

LIMITED SUBMISSION MEMO

To: Interested Faculty
From: Anne Geronimo
Re: **NIH Director's Early Independence Awards (DP5)**

Campus Proposal Deadline: October 1, 2013
NIH LOI Deadline: December 31, 2013
NIH Proposal Deadline: January 31, 2014

The NIH Director's Early Independence Awards provide an opportunity for exceptional junior scientists to accelerate their entry into an independent research career by forgoing the traditional post-doctoral training period. The NIH Director's Early Independence Awards also provide an opportunity for institutions to invigorate their research programs by bringing in the fresh perspectives of the awardee scientists that they host.

At the time of application, the Early Independence Award candidate must be within twelve months before or after the completion of their PhD (or equivalent) or for clinicians within twelve months before or after the completion of their medical residency (or equivalent) training. At the time of application, the Early Independence investigator must not have served as a post-doctoral fellow following a previous doctoral degree for more than one year. By the end of the award period, the Early Independence investigator is expected to be competitive for continued funding of his/her research program and for a permanent research position.

The NIH Common Fund intends to commit approximately \$4,000,000 in FY 2014. Approximately 10 awards are anticipated, contingent upon availability of funds and receipt of a sufficient number of meritorious applications. Awards will be for up to \$250,000 in direct costs per year, plus applicable Facilities and Administrative costs.

Further information about the program may be found at
<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-RM-13-009.html>

UMD is allowed up to two applications for this competition. If you wish to submit a proposal, please go to http://www.umresearch.umd.edu/ORAA/limited_submissions/. Select "See Complete Lists" and scroll to the **NIH Director's Early Independence Awards (DP5)** announcement. There is an "apply" link in the last column for internal applications. Submit an abstract, 3 page description of research, participating institutions, names and titles of other key personnel, and brief CV of the PI. Only proposals that are submitted through the limited submissions site will be considered.

For questions contact Anne Geronimo at geronimo@umd.edu or 301-405-4178.