

**ARNOLD AND MABEL BECKMAN FOUNDATION
YOUNG INVESTIGATORS PROGRAM**

FAS Deadline to Request Institutional Endorsement: September 11, 2013

Sponsor Letter of Intent Deadline: September 30, 2013

Award Amount: Up to \$750,000 over four years, direct costs only

Target Faculty: Early career faculty with minimal or no external or internal funding

Eligible Disciplines: Chemical and Life Sciences

The Beckman Young Investigator (BYI) Program is intended to provide research support to the most promising young faculty members in the early stages of academic careers in the chemical and life sciences particularly to foster the invention of methods, instruments and materials that will open up new avenues of research in science. Projects should represent innovative departures in research rather than extensions or expansions of existing programs. Proposed research that cuts across traditional boundaries of scientific disciplines is encouraged.

Eligibility Criteria:

- An applicant should be no more than three full years from initial tenure-track appointment.
- Candidates must be citizens or permanent residents of the United States at the time of application
- Candidates should have minimal or no external or internal funding. Proposals that have substantial funding will not be considered for the BYI award.
- No individual may apply for a Beckman Young Investigator award more than three times.

Application (summary):

- Applicants must submit a letter of intent in three formats by September 30, 2013 by 5pm:
 1. Completed electronic letter of intent submitted through the [Beckman application portal](#).
 2. Original and one copy of the letter of intent, submitted without staples and no double-sided pages. **Hard copy must be received by the foundation by September 30, 2013 by 5pm.**
 3. The Foundation must also receive the completed letter of intent packet as one single PDF file via email to beckmanprograms@yahoo.com by September 30, 2013 by 5pm.
- Letters of intent must include the following components:
 1. Completed [Letter of Intent Information Form](#). This form requires the endorsement signatures of the Divisional Dean and the Provost. **All FAS applicants must email this form to Susan Gomes at sgomes@fas.harvard.edu by September 11, 2013 by noon** in order to obtain both signatures in advance of the sponsor deadline. Full letter of intent does not need to be complete at this time.
 2. A brief description of the proposed work that is understandable to a multidisciplinary group of scientific reviewers. The description should make clear the rationale for the

proposed work, its potential importance, the approach to be taken and the potential significant outcomes. The description should adhere to the following format:

- No more than 800 words used for project description;
 - Figures may be included;
 - References may be used and will not be included in word count;
 - Use Arial font, size 11;
 - Use at least one inch margins (top, bottom, left, and right).
3. Beckman Young Investigator Biosketch (see [template](#))
 4. Research Support Form (see [template](#))
- After submission, potential candidates for BYI Application submission will be notified by December, 2013. Further instructions for application content will be made available upon invitation to submit a full application. Full applications must be submitted to the Office of Sponsored Programs (OSP) for review at least five business days in advance of the sponsor deadline.

Additional Information:

More information on the Beckman Young Investigators Program can be found at <http://www.beckman-foundation.com/byi-new2.html>.

Award recipients from Harvard FAS include Hopi Hoekstra (OEB, 2006), Xiaowei Zhuang (CCB, 2003), and David Liu (CCB, 2002).

Questions regarding this announcement or proposal submission can be directed to Erin Cromack (617-496-5252, cromack@fas.harvard.edu) or Susan Gomes (496-9448, susan_gomes@harvard.edu).

Deadlines:

FAS Deadline to Request Institutional Endorsement:	September 11, 2013 by 12pm
Letter of Intent Deadline:	September 30, 2013 by 5pm
Sponsor Full Proposal Deadline (by invitation):	TBD