Limited Submission Funding Opportunity

American Diabetes Association (ADA): Pathway to Stop Diabetes

http://professional.diabetes.org/grants-pathway

**Three funding Opportunities:**

**Opportunity #1: Initiator Award**

**Opportunity #2: Accelerator Award**

**Opportunity #3: Visionary Award**

**SUMMARY OF OPPORTUNITIES**

The Pathway to Stop Diabetes Research Program will consider applications directed toward all topics relevant to prevention, treatment and cure of all types of diabetes (type 1, type 2, and gestational diabetes), diabetes-related disease states (obesity, pre-diabetes, and other insulin resistant states) and the complications of the disease. The program intends to attract a broad range of expertise to the field of diabetes from various fields of science and technology, including medicine, biology, chemistry, engineering, mathematics and physics.

The Association expects to support between four and six applicants from the 2015 award competition, with grants commencing in January 2016.

The Association encourages nomination of individuals from diverse backgrounds, including minority groups that are underrepresented in biomedical research.

**Opportunity #1: Initiator Award**

The Initiator awards are designed to support early career researchers who have distinguished themselves during their research training as exceptionally talented and promising research investigators with a high likelihood of establishing successful, independent research programs and making seminal contributions in diabetes research. These awards provide salary and research support for applicants during late stages of mentored training through establishment as independent research faculty.

Awards will provide two distinct phases of research support. Combined support for Phase 1 and Phase 2 can total up to $1,625,000 over up to seven years.

Eligibility for Initiator Awards:

- Eligible applicants must currently be in research training positions (post-doctoral fellow, research fellowship) and can have no more than seven years of training since their terminal doctoral degree.
Recipients of Initiator Awards cannot concurrently hold an NIH K99/R00 grant. All other Career Development awards are allowable (unless holding of concurrent awards is prohibited by the other granting agency).

**Opportunity #2: Accelerator Award**
Pathway Accelerator awards are intended to provide flexible, long-term salary and research support to early career researchers who are proposing innovative and ambitious diabetes-related research programs, and who have distinguished themselves as exceptionally talented and promising research investigators.

Candidates for Accelerator awards should be in the process of establishing successful, independent diabetes research programs, and have records of independent productivity in research. For the purpose of this award, demonstration of independent productivity should include that the candidate is currently in an independent faculty position, has demonstrated the ability to perform a particular set of experiments at a high-quality level, including senior author publications (independent of training mentors) and/or has demonstrated the ability to obtain independent funding/support for their work.

Awards will provide five years of research support up to $325,000/year (including 30% indirect costs) for a total of $1,625,000.

Eligibility for Accelerator Awards:

- Applicants must hold independent faculty positions and have demonstrated independent productivity in diabetes research.
- Applicants may currently hold independent NIH funding (K or R awards, including an initial NIH R01) but must not have applied for, or received, an NIH R01 renewal or a second R01 award.

**Opportunity #3: Pathway Visionary Award**

The Pathway Visionary Award is designed to support established, experienced investigators with strong records of outstanding productivity in fields outside of diabetes who are interested in applying their considerable skills and expertise to diabetes research. These awards are highly competitive and intended to support particularly innovative and transformational ideas that have the potential to have an exceptional impact in diabetes. In order to be competitive for this award, investigators should have: 1) a significant publication history including high-impact senior author publications in their current field, 2) a demonstrated ability to obtain sustained, independent funding/support for their work, and 3) strong evidence of outstanding creativity, insight, and a demonstrated ability to collaborate.

The Pathway Visionary Award will provide two distinct phases of research support. Combined support for Phase 1 and Phase 2 can total up to $1,625,000. However, transition to Phase 2 funding is contingent on the success of Phase 1, as evidenced by productivity and continued dedication to diabetes research.
Eligibility for Pathway Visionary Awards:

- Applicants cannot have previously received national grant support (NIH, NIDDK, ADA, JDRF, etc.), as either a PI or Co-PI, in diabetes or diabetes-related research.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON ELIGIBILITY FOR ALL AWARDS (Initiator, Accelerator, and Visionary)**

- Applicants must hold a MD, PhD, DMD, DO, PharmD, DVM or an equivalent health- or science-related degree.
- Candidate’s appointment at the Sponsoring Institution must be full-time.
- One person must be specified as the PI, co-PIs are not permitted.
- Applicants must agree to devote at least 75% of total time and effort towards research during the period of Association funding. This percentage includes time dedicated to the Association-funded grant in addition to grants supported by other funding agencies.

**LIMIT ON NUMBER OF PROPOSALS PER ORGANIZATION**
Each institution is allowed a maximum of one nomination. The nomination can be in one of the three available Pathway award types:

- Initiator
- Accelerator
- Visionary

**KEY DATES**

- Internal Letter of Intent Due: February 16, 2015 (by midnight)
- Sponsor Proposal Due: July 1, 2015 (by 8 pm ET)

**SUBMITTING A MANDATORY LETTER OF INTENT**
Faculty members interested in applying are required to submit a letter of intent (LOI). An LOI is required but not binding.

1. Please click [here](#) to access the LOI form.
2. Name the LOI as follows: “LastName-FirstInitial-LOI-ADA-2015”, replacing “LastName” with your last name and “First Initial” with your first initial.
3. Click on the Vault ticket: [https://vault2.northwestern.edu/xythoswfs/webui/_xy-e6455145_1-t_XEmMB4MO](https://vault2.northwestern.edu/xythoswfs/webui/_xy-e6455145_1-t_XEmMB4MO)
4. Click the Upload button.
5. Click the Browse button and navigate to your file on your hard drive or network.
6. Click the OK button.

Note: You will get a tiny confirmation message upon upload. If you do not see it, you may contact Karen Cielo k-cielo@northwestern.edu for a confirmation.
COLLABORATION OPPORTUNITIES
The Office of Research Development offers assistance in identifying and facilitating collaborations, putting together interdisciplinary teams, programmatic and administrative development of large, cross-school proposals, and leveraging institutional resources for outreach and education. Contact Fruma Yehiely (yehiely@northwestern.edu), Director of ORD, for more information.

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