

hree \$25,000 grants will be awarded to provide funds to develop exciting investigatorinitiated concepts, which will hopefully lead to successful longer term project funding from the NIH or equivalent funding sources. Funding for grant recipients will begin on August 1 of the award year. Research results will be submitted for presentation at future AAPM meetings. The award is not intended to provide salary support for the applicant, however any other research-related expenses, including travel to scientific meetings, will be supported. Travel expenses should be included in the submitted budget. At the end of the 12-month period a report must be forwarded to AAPM, along with itemized expenses. The award will not support indirect costs. Any unspent funds should be returned to AAPM.

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and Research Fund.

A list of Award Recipients can be found here.

## **Eligibility:**

 10 years or less since receipt of a terminal research degree or medical physics residency, whichever is later. (Excludes those who have reached Associate Professor level.)

- Eligibility extension is possible and will be reviewed on a case-bycase basis, following similar NIH quidelines.
- Must be a member of the AAPM at the time of application (any membership category). Pending membership status not eligible.
- No previous grants >\$50,000 as principle investigator (including institutional startup funding, industrial awards, other external grants).
- Previously funded projects are ineligible.
- Prior Seed Grant recipients are ineligible.

## **Application Requirements:**

Five-page description of research project (including figures and tables), separated as follows:

- a. Specific aims
- b. Background and significance
- c. Preliminary results
- d. Research plan
- e. Literature cited
- f. Budget
- g. Letter of support from division/ department chair demonstrating support for the project and authorization of time and resources to complete the proposed research
- h. CV (no more than 4 pages)
  Note that sections (e), (f), (g), and

(h) do not count towards the fivepage limit.

As the competition for the seed grant is high, eligible applicants are encouraged to also submit their applications for other awards, e.g. <a href="https://www.cancer.gov/researchandfunding/training/">www.cancer.gov/researchandfunding/training/</a>.

## **Review Criteria**

- 50% Scientific merit of proposal (significance, innovation, environment, and soundness of approach)
- 25% Potential for project to develop into a major project fundable by NIH, DOE, DOD, etc.
- 25% Background of investigator

Application Deadline: April 1, 2022 (All supporting documents are due by the application deadline.) You must log onto the AAPM website to view the apply button.

## **Award duration:**

August 31, 2022 - August 31, 2023

