

Early Career Funding Opportunities (Private Organizations and Foundations)

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.*

Please check the [Funding Opportunities Manager](#) for any internal limited submission procedures/internal coordination requirements.

Program Title	Organization	Deadline	Award Amount & Duration	Eligibility	Field(s)
Petroleum Research Fund: Doctoral New Investigator Grants	American Chemical Society	October 18, 2019	\$110,000 over 2 years	Investigator must be within the first 3 years of their academic appointment at the rank of Assistant Professor.	Science Chemistry Petroleum Research Engineering
Career Development Award	Dermatology Foundation	October 15, 2019	Up to \$55,000/year, up to 2 years	Candidates must be no greater than 12 years beyond terminal degree.	Dermatology
Research Scholar Grants in Basic, Preclinical, Clinical and Epidemiology Research	American Cancer Society	October 15, 2019 April 1, 2020	Up to \$165,000/year, over 4 years	Investigator must be a U.S. citizen or Permanent Resident, within the first 6 years of independent career.	Science Biology Neuroscience Epidemiology Health Policy
Career Development Awards	Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of America	November 5, 2019 May 5, 2020	Up to \$90,000/year, up to 3 years	Candidates should not be in excess of 10 years beyond their doctoral degree.	Crohn's and Colitis Research
Young Investigator Innovation Grants	American Foundation for Suicide Prevention	November 15, 2019	Up to \$90,000 over 2 years	Applicants must be at or below the level of Assistant Professor.	Science Biology Human Disease

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Clinical Scientist Development Award	Doris Duke Charitable Foundation	November 19, 2019	\$495,000 over 3 years	Applicants must have been at their academic appointment no more than 4 years, but at least 1 year.	Medical Research
Research Fellowships	Knowles Science Teaching Foundation	December 1, 2019	\$150,000	Applicants must have earned a valid state teaching credential/certificate/license no earlier than 5 years prior to application deadline.	Teaching Education
Young Investigator Grants	Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation	December 16, 2019	Up to \$150,000, over 3 years	Investigator must not have achieved an appointment higher than Instructor (Assistant professor level faculty, including Adjuncts at this level, will not be considered).	Science Biology Cancer Research
AFAR Research Grants	American Federation for Aging Research	Letter of Intent due: December 2019 (anticipated)	Up to \$100,000	Investigator must be an independent investigator with independent research space, and must be no more than 10 years beyond start of postdoctoral training.	Science Biology
McKnight Scholar Awards	McKnight Foundation	January 1, 2020	\$225,000, over 3 years	Investigator must have served at the rank of Assistant Professor for less than 4 years at the time of the application deadline.	Science Neuroscience
Dreyfus Foundation Teacher-Scholar Awards	Camille and Henry Dreyfus Foundation	February 6, 2020 [Internal Limited Submission]	\$100,000	Investigator must be within 6 years of their first tenure-track position.	Science Chemistry

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Fellowship Awards in the Neurosciences	Esther A. and Joseph Klingenstein Fund	February 2020 (anticipated)	\$225,000 over 3 years	Investigator must be an independent investigator and be within 4 years of completing postdoctoral training and the start of tenure track appointment.	Science Neuroscience
Basil O'Connor Starter Scholar Research Award	March of Dimes	March 2020 (anticipated)	\$150,000 for 2 years	Investigator must be 4 to 9 years past their last year of clinical training and must hold a full-time faculty position at their current institution.	Science Maternal-Fetal Medicine Pediatric Research Biology
Distinguished Scientist Awards	Sontag Foundation	March 2020 (anticipated)	Up to \$600,000, over 4 years	Investigator must be within 2 years of their first tenure-track position or nearest equivalent.	Science Cancer Research Neuroscience
New Investigator Research Grants	Alzheimer's Association	March 2020 (anticipated)	Award amount varies	Eligibility requirements vary	Science Biology Neuroscience
NARSAD Young Investigator Grant	Brain & Behavior Research Foundation	March 2020 (anticipated)	\$35,000/year for 2 years totaling \$70,000	Investigator must use these funds to extend a research fellowship training or begin a career as an independent research faculty.	Science Neuroscience Psychiatry
Young Investigators Research Grants	Human Frontier Science Program	March 2020 (anticipated)	Up to \$450,000/year for a team of 4 or more	Investigator must be within 5 years of obtaining an independent position but must have obtained their PhD not longer than 10 years before the deadline for submission.	Science Life Sciences Biology Neuroscience Pathophysiology

