

About the American Lung Association Innovation Award

Since 1915, the American Lung Association Research Team has made significant contributions to the fight against lung disease by revolutionizing treatment and unlocking secrets of the body's immune system. We have funded breakthroughs in the fight against tuberculosis, identified genes that cause the development of lung cancer and cystic fibrosis, and developed innovative ways to treat respiratory distress syndrome. The American Lung Association nationwide research program is building on over a century of success as we continue to invest in the brightest, pioneering minds with immense potential to drive innovation, discover the unknown, and improve the lives of those living with lung disease.

About the Funding Opportunity

The Innovation Award is for \$75,000 per year, for up to two years. The award is intended to support highly promising investigators with stellar track records of accomplishment, who have the potential to advance the field of lung disease science.

Successful applicants are investigators with evidence of prior excellence and productivity in the early stages of their careers; applicants must have held a K or R type award within three years prior to applying for this Lung Association award.

Grants are subject to annual review and may be granted for up to two years. The second year of support is contingent on demonstration of satisfactory progress, as well as, the availability of funding from the Lung Association.

Key Dates

August 5, 2019	Applications accepted through proposalCENTRAL
December 12, 2019	Deadline to submit an application is Thursday, December 12, 2019 (11:59 PM, Eastern Time)
February- April	Peer Review Period
June 30, 2020	Outcome notifications are sent to all applicants

Important Notes

Applicants are limited to submitting only one application per annual cycle.

It is recommended that applicants submit projects to the appropriate Institutional Animal Care and Use of Committee (IACUC) and human subjects Institutional Review Board (IRB) at the time of application or before. Copies of the approvals must be provided to the American Lung Association prior to the start of an award.

Eligibility Requirements

Citizenship

At the time of application, candidates must be United States citizens or foreign nationals holding one of the following visa immigration statuses: permanent resident (**Green Card**), exchange visitor (**J-1**), temporary worker in a specialty occupation (**H-1B**), Canadian or Mexican citizen engaging in professional activities (**TN**), Australians in Specialty Occupation (**E-3**) or temporary worker with extraordinary abilities in the sciences (**O-1**). At the time of application and throughout the award, an applicant must be employed by a U.S. institution.

Experience and Productivity

At the time of application, the applicant must hold a doctoral degree and have a faculty appointment or equivalent with demonstrated institutional commitment (salary support, research space as evidenced by a Department Chair or equivalent letter) in a recognized academic or other not-for-profit research institution. The applicant's publication record should reflect significant scientific contributions. The applicant must have held a K or R level grant in the 3 years prior to the application.

Individuals who have been PI on two or more large federal research grants (even those with multiple PIs) in their career are not eligible to apply (examples of large federal grants are R01, U01, P01, and VA Merit). Note that being identified as a Co-Investigator does not count toward this restriction.

Peer Review

Applications determined by administrative review to be eligible for funding will go through a rigorous external peer review process. Factors considered when reviewing applications include:

- Scientific merit, technical feasibility, innovation in approach, design and methodology;
- Applicant's education, experience, evidence of faculty status or permanent status and ongoing institutional commitment from the Department Chair (or equivalent); and
- The impact of the research on lung health and the likelihood that the applicant will make and continue to make significant contributions to the field.