

## **Funding Opportunities 2012 NIH Director's Award Programs: Pioneer and New Innovator Awards**

### ***NIH Director's Pioneer and New Innovator Awards Program***

NIH welcomes proposals for 2012 NIH Director's Pioneer Awards and New Innovator Awards for innovative approaches to major challenges in biomedical or behavioral research.

- Pioneer Awards:
  - Up to \$2.5 million in direct costs over 5 years
  - Open to scientists at any career stage.
  
- New Innovator Awards:
  - Up to \$1.5 million in direct costs over 5 years
  - For early career stage investigators (ESI), defined as those who have not received an NIH R01 or similar grant and are within 10 years of completing their terminal research degree or medical residency.

NIH expects to make at least 7 Pioneer Awards and at least 33 New Innovator Awards in summer 2012. To continue its strong record of diversity in these programs, NIH especially encourages women and members of groups that are underrepresented in NIH research to apply.

The deadline for submitting Pioneer Award applications is October 7, 2011. See the instructions in the Funding Opportunity Announcement RFA-RM-11-004 (<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-RM-11-004.html>) and <http://commonfund.nih.gov/pioneer> for more information. Send questions to [pioneer@nih.gov](mailto:pioneer@nih.gov)<<mailto:pioneer@nih.gov>>.

The deadline for submitting New Innovator Award applications is

October 14, 2011. See the instructions in the Funding Opportunity Announcement RFA-RM-11-005 (<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-RM-11-005.html>) and <http://commonfund.nih.gov/newinnovator> for more information. Send questions to [newinnovator@nih.gov](mailto:newinnovator@nih.gov)<<mailto:newinnovator@nih.gov>>.

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