., including publications and current support) ([http://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/phs398/biosketch.doc](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/phs398/biosketch.doc))
4. Separately email three letters of recommendation from current and previous scientific mentors to: limitedsubmissions@ucsf.edu (subject line should read, “Early Ind. Award Rec. for _______”). Recommendations should offer a detailed assessment of:
   a. The prospects for a successful early transition to research independence;
   b. Achievements as a graduate student/trainee; and
   c. The potential for future scientific contributions.

*Sent by Gail Fisher, JD, MSS, on behalf of the Research Development Office (RDO), Limited Submission Program (LSP)*