

Early Investigator Private Funding Opportunities

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 and Duration	Eligibility	Field(s)
Career Catalyst Research Grants	Susan G. Komen	July 10, 2019	\$150,000/year, for up to 3 years	Applicants must have held faculty positions for no more than five years by the application due date.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Science • Biology • Breast Cancer Research
Junior Faculty Award, Career Development Award	American Diabetes Association	July 15, 2019	Award amount varies	Applicants can be at any career level up to and including Assistant Professor or equivalent, with at most 10 years research beyond.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Science • Biology • Diabetes Research
Searle Scholars Program	The Kinship Foundation	August 1, 2019 [Internal Limited Submission]	\$300,000 over three years	Investigator must be within two years of their first tenure-track position or nearest equivalent.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Science • Biology
Bridge to Independence Award	Simons Foundation Autism Research Initiative	August 8, 2019	\$495,000, over 3 years	Applicants must have fewer than six years of postdoctoral or otherwise mentored training.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Autism Research
Beckman Young Investigator Program	Arnold and Mabel Beckman Foundation	August 9, 2019	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 three years of a tenure-track position, or an equivalent independent research appointment.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Science • Chemistry • Life Sciences

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Harry Weaver Neuroscience Scholar Awards	National Multiple Sclerosis Society	August 14, 2019	\$150,000/year in direct costs, for a term of five years, for a total of \$750,000	Applicants who are more than seven years beyond the completion of their postdoctoral training are not eligible for this award.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Science • Neuroscience • Multiple Sclerosis Research • Biology
David H Smith Conservation Research Fellowship Program	Society for Conservation Biology	September 13, 2019	Two-year annual salary of \$55,000, research funds totaling \$32,000 and an \$8,000 travel budget.	Applicants must have completed their PhD within the past five years. Applicants who have not yet completed their doctorate must indicate the date the degree is expected.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Science • Conservation Science • Biology • Entrepreneurship
Sloan Research Fellowships	Alfred P. Sloan Foundation	September 16, 2019	\$70,000	Applicants must hold a tenure track position. Candidates' most recent PhD must have been awarded at most six years before the deadline.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Science • Chemistry • Computational Biology • Evolutionary Molecular Biology • Computer Science • Economics • Mathematics • Neuroscience • Ocean Sciences • Physics
NAS Award in Molecular Biology	National Academy of Sciences	October 7, 2019	A medal and a \$25,000 prize	Investigator must be 45 years old or younger.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Science • Molecular Biology
Troland Research Award	National Academy of Sciences	October 7, 2019	\$75,000	Investigator must be 45 years old or younger.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experimental Psychology
Petroleum Research Fund Doctoral New Investigator Grants (DNI)	American Chemical Society	October 18, 2019	\$110,000 over two years	Investigator must be within the first three years of their academic appointment at the rank of Assistant Professor.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Science • Chemistry • Petroleum Research • Engineering
Audience (R)Evolution	Theatre Communications Group	October 2019 (anticipated)	Cohort Grants of \$75,000 or \$150,000		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Performing Arts • Theatre

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Research Scholar Grants in Basic, Preclinical, Clinical, and Epidemiology Research	American Cancer Society	Annual deadlines: October 15, April 1	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.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Science • Biology • Neuroscience • Epidemiology • Health Policy
Postdoctoral Research Fellowship Program	A.P. Giannini Family Foundation	November 5, 2019	\$54,000 in Year 1, \$55,000 in Year 2 and \$56,000 in Year 3	Applicants must be sponsored by an accredited California medical school. Post-docs with no more than 3 years in their mentor's laboratory and PhD holders are eligible to apply.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Science • Biomedical 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.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Science • Biology • Human Disease
Dreyfus Foundation Teacher-Scholar Awards	Camille and Henry Dreyfus Foundation	November 2019 (anticipated) [Internal Limited Submission]	\$100,000	Investigator must be within 6 years of their first tenure-track position.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Science • Chemistry
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 five years prior to application deadline.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teaching • Education
Packard Fellowships for Science and Engineering	David and Lucile Packard Foundation	December 2019 (anticipated) [Internal Limited Submission]	\$875,000 over five years	Investigator must be within the first three years of their first faculty appointment. Adjunct professors are not ideal candidates for the program.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Science • Engineering
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.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Science • Biology