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New Investigators Research Grant	American Speech-Language-Hearing Foundation	April 2020 (anticipated)	\$10,000	Applicants must have completed their PhD or equivalent doctorate within the past 5 years and must have not received external research funding (internal university funding does not apply).	Science Biology Hearing Sciences Speech and Language Sciences
Early Career Awards	Thrasher Research Fund	February 2020 September 2020 (anticipated)	Up to \$25,000	Applicant must be a post-doc researcher who received the degree no more than 3 years prior to the date of submission of the Concept Paper. Each project requires a mentor.	Science Pediatric Research
Walter A. Rosenblith New Investigator Award	Health Effects Institute	April 2020 (anticipated)	Maximum of \$500,000 for 3 years	Investigator must be a junior investigator, at the Assistant Professor or equivalent level.	Science Air Quality Research Public Health
Knowledge Challenge (formerly the Junior Faculty Fellowship in Entrepreneurship Research)	Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation	May 2020 (anticipated white paper deadline) July 2020 (anticipated proposal deadline)	\$400,000 annually for project teams, up to \$150,000 annually for individual researchers	Open to proposers conducting research in universities and academic institutions, with the goal to produce tangible insights for entrepreneurs.	Entrepreneurship Technology Culture and Entrepreneurship
Cottrell Scholar Awards	Research Corporation for Science Advancement	May 2020 (anticipated)	Award amount varies	Limited to faculty members who started tenure-track appointment 3 years prior.	Teacher-Scholar Chemistry Physics Astronomy

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Young Investigator Award	Society for Neuroscience	May 2020 (anticipated)	\$15,000	Nominee must have received a PhD or MD within the past 10 years (time taken off for childrearing does not count in these totals).	Science Neuroscience
Future Leader Awards	International Life Sciences Institute	June 2020 (anticipated)	\$15,000/year, for 2 years	Applicant must be within 5 years of first tenure-track position.	Science Nutrition Food Science
Young Investigator Award	The Milstein Awards	June 2020 (anticipated)	\$1,500 and a commemorative plaque	Applicant must have received PhD or M.D. within the previous 10 years.	Science Biomedical Research
Post-Doctoral Fellowship	James S. McDonnell Foundation	June 2020 (anticipated)	\$200,000 to be expended in no less than 2 and no more than 3 years	Applicant must be a student with complex science training who are in the final stages of completing their PhD looking to make a significant change for their first postdoctoral fellowship.	Mathematical Theory Engineering Complex Systems Science
Innovation Award	Damon Runyon Cancer Research Foundation	July 2020 (anticipated)	\$200,000/year, for 2 years, with the option for 2 additional years	Applicants are Tenure-track Assistant Professors within the first 5 years of obtaining their initial Assistant Professor position.	Science Cancer Research
Career Catalyst Research Award	Susan G. Komen	July 2020 (anticipated)	\$150,000/year, for up to 3 years	Applicants must have held faculty positions for no more than 8 years by the application due date.	Science Biology Breast Cancer Research

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<u>Junior Faculty Development Award</u>	American Diabetes Association	July 2020 (anticipated)	\$138,000/year, plus optional student loan repayment (\$10,000/year)	Applicants can be at any career level up to and including Assistant Professor or equivalent, with at most 10 years research beyond.	Science Biology Diabetes Research
<u>Bridge to Independence Award</u>	Simons Foundation Autism Research Initiative	August 2020 (anticipated)	\$495,000, over 3 years	Applicants must have fewer than 6 years of postdoctoral or otherwise mentored training.	Autism Research
<u>Beckman Young Investigator Program</u>	Arnold and Mabel Beckman Foundation	August 2020 (anticipated)	Grants are in the range of \$600,000 over the term of the project, contingent upon demonstrated progress after the second year of the award.	Applicants must be within their first 3 years of a tenure-track position, or an equivalent independent research appointment.	Science Chemistry Life Sciences
<u>Harry Weaver Neuroscience Scholar Awards</u>	National Multiple Sclerosis Society	August 2020 (anticipated)	\$150,000/year in direct costs, for a term of 5 years, for a total of \$750,000	Applicants who are more than 7 years beyond the completion of their postdoctoral training are not eligible for this award.	Science Neuroscience Multiple Sclerosis Research Biology
<u>David H. Smith Conservation Research Fellowship Program</u>	Society for Conservation Biology	September 2020 (anticipated)	2-year annual salary of \$57,500, research funds totaling \$32,000 and an \$8,000 travel budget.	Applicants must have completed their PhD within the past 5 years. Applicants who have not yet completed their doctorate must indicate the date the degree is expected.	Science Conservation Science Biology Entrepreneurship

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Sloan Research Fellowships	Alfred P. Sloan Foundation	September 2020 (anticipated) [Internal Limited Submission]	\$75,000	Applicants must hold a tenure track position.	Science Chemistry Computational Biology Evolutionary Molecular Biology Computer Science Economics Mathematics Neuroscience Ocean Sciences Physics
Searle Scholars Program	The Kinship Foundation	September 2020 (anticipated) [Internal Limited Submission]	\$300,000 over 3 years	Investigator must be within 2 years of their first tenure-track position or nearest equivalent.	Science Biology
NAS Award in Molecular Biology	National Academy of Sciences	October 2020 (anticipated)	A medal and a \$25,000 prize	Investigator must be 45 years old or younger.	Science Molecular Biology
Troland Research Award	National Academy of Sciences	October 2020 (anticipated)	\$75,000	Investigator must be 45 years old or younger.	Experimental Psychology
Pew Scholars Program in the Biomedical Sciences	The Pew Charitable Trust	October 2020 (anticipated) [Internal Limited Submission]	\$75,000/year for a 4-year period, totaling \$300,000	Applicants must hold full-time appointments at the rank of Assistant Professor for less than 3 years.	Science Biology Medical Research