

UCSF May Submit 2 Applications

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WHAT: NIH Director's Early Independence Awards (DP5) (<https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-RM-17-008.html>)

REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS NUMBER: RFA-RM-17-008

PURPOSE:

- To support exceptional investigators who wish to pursue independent research directly after completion of their terminal doctoral/research degree or clinical residency, thereby forgoing the traditional post-doctoral training period and accelerating their entry into an independent research career.

ELIGIBILITY:

- The date of receipt of the terminal doctoral degree or completion of clinical residency of the PD/PI must be between June 1, 2016 and September 30, 2018.
 - a. The clinical fellowship period is NOT included in the clinical residency or equivalent training period.
 - b. The date of degree receipt is that which appears on the official transcript for the degree
- At the time of application, the PD/PI must not have served as a post-doctoral fellow following a previous doctoral degree for more than twelve months.
- The time of application is the date when the application is submitted electronically to NIH through Grants.gov.
- At the time of funding to the grantee Institution, either:
 1. The Early Independence investigator must have received a PhD, MD, DO, DC, DDS, DVM, OD, DPM, ScD, EngD, Dr PH, DNSc, ND (Doctor of Naturopathy), PharmD, DSW, PsyD, or equivalent doctoral degree from an accredited domestic or foreign institution (it is the responsibility of the sponsoring institution to determine if a foreign doctoral degree is equivalent), **OR**
 2. An authorized official of the degree-granting institution must certify that all degree requirements have been met and that the date of graduation as appearing on the transcript will be before September 30, 2018.
- Individuals are eligible only if they, at the time of application submission, do not have research independence. Eligible individuals must have all the following characteristics:
 1. The PD's/PI's current research agenda is set through concurrence with mentors.
 2. The PD's/PI's research is funded primarily through support to other investigators (mentored fellowships such as NIH F31 or F32 Fellowships or NSF Graduate Research Fellowships do not preclude eligibility).
 3. The PD/PI does not have any space assigned directly by the institution for the conduct of his or her research.
 4. The PD/PI, according to institutional policy, cannot apply for an NIH R01 grant without special waiver or exemption from the institution.

- **Please be aware that applicants must have a commitment for an independent position at UCSF to be considered, and the nature of that commitment must be specified.** Please include appointment details on the pre-proposal cover sheet.

BUDGET AND PROJECT PERIOD:

- Budget: Up to \$250,000 in direct costs **per year**, plus applicable Facilities and Administrative (F&A) costs
 - UCSF indirect cost policy will apply except for non-federal entities.
- Project period: 5 years

NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS UCSF MAY SUBMIT: 2

DUE DATES:

- **INTERNAL: 10am**, Thursday, July 13th, 2017
- **Please note PIs may submit directly to the LSP; RMS does not get involved unless and until you are nominated**
- Agency Letter of Intent (not required): Tuesday, August 22nd, 2017
- Sponsor: Friday, September 22nd, 2017

Submit the following in ONE PDF file by 10am, July 13, 2017, to: limitedsubmissions@ucsf.edu

1. Limited Submission Pre-proposal Cover Sheet with signatures (form attached to email)
2. Project Summary (2-pg. max., including references) addressing the following:
 - a. Evidence of exceptional scientific creativity and productivity
 - b. A research plan in a scientific area relevant to the NIH mission for which the investigator has demonstrated expertise
3. NIH Bio-sketch (5-pg. max., including publications)
(<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/forms/biosketch-blankformat-Forms-D.docx>)
4. **Separately email three letters of recommendation directly from current and previous scientific mentors to: limitedsubmissions@ucsf.edu** (subject line should read, "Early Ind. Award Rec. for _____"). Recommendations should offer a detailed assessment of:
 - a. The prospects for a successful early transition to research independence;
 - b. Achievements as a graduate student/trainee; and
 - c. The potential for future scientific contributions.

The LSP is a selection process, not an award process. As the LSP is under significant time constraints, all reviewer feedback is optional. We encourage you to seek other avenues for proposal feedback.

Sent by Lisa Howard, on behalf of the Research Development Office (RDO), Limited Submission Program (LSP)