# 2022 Moore Inventor Fellows Gordon & Betty Moore Foundation Limited Opportunity

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Website:	https://www.moore.org/initiative-additional-info?initiativeId=moore-inventor-fellows
Submission Limitations:	Emory can submit <u>TWO nominations</u>
Internal Deadline:	Thursday, October 21, 2021
Internal Submission Link:	All applicants must upload proposals to the InfoReady platform
	https://emory.infoready4.com/CompetitionSpace/#manageCompetitionsDetail/1852257

Foundation Deadline: December 13, 2021 (no later than 5:00 p.m. PST)

Please contact Nicole Dancz and your RAS unit to inform them of your intent to submit.

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**Program Information**: The Moore Inventor Fellows program is designed to identify outstanding early-stage inventors who harness science and technology solutions to enhance scientific research, strengthen environmental conservation, or improve the experience and outcomes of patient care. The Foundation seeks a combination of demonstrated promise of the individual and a compelling idea in which marked progress toward a defined goal can be measured during the three years of support. Further, the Foundation aims to support ideas at an early stage that could lead to proof-of-concept or advance an existing prototype toward application.

## Eligibility Requirements:

- Candidates must be faculty, research scientists, postdocs or other full-time staff at eligible institutions.
- Candidates must be no more than 10 years past receiving the terminal advanced degree in their field (M.S., Ph.D. or M.D. received on or after 2012).

**Funding Information**: Each fellow will receive \$200,000 per year from the foundation for three years. In addition, the foundation will provide the host institution with \$25,000 each year to cover costs associated with administering the grant, resulting in a total **three-year award of \$675,000**.

**Please note**: Each host institution will be required to contribute \$50,000 in annual direct support of the inventor's work. This can be "in kind" as released time or access to special facilities for which there is normally a charge.

The foundation expects each fellow will be personally engaged in pursuing their invention and requires each fellow to devote at least 25 percent of their own time to their invention. Fellows may use the grant funds to support their own salary to create this opportunity. They may also hire research personnel and purchase services, equipment, or supplies.

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#### **Internal Competition Guidelines**

## \*\*PLEASE SEE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION FOR APPLYING TO THIS OPPORTUNITY USING EMORY'S INFOREADY SYSTEM\*\*

Since Emory is only allowed to submit <u>two nominations</u> for consideration for the Moore Inventor Fellows, an internal competition is necessary. This limited opportunity is run in partnership with the Provost's Office, using the InfoReady system.

#### Instructions for Submitting Materials for the Internal Review:

- To apply, go to InfoReady and click on the "Apply" button (at the top right-hand side of the page).
- Enter the proposal title, the list of participating faculty (name and department), and upload the application materials in a single pdf file.
- An individual may only submit one application. If you need to submit applications on behalf of multiple applicants, please email <u>limited-opps@emory.edu</u> for assistance. Internal applications must be received by **5PM October 21, 2021** and contain the following materials:

1. <u>Statement of invention</u> (no more than two pages, including citations; single-spaced, 12-point font and oneinch margins). The first paragraph should describe clearly and without jargon the invention, the problem it seeks to address, and its potential impact. The statement of invention should also include the following information:

- Description of invention
- Importance in the area of science, environmental conservation, or patient care and experience
- Stage of invention
- Current funding
- Feasibility
- Risk (please describe any technical risks that might lower chances of success and what you will do mitigate these risks. For example, "If A doesn't work, we'll do B.").
- Potential impact.
- Approach for measuring progress during the grant term.
- 2. <u>Curriculum Vitae</u> (no more than two pages):
  - Educational and professional background
  - Key accomplishments, honors and demonstrated areas of expert knowledge
  - Other background information relevant to this invention
- 3. One-page budget narrative that outlines how grant funds will be used

4. <u>Names of two referees</u> who will be asked to submit letters of reference that speak to promise of applicant and invention; one referee must be affiliated with Emory and the other must come from an external institution.

5. <u>Letter of nomination from the respective Dean's Office</u> stating why the candidate is the best choice for nomination. This statement should include:

- The present status of funding for the idea
- A specific description of how awarding a Moore Inventor Fellowship will advance this idea
- Clear articulation of commitment to the nominee if grant is awarded; this must include a commitment to provide the required \$50,000 per year in direct support as well as a commitment to cover the F&A costs beyond the \$25,000 per year that the Moore Foundation will contribute.

## **IMPORTANT DATES**

Internal Competition Deadline: Nominees' Names Due to Funder: Full Application Due to Funder: Thursday, October 21, 2021 (by 5 p.m. EDT) Friday, November 12, 2021 (by 5 p.m. PST) Monday, December 13, 2021 (by 5 p.m. PST)

Additional information about this competition can be found here: <u>https://www.moore.org/docs/default-source/moore-inventor-fellows/moore-inventor-fellows-guidelines.pdf</u>