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**BloodCare**

## DISCOVERY AND INNOVATION AWARD

### Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Is the Discovery and Innovation Award available internationally?

A: This Award is only open to candidates conducting research at a U.S.-based not-for-profit institution by the start date of the award. Priority is given to applicants within HRSA Region II.

Q: I am not familiar with the NIH-style biosketch, is there a template I can use?

A: The template for the NIH-style biosketch can be found [here](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/forms/biosketch.htm): <https://grants.nih.gov/grants/forms/biosketch.htm>

Q: I lost power in the Blizzard! Can I get an extension on the deadline?

A: We are truly sorry for that inconvenience but, no you cannot get an extension on the deadline for ANY reason.

Q: How will I know that my Application was received?

A: Upon emailing your Application, you will receive a confirmation email. Please keep this email for your records. If you do not receive this email within 72 hours of submitting your application (excluding weekend and holidays) , please check your spam/junk folder, and if still nothing, contact [mwiseman@wnybloodcare.org](mailto:mwiseman@wnybloodcare.org) or leave a message at 716-896-2470 ext. 4031.

Q: When is the start date of the award?

A: January 1, 2024.

Q: Can my figures and graphs be included as appendices to the application?

A: Yes images and figures may be included.

Q: Can the budget include postdoctoral students and graduate students under personnel?

A: Yes. But we only cover salary or stipends, not tuition.

Q: Under personnel in the budget, can fringe benefits be included as well as salary?

A: Yes.

Q: Are indirect costs allowed?

A: No.

Q: Can there be more than one PI?

A: No, but we will allow for co-Investigator and Collaborators. The award will only be made to one person.

Q: I have a co-Investigator/Collaborator on my project. Should I have them write a letter of collaboration?

A: You should list them on your application ask them to write a letter of commitment and include their NIH-style biosketch.

Q: Can I include a manuscript with my application that has not yet been accepted for publication?

A: No, you can only include it if it has been accepted for publication but has not yet been published. We will remove manuscripts from your application should they not meet this criteria, so please indicate where the manuscript has been accepted and the anticipated publication date.

Q: Do I need to include IRB/Animal Use Committee approval with my application?

A: No, but if your application is recommended for funding you must provide it prior to the start date of the award.

Q: Is it ok if my letters of reference come in after the deadline?

A: We prefer that the letters arrive by the deadline.

Q: I already have an award, how can I find out about reporting requirements/no-cost extensions/rebudget/other administrative issues?

A: See 4B under Submission Guidelines.

Q: Is the total amount for the Discovery and Innovation Award \$150,000 *per year* for three years, or for up to three years?

A: It is \$150,000 a year for a total of \$450,000.

Q: I am beyond the "Early Career or Young Investigator stage, am I still eligible to apply?

A: Yes, we welcome applicants at ALL career stages!

Q: Are MD/PhD students eligible?

A: Yes.

Q: Are there citizenship requirements for your programs?

A: There are no citizenship requirements.

Q: Can I apply if I work at an institution housed outside the United States?

A: No.

Q: When is the deadline?

A: June 1, 2023, 11:59pm (EST).

Q: I won the Award! Will I receive a W-2 or some type of tax document to use when I file my taxes?

A: We do not provide any documentation for tax filing. You should check with the IRS or your tax-preparer to determine the best way to declare the Award.