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Young Investigator Awards	Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation	December 2019 (anticipated)	Up to \$150,000, over three years	Investigator must not have achieved an appointment higher than Instructor (Assistant professor level faculty, including Adjuncts at this level, will not be considered).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Science • Biology • Cancer Research
McKnight Scholar Awards	McKnight Foundation	January 2020 (anticipated)	\$75,000/year for three years	Investigator must have served at the rank of Assistant Professor for less than four years at the time of the application deadline.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Science • Neuroscience
Research Grant for New Investigators	American Speech-Language-Hearing Foundation	January 2020 (anticipated)	\$10,000	Applicants must have completed their PhD or equivalent doctorate within the past five years and must have not received external research funding (internal university funding does not apply)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Science • Biology • Hearing Sciences • Speech and Language Sciences
Basil O'Connor Starter Scholar Research Award	March of Dimes	January 2020 (anticipated)	\$150,000 for 2 years	Investigator must be four to eight years past their degree and must hold a full-time faculty position at their current institution.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Science • Maternal-Fetal Medicine • Pediatric Research • Biology
Fellowship Awards in the Neurosciences	Esther A. and Joseph Klingenstein Fund	February 2020 (anticipated)	\$225,000 over three years	Investigator must be an independent investigator and be within four years of completing postdoctoral training and the start of tenure track appointment.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Science • Neuroscience
Performing Arts Grants	MAP Fund (Multi-Arts Fund)	February 2020 (anticipated)	\$10,000 – \$45,000 per grant.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Performing Arts • Theatre • Dance • Music
Distinguished Scientist Award	Sontag Foundation	March 2020 (anticipated)	Up to \$600,000, over four years	Investigator must be within two years of their first tenure-track position or nearest equivalent.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Science • Cancer Research • Neuroscience
New Investigator Research Grants	Alzheimer's Association	March 2020 (anticipated)	Award amount varies		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Science • Biology • Neuroscience

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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.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Science • Neuroscience • Psychiatry
Young Investigators' Research Grants	Human Frontier Science Program	March 2020 (anticipated)	Up to \$450,000/year, for three years	Investigator must be within five years of obtaining an independent position but must have obtained their PhD not longer than 10 years before the deadline for submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Science • Life Sciences • Biology • Neuroscience • Pathophysiology
Early Career Awards	Thrasher Research Fund	April 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.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Science • Pediatric Research
Walter A. Rosenblith New Investigator Award	Health Effects Institute	April 2020 (anticipated)	\$150,000/year, for 3 years totaling \$450,000	Investigator must be a junior investigator, at the Assistant Professor or equivalent level.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Entrepreneurship • Technology • Culture and Entrepreneurship
Cottrell Scholar Awards	Research Corporation for Science Advancement	May 2020 (anticipated)	Award amount varies		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teacher-Scholar • Chemistry • Physics • Astronomy
Young Investigator Award	Society for Neuroscience	June 2020 (anticipated)	\$15,000	Nominee must have received a PhD or MD within the past 10 years (time taken off for child-rearing does not count in these totals).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Science • Neuroscience

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Future Leader Awards	International Life Sciences Institute	June 2020 (anticipated)	\$15,000/year, for two years		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Science • Nutrition • Food Science
Young Investigator Award	The Milstein Awards	June 2020 (anticipated)	Not available		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 two additional years	Applicants are Tenure-track Assistant Professors within the first five years of obtaining their initial Assistant Professor position.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Science • Cancer Research
Pew Scholars Program in the Biomedical Sciences	The Pew Charitable Trust	October 2019 (anticipated) [Internal Limited Submission]	\$75,000/year for a four-year period, totaling \$300,000	Applicants must hold full-time appointments at the rank of Assistant Professor for less than three years.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Science • Biology • Medical Research
Artistic Grants	Elizabeth George Foundation	Not available	Not available		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arts and Humanities • Writing • Poetry • Playwrighting
Labs, Fellowships, Project Support, Mentorships	Sundance Institute	Deadlines vary	varies		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arts and Humanities • Film