



Early Career Catalyst Award Letter of Inquiry (LOI) Preview

Please note that we only accept LOIs and full applications through GivingData, our online application portal. Final content in GivingData may appear slightly different from how it appears in this preview.

The Early Career Catalyst Award amount is \$500,000 (USD). Funds must be expended within five years of the award.

Eligibility:

- This award is for individual PIs. No Co-Investigators or Co-Principal Investigators are permitted.
- Applicant must be an Assistant Professor or equivalent. If an applicant is not currently a faculty member but will be by October 1, 2024, they will need to include a letter from the institution to confirm the institution's commitment to the applicant and the applicant's official start date.
- Applicant must be an independent researcher, with a doctoral degree and no more than five years from the time of appointment to an independent faculty position, including institutional support of at least \$750,000 and lab space. If an applicant has had time off due to COVID-19 shutdowns, or for health/medical, family or personal reasons, this time will not count toward the five-year period.
- We encourage investigators from underrepresented groups in science to apply.
- Researchers from any scientific discipline worldwide are eligible for funding.

LOI Application content:

- **Project Title**
- **Aims & Objectives:** Aims and objectives of the proposed research project. **(suggested word count – 1000 words maximum)**
- **Project Innovation & Research Impact:** Please describe how this is an innovative project, conceptually and/or technically for the field of IBD. **(suggested word count – 500 words maximum)**
- **Career Development:** Please address how this grant could be transformative for you in your career. **(suggested word count – 500 words maximum)**
- **Applicant Biosketch:** Please include a biosketch/CV. You may use the NIH template or any other format.

[NIH template instructions](#)

[NIH Biosketch template](#)

- **Letter of Support from Department Chair:** The letter must confirm that the applicant has their own independent lab space, has received start-up funding of at least \$750,000 and is within five

years of starting an independent position. If an applicant has had time off for family or personal reasons, this time will not count toward the five years.