



Pathways to Independence Award Request for Proposals (RFP)

Application Deadline: **January 28, 2019**

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Award Overview

OCTRI is now accepting proposals for the ***Pathways to Independence award***. *Pathways* is intended to support early career investigators through research funding to strengthen their application for an R-level grant from the NIH (or equivalent award from the VA or foundation) and support the development of their long-term research goals. OCTRI is offering one award of up to \$20,000. The award funding period is from **July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020**. Funds will be awarded to further research conducted as part of a career development award, but must be requested to support new activities, such as additional analyses, exploration of related hypotheses, or collection of additional observations, with the goal of helping the researcher achieve independent research success.

Award Parameters

- a. Up to \$20,000 may be awarded
- b. Funds must be used to support research activities
- c. Proposed research funds should not be used for duplicate budget items on another funded grant but should be related to current/prior research
- d. Funds must be expended by **June 30, 2020**
- e. Awardee must participate in [OCTRI Design Studio](#) and similar career development activities for development of the subsequent independent research grant
- f. Distribution of funds is subject to project's IRB approval

Eligibility

- a. Applicant must be a full-time faculty member from OHSU or an Academic Partner Institution (PSU, UO, OSU, VA, PNNL, or OCHIN)
- b. Applicant should be within the last two years of an independent career development award (e.g. K08, K23, K22, K07, K25, K01, VA CDA2) to three years post-CDA at the time of award

Application will include the following items

- A. Project title
- B. Applicant's information and NIH biosketch
- C. Applicant's eRA Commons ID
- D. Primary CDA award mentor's information and NIH biosketch
- E. Letter of support from your department chair or division head



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- F. List current or prior research grant project information where applicant is PI or Co-I (including CDA):
 - i. Partner/external funding source:
 - ii. Partner/external funding grant title:
 - iii. Partner/external funding award dates:
 - iv. IRB Protocol #:
- G. Pathways to Independence Research plan (2-page max):
 - i. Please provide Specific Aims for this proposed award.
 - ii. Timeline: Provide a timeline for completion of the proposed work in simple, readable form such as a short paragraph or simple diagram. The proposed work must be completed by June 30, 2020.
 - iii. Plans for continuation: Describe plans for how the requested funding will yield ongoing research with independent funding, with the intent to realize impactful long-term career goals. Identify specific targets for possible extramural grant applications
 - iv. Budget: An itemized budget for proposed research is required
- H. Submit the research plan, specific aims and career development plan from your funded or expired career development award.

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Review and Selection Process:

A review panel comprised of a multi-disciplinary committee will provide a rigorous review similar to a NIH study section. Applicants can expect to hear from the committee by April 1, 2019.

FOR PROJECTS INVOLVING HUMAN SUBJECTS RESEARCH ONLY: The National Center for Advancing Translational Science (NCATS) requires applicants to submit an anticipated enrollment table and an inclusion of women, minorities, and children (if applicable) statement **before any funding can be released**. Applicants are strongly urged to complete these at this stage of the application process. Please contact Bridget Adams, OCTRI Regulatory Specialist, for assistance: adamsb@ohsu.edu; 503-494-5077.

Please direct all questions to the Research Navigator (navigator@ohsu.edu, 503-346-3540).