

Biology Research Career Development Award Application Procedures

Purpose: Decreases in total funding available from federal agencies and foundations has resulted in competitive proposals receiving priority scores that would have been funded within the previous year, but now fall out of the pay line score because of reduced numbers of dollars and awards. The case is similar where the evaluation system uses pay line positions (e.g., 15 awards were made a year ago, but only 10 are made this year, and the current proposal ranked number 12 and does not get funded). This situation can be very deleterious for a research program, particularly if key personnel (proposed or current) or resources cannot be obtained or retained. The purpose of these awards is to provide some funding to PIs whose proposals are caught in this scenario.

Process: Submit the following to the Director

1. A letter of application for the program, including grant re-submission strategy.
2. A copy of the grant proposal.
3. A copy of the critique, along with the score received and/or proposal ranking.
4. Pay lines (priority scores or ranking positions) that were funded in the same program during the prior one-year period.
5. A list of current and pending grants, including agency, title, period, and amount.

Timing: Application packets may be submitted for consideration during two time frames per year, beginning immediately, during May/June/July or November/December/January.

Funding: Awards amounts will be from \$15,000 to \$50,000, for a one-year period, with a total annual commitment of \$100,000. That is, two-seven possible awards per year, in combinations between \$15,000 and \$50,000 each, or 1-3 awards made in the summer period and 1-3 made in the winter period. Consideration for second year funding will be a function of research progress and grant proposal re-submission success.

Start Dates: Summer awards will start in July and winter awards will start in January.

Funding in this program does not preclude funding success in BRIEF, K-INBRE, USRG, Cancer Center, or other local or regional programs.