

**Mid-Atlantic Regional Chapter of the American College of Sports Medicine
Early-Stage Investigator Awards**

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 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 Mid-Atlantic Regional 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 have 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:

1. A National Institutes of Health biosketch (not in excess of five single-spaced pages)
2. 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.
3. Narrative review (not in excess of six single-spaced pages) including appropriate sections on the project's specific aims, significance, investigators, innovation, approach and environment and resources/budget.

DUE DATE: August 27th, 2021 at 11:59 p.m. EDT

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, or if transitioned to a virtual platform, be present at the Awards Ceremony held virtually at the end of the Annual Meeting 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/e-poster or slide presentation at the MARC-ACSM Annual Meeting in November 2022.

**Early-Stage Investigator Award
Requirements**

1. Applicant must have been within 10 years of completing a terminal degree or within 10 years of completing medical residency and cannot hold a level higher than assistant professor.
2. Applicant must be a current member of ACSM or one of its Chapters at both the time of application and at the time the award is presented. If not currently a member, please visit www.acsm.org, and click on the "Membership" tab for information, benefits, and instructions.
3. Previous recipients of grant awards (within or beyond ACSM) in total or excess of \$100,000 are not eligible for this mechanism. Applicants who are applying for this mechanism as a supplement to another previously awarded mechanism must indicate how the supplement will help them complete the project.
4. Applicant must submit pages 2-9 completed and combined into a single Adobe Acrobat (PDF) file.
5. Applicant must submit a narrative research plan not in excess of five pages (excluding references) that includes in the following sections: specific aims significance, investigators/mentors, innovation, approach and environment. The research plan must be double spaced with no more than 15 characters per horizontal inch.

**Early-Stage Investigator Award
Application**

Name: _____ ACSM Member ID: _____

Academic Position: _____

Institution: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Postal Code: _____

Country: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Daytime Telephone: _____

**Early-Stage Investigator Award
Biographical Sketch**

NAME		POSITION TITLE	
EDUCATION/TRAINING (Begin with baccalaureate and other initial professional education, such as nursing and include postdoctoral training.)			
INSTITUTION AND LOCATION	DEGREE	YEAR AWARDED	FIELD OF STUDY

A. Positions and Honors. List in chronological order previous positions, concluding with your present position.

List any honors.

B. Selected Peer-Reviewed Publications. Do not include publications submitted or in preparation. Part 1 should include Published Manuscripts and Part 2 should include Published Abstracts. Indicate with an asterisk those publications that resulted from work performed as an independent (principal) investigator.

1. Published Manuscripts (page 1 of 2)

2. Published Abstracts. List selected abstracts that reflect your most recent research activity.

C. Research Support. List ongoing and completed research projects. Name the funding source and clearly describe the type of award (e.g. competitive grant at national or private foundation level; training award; university funds). List the principal investigator (PI) or project director (PD) if other than the applicant. List your title (e.g. PI; Co-Investigator; Consultant) and give a brief description of your role on the project. Briefly state the overall goal of the research project.

**Early-Stage Investigator Award
Specific Aims**

**Early-Stage Investigator Award
Significance**

**Early-Stage Investigator Award
Investigators**

**Early-Stage Investigator Award
Innovation**

**Early-Stage Investigator Award
Approach**

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Approach**

**Early-Stage Investigator Award
Environment**

**Early-Stage Investigator Award
Resources/Budget**

Early-Stage Investigator Award Submission Checklist

PDF File

- Completed Award Application (page 2)
- Biographical Sketch (pages 3-8)
- Copy of Research Plan (pages 9-15)

Application must be received at research@marcacs.org by 11:59 p.m. on August 27, 2021.

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