

2022 Beckman Young Investigators Program

Unrestricted funding opportunity

Coordinator: Tiffany Worboy, Director, Foundation Relations (tworboy@emory.edu)
Website: <https://www.beckman-foundation.org/programs/beckman-young-investigator/>
Submission Limitations: None (*No internal selection process needed*)

Internal Deadline: Completed application materials are due to Tiffany Worboy in the Office of Foundation Relations by **Monday, July 19, by 5:00 PM** for internal approvals

Foundation Deadline: Materials must be submitted *via the Beckman portal* no later than August 2, 2021, by 5:00 PM

PLEASE NOTE: While this is **not** a restricted opportunity, **the application requires official approval from the Provost's Office and your respective Dean's Office.** Tiffany Worboy in the Office of Foundation Relations will coordinate the internal endorsement process for all applicants.

- Therefore, please submit your completed application materials to her **no later than 5 pm on Monday, July 19.** Additionally, please inform Tiffany (tworboy@emory.edu) of your intention to apply to this opportunity as soon as possible.

Opportunity Details: The Beckman Young Investigator (BYI) Program provides research support to the most promising young faculty members in the early stages of their academic careers in the chemical and life sciences, particularly to foster the invention of methods, instruments and materials that will open up new avenues of research in science.

- Projects proposed for the BYI program should be truly innovative, high-risk, and show promise for contributing to significant advances in chemistry and the life sciences.
- They should represent a departure from current research directions rather than an extension or expansion of existing programs.
- Proposed research that cuts across traditional boundaries of scientific disciplines is encouraged.
- *Proposals that open new avenues of research in chemistry and life sciences by fostering the invention of methods, instruments and materials will be given additional consideration.*

Eligibility: The BYI program funds promising young scientists early in their careers who have not yet received a major award from another organization. Proposals that already have substantial funding will not be considered.

- The BYI program is open to those within the **first four years of a tenure-track position**, or an equivalent independent research appointment, at a United States academic or non-profit institution that conducts research in chemical and life sciences.
- Tenure-Track dates for the 2022 program **must start after 1/1/2017 AND before 8/2/2021.**
- Candidates must be citizens or permanent residents of the United States **at the time of awarding.** Persons who have applied for permanent residency but have not received their government documentation are eligible to apply; permanent residency must be confirmed by end of application cycle (May 2022).
- Applicants can have **no more than \$225,000** in direct, annualized external funding grants during any BYI Program Year (Aug-July) at time of application. Start-up funds, department-wide instrumentation grants, and "Transition" grants received as a postdoc (such as NIH K99/R00) are not counted toward this total.
- The Foundation does not support clinical research, clinical trials, or single target drug discovery projects. Individuals with strictly clinical appointments are not eligible to apply.
- Applicants must have no more than 10 years post terminal degree; and no more than 5 years' experience in a non-tenure track (not including postdoc position) or industry position. (example, post terminal degree was received in any month of 2011, they are eligible to apply in August 2021 for the 2022 program; similarly applies for non-tenure track or industry position which occurred in 2016, they are eligible to apply in August 2021 for the 2022 program).
- No individual may apply for a Beckman Young Investigator award **more than two times** (includes submitting a Letter of Intent).

Budget Terms: Projects are normally funded for a period of four years. Grants are in the range of \$600,000 (\$150,000 annually) over the term of the project, contingent upon demonstrated progress after the second year of the award.

- The Foundation does not provide for overhead or for indirect costs.

Application Procedure:

The Foundation uses a three-step application process:

Step 1: Letter of Intent

To submit a Letter of Intent:

1. Review the above eligibility and program guidelines to determine if you are eligible to apply.
2. Set up an account with the Beckman Online Grant System to access the full list of required documents and to submit your materials:
(https://beckman-foundation.smapply.io/prog/beckman_young_investigator/)
3. Complete and submit the online application.

The 2022 Letter of Intent will require completion of the following:

- ✓ PI profile including scanned copies of documentation of Citizenship/Permanent Residency
- ✓ Four page Pre-Proposal, inclusive of images, citations, and references*
- ✓ Biosketch (*template provided in application*)
- ✓ Research Support Form (*template provided in application*)
- ✓ Institutional endorsements from the Chief Academic Officer and Dean (*or similarly authorized signatories*).
Please note, these are electronic signatures and not Letters of Recommendation.

*The pre-proposal has been changed from a 1,200 word limit to a page limit for the 2022 BYI Program.

Step 2: Full Proposal (by invitation only)

Based on review of the submitted Letters of Intent, the Foundation will invite some applicants to submit a Full Proposal. You will be notified if you are invited to submit a Full Proposal.

Step 3: Interview (by invitation only)

The Foundation conducts interviews to make a final selection decision for the BYI awards. You will be notified if you are invited to an interview.

Important Notes

An Institutional Endorsement is an electronic signature that is submitted through the online application. The Letter of Intent requires two Endorsements:

1. Chief Academic Officer (President, Chancellor, Provost) or similarly authorized signatory, and
2. Dean of the College/School/Division for the participating Academic Unit or similarly authorized signatory

PLEASE work with Tiffany Worboy to secure your Institutional Endorsements. There is a protocol in place to assist with this process, but Tiffany must know of your Intent to Submit as soon as possible.

In an effort to avoid bias in the review process, the Foundation will hide information pertaining to applicants' name, gender, ethnicity, citizenship status and institutional information from all reviewers. *Please see the [website](#) for instructions on how to assist in this process.*