

LIMITED SUBMISSION FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

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Sponsor: National Institute of Health (NIH)
Participating Organization: NIH Director's Early Independence Awards (DP5)
FOA: RFA-RM-13-009
Internal Review Deadline: **November 22, 2013**
Sponsor Deadlines: December 31, 2013 (Letter of Intent)
January 31, 2014 5:00 PM (Application)
Nominations allowed: **Two (2) per university**
Award Amount: Up to \$250,000 in direct costs per year, plus applicable Facilities and Administrative costs.
Duration: **(5) years**

INTERNAL REVIEW INSTRUCTIONS:

Required documentation:

- Summary Page (1 page)
 - Complete contact information of PI including: full name and current academic title with the university, depart, phone number, email address
 - Title of this funding opportunity
 - Descriptive title of proposed research
 - Names of other key personnel (if applicable)
 - Participating institutions (if applicable)
- Proposal (maximum of 2-4 pages including references)

Tailored to address the sponsor's goals/focus (full details online) and including:

 - Statement of how an Early Independence Award would accelerate entry into an independent research position and why this would be a benefit to your career
 - Evidence of exceptional scientific creativity and productivity
 - Brief description of the scientific research challenge
- Biographical Sketch (maximum of 4 pages)
 - Including other support

- COMBINE ALL DOCUMENTS LISTED ABOVE INTO ONE PDF and email to Limited Submission Committee at hsfunding@ucsd.edu by the date and TIME listed above.
- In the body of your submission email, include your full name and contact information (often accomplished by including an email signature).

UCSD will prescreen and select 2 applicants, as allowed by the sponsor, to move forward to the full application stage.

If selected, PI should be prepared to complete a full application pursuant to the sponsor's guidelines which may include the following items:

- Budget
- Expanded application and proposal
- Additional reference letters

All applications for funding must also be reviewed by the Office of Contracts and Grant Administration (OCGA). Upon receiving notification of passing internal review, the selected PI(s) will also be given the contact information for the appropriate OCGA officer. Coordination of the OCGA review will be direct between the PI and their OCGA contact.

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Award Description: The NIH Director's Early Independence Awards provide an opportunity for exceptional junior scientists to accelerate their entry into an independent research career by forgoing the traditional post-doctoral training period. Though most newly graduated doctoral-level researchers would benefit by post-doctoral training, a small number of outstanding junior investigators would benefit instead by launching directly into an independent research career. For these select investigators, who have established a record of scientific innovation and research productivity and who have demonstrated unusual leadership, drive, and maturity, post-doctoral training would unnecessarily delay their entry into performing independent research. The NIH Director's Early Independence Awards also provide an opportunity for institutions to invigorate their research programs by bringing in the fresh perspectives of the awardees that they host.

Eligible Individuals: 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. In addition, at the time of application, the PD/PI must not have served as a post-doctoral fellow following a previous doctoral degree for more than one year.

At the time of funding to the grantee Institution, 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). Certification by an authorized official of the degree-granting institution that all degree requirements have been met is also acceptable.

See funding opportunity for full details: [RFA-RM-13-009](#)

CONTACTS

Internal Contact for Questions:

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