

## RITA ALLEN FOUNDATION AWARD IN PAIN

*Submission site open on **April 26 2021***

*Submission site closes **August 6 2021***

For more information about eligibility and how to apply, please see [Apply for the 2021 Rita Allen Foundation Award in Pain](#).

### AWARD IN PAIN

Since 2009, the Rita Allen Foundation has awarded annually the Rita Allen Foundation Award in Pain, recognizing emerging experts in basic pain research whose work holds high potential for uncovering new pathways to improve the treatment of chronic pain. Each year, the Foundation typically awards two grants, in the amount of \$50,000 per year over three years, to early-career investigators who are pursuing innovative research on mechanisms that initiate and propagate pain in the nervous system. In 2019, three additional pain awards and in 2020 two additional pain awards were awarded by The Rita Allen Foundation with support from the Open Philanthropy Foundation. Past recipients of the RAF Award in Pain are listed below.

#### Eligibility

Eligible candidates will have completed their training and provided persuasive evidence of distinguished achievement or extraordinary promise for a career in basic science research in pain. Candidates should be in the early stages of their career, with an appointment at the faculty level. More information about applying for the Rita Allen Foundation Award in Pain can be found [here](#).

#### Research topics

Proposed research topics should be directed toward the molecular biology of pain and/or basic science topics related to the development of new analgesics for the management of pain due to terminal illness. The proposal should describe the proposed research in pain and why it is cutting edge. In addition the candidate should describe their vision for a career in pain research and provide information on any examples of leadership in pain related activities. The entire award is made available to the recipient; university overhead is not supported.

#### Timeline

Completed applications must be submitted by **11:59 Eastern Time on August 6, 2021**. Grant awards will be announced in October 2021. Applications are reviewed by a selection committee that includes past Award in Pain recipients, as well as other leading pain basic researchers. The selection committee is unfortunately unable to provide feedback on unsuccessful applications. Subsequently, grant funds will be awarded for the initial twelve-month grant period upon satisfactory execution of a grant agreement between the Rita Allen Foundation and the grant recipient's institution.

## Eligibility

To be eligible for the Award in Pain, the applicant:

- Must have received committed start-up funds and independent laboratory space from their institution.
- Should be in the first three years of their appointment.
- Should be appointed to a tenure track or equivalent position at their respective institution, but not have received tenure at the time of the application. (Senior postdocs and Associate Professors should not be applicants for the Award in Pain.)
- Must conduct their research and be appointed at an institution in the United States or Canada.
- Should demonstrate a commitment to the field of pain research

Detailed application guidelines and step-by-step instructions for completing the application can be found here: [Application Guidelines](#). Please review these guidelines before applying.

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