

NIH DIRECTOR'S NEW INNOVATOR AWARD

Sponsor Deadline: October 25, 2013 by 5:00PM

Award Amount: \$300,000 per year for 5 years, plus applicable F&A

Target Applicants: Early Career

Target Disciplines: Biological, behavioral, clinical, social, physical, chemical, computational, engineering, and mathematical sciences

The NIH Director's New Innovator Award is designed specifically to support unusually creative new investigators with highly innovative research ideas at an early stage of their career when they may lack the preliminary data required for an R01 grant. The award funds investigators proposing highly innovative research projects that have the potential for unusually high impact. The emphasis is on innovation and creativity; preliminary data are not required, but may be included.

Eligibility (partial list):

- Applicants must meet the definition of an Early Stage Investigator (ESI). An ESI is a new investigator who is within 10 years of completing his/her terminal research degree or is within 10 years of completing medical residency (or the equivalent).
- Applicants must hold an independent research position at a domestic (U.S.) institution as of September 1, 2013.
- Applicants may submit or have an R01 (or other equivalent) grant application pending concurrently with their New Innovator Award application. However, if that pending grant is awarded in Fiscal Year 2014 with a start date of September 30, 2014 or earlier, then the applicant is no longer eligible to receive the New Innovator Award.
- Awardees are required to commit at least 25% of their research effort each year to activities supported by the New Innovator Award.

Review Criteria (partial list):

Reviewers will emphasize the following in their consideration of proposals:

1. Importance of the scientific problem and the potential impact of the research,
2. Novelty and innovativeness of the approach, and
3. Evidence of the applicant's potential for creative and innovative research as an early stage investigator.

Application:

Applications must be submitted by October 25, 2013 by 5pm. For detailed application and submission information, see [here](#).

Prior to submitting an application to the sponsor the full application must be submitted for review to OSP at least five business days prior to the sponsor deadline.

Additional Information:

More information on the NIH New Innovator Award can be found at:

<https://commonfund.nih.gov/newinnovator/>

For additional information, see the [New Innovator Award Frequently Asked Questions](#).

Recent Harvard FAS recipients include Emily Balskus (CCB, 2012), Erez Lieberman Aiden (Society of Fellows, 2011), Adam Cohen (CCB, 2010), and Pardis Sabeti (OEB, 2009).

Please direct any questions regarding this proposal announcement or submission to Erin Cromack (496-5252, cromack@fas.harvard.edu) or Susan Gomes (496-9448, susan_gomes@harvard.edu).

Deadlines:

OSP Deadline:

October 18, 2013, 5PM

Sponsor Deadline:

October 25, 2013, 5PM