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TAA Young Investigator Award

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Request for Applications

The Tourette Association of America (TAA) aims to encourage early career researchers to invest their efforts and expertise in increasing our biological understanding of Tourette Syndrome (TS), pursuing clinical research aimed at improving patient care, and developing and testing new therapies.

Application Deadline:

The application process for our 2026 Young Investigator Award is now open. Pre-Proposals are due by **Friday, January 23, 2026**.

We Are Now Accepting Applications for the 2026 Young Investigator Award

[Submit Your Pre-Proposal](#)

Pre-Proposal Requirements:

[Complete this form](#) to submit a pre-proposal for a 2026 Young Investigator Award.

Full Proposal Requirements:

PLEASE BE ADVISED: Young Investigator Award Full Proposals are accepted by invitation only. If you have submitted a Pre-Proposal, **please await an invitation for a Full Proposal before submitting**.

[Browse Instructions & Application Attachments](#)

Eligibility

- The award is open to post-doctoral fellows, and independent clinical/research faculty members within 5 years of their first independent faculty appointment at the time of pre-proposal application submission.

- Investigators are required to have an advanced degree such as a Ph.D., M.D., or equivalent.
- Investigators outside the U.S. are welcome to apply.
- Investigators cannot have received previous early career funding support from the Tourette Association.
- Applications must include a career development component as well as an independent research project.

Funding Level

The Young Investigator Award provides up to \$75,000 per year for a total of 2 years (\$150,000 total).

Applications are Evaluated on the Basis of the Following Information

Career Development Components:

- Candidate's background and qualifications
- Candidate's career development plan and objectives
- Description of how this award, specifically, will contribute to the Candidate's career development plan and objectives
- Letter of recommendation from mentor, discussing mentor's (and mentorship team's) role in, and commitment to, the Candidate's career development plan and objectives.

Research Project Evaluation:

- Significance/relevance to the TS field
- Methodology
- Candidate's experience relevant to the project
- Percentage of time to be devoted to project
- Adequacy and availability of research facilities and other project support
- Ability to complete project in stated time-frame

Budget

The Tourette Association will consider reasonable requests for:

- Salaries (for US institutions, NIH salary caps apply)
- Laboratory supplies and other research-related expenses
- Travel expenses for investigators (up to \$1,500 per year)
- Research equipment up to \$5,000 (excluding equipment for personal or office use [e.g. computers])
- Indirect costs of up to 10% may be included, but the total value of the grant may not exceed the levels stated above

Clinical Studies

Applicants for research grants involving clinical treatment are urged to read the following two documents:

- [Considerations for Writing Clinical Treatment Studies Proposals](#)
- [Guidelines for Clinical Studies in Tourette syndrome](#)

How to Apply

For preliminary screening, a pre-proposal briefly describing the scientific basis and relevance of the proposed project is required. Pre-proposal application forms can be submitted via the TAA website starting in November of each year.

Applicants invited to submit a full research grant proposal will be provided with application instructions.

Inquiries

Please email resmed@tourette.org.

Information for Funded Grantees:

Expected Project Start Date: October 2024

Each award extends for 12 (or 24) calendar months. Contracts are expected to be fully executed within 3 months of acceptance notification. The first payment will be made only after all required documentation has been received.