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## Apply for an Early-Stage Investigator Award!

**Deadline: August 27, 2021, by 11:59 pm (EDT)**

To support early-stage investigators aiming to advance the science and practice of sports medicine and exercise, the Mid-Atlantic Regional Chapter of the American College of Sports Medicine (MARC-ACSM) is pleased to announce the Early-Stage Investigator Awards. The Early-Stage Investigator Awards recognize two (2) new investigators of the chapter and provide \$1,500 in support of collecting preliminary data, which can be leveraged when applying for larger private and/or federally funded grant applications in the future.

To be considered for an Early-Stage Investigator Award, candidates must be current members (in good standing) of the Chapter and American College of Sports Medicine, be an early-stage investigator (no more than 10- years past earning a terminal academic or clinical degree). Candidates serving in a faculty (no higher than assistant professor or equivalent), clinical or professional role within an academic, clinical, or professional setting, and not having previously received private or federal funding in total or excess of \$100,000 will qualify and be considered for these early-stage investigator awards.

### SUBMISSION CHECKLIST:

- A National Institutes of Health biosketch (not more than five single-spaced pages)
- A letter of support from the candidate’s chair/supervisor, indicating that if the project is funded, protected time will be given to the candidate to successfully complete the project in one-year
- Narrative review (not more than six single-spaced pages) including appropriate sections on the project’s specific aims, significance, investigators, innovation, approach and environment and resources/budget

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**REVIEW:** Submitted applications will be reviewed by the Mid-Atlantic Regional Chapter of the American College of Sports Medicine’s Research Committee. Scoring criteria made by the Research committee will follow a standard National Institutes of Health (NIH) format. The NIH uses a 9-point rating scale (1=exceptional; 9=poor) for all applications. All scores made by the Research Committee are final and are not subject to appeal for this mechanism. All reviews for the early-stage investigator awards will be completed confidentially, and no face-to-face or remote discussions will occur between applicants and anyone from the Research Committee about the decisions made regarding individual review of any application.

**AWARD:** The Mid-Atlantic Regional Chapter of the American College of Sports Medicine will be offering two (2) Early-Stage Investigator Awards. Each award will provide complimentary registration to the Mid-Atlantic Regional Chapter’s Annual Meeting. Each award recipient will be expected to attend the Annual Awards Banquet and Student Luncheon in recognition of receiving the award. Candidates who receive funding will have one year to complete the proposed project and must present the research as either a conference poster or slide presentation at the MARC-ACSM Annual Meeting in November 2022.

**SUBMISSION:** Submitted application should be sent via email to [research@marcacsom.org](mailto:research@marcacsom.org)

**APPLICATION:** [Download the application packet for the early-stage investigator awards here.](#)

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