

# Smith Family Awards Program for Excellence in Biomedical Research

*A program of the Richard and Susan Smith Family Foundation*

**\$400,000 Awards over three years, inclusive of 5% overhead**

**Invited Full Proposal Guidelines**

**2024 Grant Cycle**

## **INVITATION ONLY**

Only invited applicants may apply to the second stage of the Smith Excellence Program.

**Award Period:** April 1, 2024 – March 31, 2027

Up to five \$400,000 three-year awards will be made to support promising junior faculty with the potential to transform their fields through their research.

## **Eligibility**

- Based at a nonprofit academic, medical, or research institution in Massachusetts or at Brown or Yale University.
- Full-time tenure-track (or equivalent) research faculty; received or will receive first independent research faculty appointment (normally tenure-track Assistant Professor) on or between October 1, 2020 through April 1, 2024.
- Have less than \$350,000 in combined federal and non-federal funding in direct costs per year, excluding the institutional start-up package and other intramural support.

Applicant eligibility must be verified by the relevant department chairs. **Programs that promote diversity, equity, and perspectives, other forms, across its grant programs. Applications from women and people from groups underrepresented in biomedical research are particularly encouraged.**

The Smith Family Awards Program for Excellence in Biomedical Research was created in 1991 to launch the careers of newly independent biomedical researchers with the ultimate goal of achieving medical breakthroughs. Since 1992, the Program has funded 192 outstanding scientists and has provided \$42.1 million in research support.

The Smith Family Awards Program for Excellence in Biomedical Research is managed by The Medical Foundation

### Career stage

- Applications will be accepted from full-

### *Pending Federal and Non-Federal Support*

Applicants who have pending R01s or other large applications to the NIH and other agencies are encouraged to submit proposals to the Smith Family Foundation. However, neither the applicant nor the institution may accept funding with budgetary overlap with the proposed aims of a funded Smith project. To avoid conflicts if your proposal receives a funding recommendation, we strongly suggest that you do not propose the same aims and budget in different grant applications. Please note that if a Smith Excellence award is made, neither the Institution nor the awardee may accept funding that results in an overlap of funding for the Smith Excellence project. **If the work proposed in the Smith Excellence proposal is funded by another source before the Smith awards are announced, the applicant must notify HRiA at [SmithExcellence@hria.org](mailto:SmithExcellence@hria.org) and withdraw the application immediately.**

application is received and will be used to communicate with applicants about the status of their applications.

**PLEASE NOTE:** If the Applicant is unable to accept the Award, the Award will not be transferred to another investigator involved in the research project.

### **Proposal Writing Tips**

While the number of applicants invited to submit a full proposal is low in the second stage of review and the anticipated success rate is 25-30%, all invited applicants are strong candidates and therefore the level of competition is high. **Applicants are strongly encouraged to prioritize good grantsmanship in writing their full applications, to maximize their chances of being funded.**

The Review Committee is composed of a diverse group of researchers who can assess a wide range of biomedical research proposals, such as bacterial and eukaryotic geneticists, immunologists,

and other researchers in the field of microbiology, immunology, and infectious diseases. The Review Committee also includes representatives from the following fields: Cell Biology, Developmental Biology, Evolutionary Biology, Genetics, Microbiology, Molecular Biology, Neuroscience, Plant Biology, and Zoology.

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