

Early Career Funding Opportunities (Federal Agencies)

These programs are intended for late postdoctoral investigators and new faculty, usually those at or below the rank of Assistant Professor.

**unless otherwise specified, funding opportunities apply to U.S. citizens/permanent residents/nationals.*

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Program Title	Organization	Deadline	Award Amount & Duration	Eligibility	Field(s)
Alan T. Waterman Award	National Science Foundation (NSF)	October 21, 2019 [Internal Limited Submission]	A medal and \$1,000,000 over 5 years	The investigator must be 40 years of age or younger, or not more than 10 years beyond receipt of the PhD degree.	Science Engineering Social Sciences
Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) Defense Sciences Office (DSO) Young Faculty Award	Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA)	November 19, 2019	\$500,000 over 2 years, with a 1-year option period	Applicants are current Tenure-Track Assistant/Associate Professors, or current Tenured faculty within 3 years of their Tenure date, or an equivalent at a non-profit research institution within 12 years of receipt of their PhD; all proposers must be employed by a U.S. Institution.	Science Engineering

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ROSES Planetary Science Early Career Award	National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)	December 2, 2019	One-time award of \$200,000	Applicants must have received their PhD within 10 calendar years of the year of the submission of the research proposal.	Planetary Science
Early Career Research Program	Department of Energy (DOE), Office of Science	February 2020 (anticipated)	\$750,000 over 5 years	Applicant must be untenured, tenure-track assistant, or associate professor at a U.S. who received a PhD within the past 10 years.	Science Energy Biological and Environmental Research Physics
ROSES New (Early Career) Investigator Program in Earth Science (NIP)	National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)	February 2020 (anticipated)	TBD	Prospective investigators from any category or organizations or institutions, U.S. or non-U.S. PhD must have been awarded within 6 years of deadline.	Earth Science
Agriculture and Food Research Initiative (AFRI)	Department of Agriculture (USDA): National Institute of Food and Agriculture	Spring 2020 (anticipated)	Varies	Varies	Agricultural Research, Education, and Extension
ROSES Early Career Fellowship Start-up Program for Named Fellows	National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)	March 27, 2020	Up to \$100,000 of start-up funds	Prospective investigators from any category or organizations or institutions, U.S. or non-U.S.	Planetary Sciences
SpaceTech-REDDI Space Technology Research Grants Program – Early Career Faculty (ECF)	National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)	April 2020 (anticipated)	Maximum of \$200,000/year for 3 years	Prospective investigators from any category or organizations or institutions, U.S. or non-U.S.	Space Technologies

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Air Force Young Investigator Research Program (YIP)	Air Force	June 2020 (anticipated)	Up to \$150,000/year over 3 years	Applicant must be a U.S. citizen, national, or permanent resident.	Science Engineering
Faculty Early Career Development Program (CAREER)	National Science Foundation (NSF)	July 2020 (anticipated)	Minimum of \$400,000 for the 5-year duration	Applicant must be an Assistant Professor or equivalent. Associate professors are not eligible to apply.	Science Engineering Education
Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers (PECASE)	Departments of Agriculture, Commerce, Defense, Energy, Education, HHS: NIH, VA, NASA, NSF	July 2020 (anticipated)	Minimum award of \$400,000 for 5 years	Scientists and engineers beginning their independent research careers.	Science Engineering
DoD Parkinson's Early Investigator Research Award	Department of Defense (DoD)	July 2020 (anticipated)	Maximum of \$360,000	The investigator must be within 10 years of advanced degree or residency training completion (or equivalent) as of the application deadline.	Parkinson's Disease
NIH Director's New Innovator Award Program	National Institutes of Health (NIH)	August 2020 (anticipated)	Up to \$300,000 over 5 years	Applicants must be within 10 years of completing their terminal research degree.	Behavioral Science Social Science Biomedical Science Applied Science Formal Science
ROSES Nancy Grace Roman Technology Fellowships for Early Career Researchers	National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)	August 2020 (anticipated)	Up to \$300,000	Prospective investigators from any category or organizations or institutions, U.S. or non-U.S. PhD must have been awarded within 6 years of deadline.	Astrophysics

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<u>Computer and Information Science and Engineering (CISE) Research Initiation Initiative (CRII)</u>	National Science Foundation (NSF)	August 12, 2020	Up to \$175,000 over 2 years	Applicant must be in the first 3 years of a tenure-track or research science or education position. and within 5 years of receiving their PhD degree.	CISE Research
<u>NIH Director's Early Independence Awards</u>	National Institutes of Health (NIH)	September 2020 (anticipated) [Internal Limited Submission]	Up to \$250,000/year	Receipt date of terminal degree must be within 2 years of the application deadline. Individuals are eligible only if they do not have research independence.	Behavioral Science Social Science Biomedical Science Applied Science Formal Science
<u>Army Young Investigator Program (YIP)</u>	Department of Defense (DoD), Army Research Laboratory (ARL)	Continuous through March 31, 2022	Maximum of \$120,000/year over 3 years	Applicants must have received their PhD for fewer than 5 years at the time of the application.	Physical Sciences Engineering Information Sciences
<u>Navy Young Investigator Research Program (YIP)</u>	Department of Defense (DoD), Office of Naval Research (ONR)	Awaiting publication	\$510,000 over a 36-month period of performance. May request up to \$170,000 for each 12-month interval.	Applicant holding a first or second full-time tenure-track (or equivalent) faculty position having received a terminal degree 9 years prior to deadline.	Science Engineering Mathematics