

## Grants@Heart Gateway

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### DECEMBER HOT TOPICS!



#### AHA Funding Goal for Minority Researchers

Did you know that the AHA has a goal to award at least 6% of National Research Program dollars to under-represented minorities applicants? Low submission rates by minority candidates could make reaching this goal a challenge. We particularly encourage African-Americans, Native Americans and Hispanics/Latinos to apply.

#### NEW! Western States Affiliate Innovative Science Award

A new Innovative Science Award is being developed for scientists in California, Nevada, Utah, Alaska, Arizona, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Oregon or Washington. It is anticipated that letters of intent will be due at the end of January, and that invited submissions will be due in early spring.

This one-time grant will support the initiation of highly innovative, high-risk, high-reward research that is -- or could lead to -- translational research and could ultimately lead to critical discoveries or major advancements in CVD or stroke.

Please visit [AHA Funding Opportunities](#) for updates on the "Innovative Science Award".

#### AHA Seeks Clinical Applications

Last year, only 13% of applications to AHA were clinically focused. In order for AHA to reach our goal of funding more clinical research, we need investigators to submit more clinical applications.

All AHA programs are open to clinical investigators, and the Clinical Research Program is designed specifically to encourage early career investigators. Our peer review network includes clinical peer review panels and reviewers who are qualified to evaluate clinical, translational and population based studies.

AHA had a funding success rate of 20% of applications over the past year. For details and January deadlines, visit [http://my.americanheart.org/professional/Research/FundingOpportunities/Funding-Opportunities\\_UCM\\_316909\\_SubHomePage.jsp](http://my.americanheart.org/professional/Research/FundingOpportunities/Funding-Opportunities_UCM_316909_SubHomePage.jsp)

#### Catch Scientific Sessions Highlights

Whether or not you attended Scientific Sessions 2011, you can still access vital highlights. Sessions OnDemand® is the official conference capture of Scientific Sessions 2010. [Learn more](#)



[Click here to watch the opening address by AHA President Gordon Tomaselli, M.D., FAHA](#). Dr. Tomaselli stresses the importance of improving global health and urges all to join the [AHA's You're the Cure Network](#) to communicate with legislators on health policy and research funding.

#### Why Should you Submit Abstracts to AHA?

Submit your science today for publication in the #1 cardiovascular Journal online, [Circulation](#), exposure to more than a billion media impressions, and the opportunity to network with leaders in cardiovascular research.

#### ATVB - April 18-20, 2012, Hilton Chicago **Abstract Submission closes Jan. 5, 2012**

Diverse disciplines within the arteriosclerosis, thrombosis, vascular biology, peripheral vascular disease, vascular surgery, and functional genomics research communities that allow investigators to explore areas of cross-disciplinary interests

#### BCVS - Jul 23-26, 2012, Hilton New Orleans Riverside **Abstract submission: Jan. 10 - March 19, 2012**

Of special interest to basic cardiovascular scientists, molecular/cellular biologists, physiologists, translational investigators, clinical trialists, practicing cardiologists, cardiovascular nurses and pharmacists.

#### QCOR - May 9-11, 2012, Omni Hotel, Atlanta **Abstract Submission closes Jan. 11, 2012** The Quality of Care and Outcomes Research in

## NIH Announces Early Independence Awards

- For junior investigators wishing to "skip the post-doc" and immediately begin independent research
- Eligible candidates must be within one year of receipt of terminal research degree or completion of clinical residency
- Only up to two applications per institution (as defined by unique DUNS number) permitted
- All areas of research relevant to the mission of NIH
- Budgets may be up to \$250,000 in direct costs per year for up to five years

Application deadline is **January 30, 2012** with **Letters of Intent due by December 30, 2011**. See the instructions in [RFA-RM-11-007](#). Additional information, including Frequently Asked Questions about the Early Independence Award Program:

<http://commonfund.nih.gov/earlyindependence/> Send questions to [earlyindependence@mail.nih.gov](mailto:earlyindependence@mail.nih.gov).

**AHA Resubmissions are subject to the new requirement** that applicants be an AHA Professional Member or to pay \$100 per application submission. Professional membership levels start at \$75. [Click here to join or renew AHA professional membership](#) and to read about membership benefits.

*Applicants to undergraduate student programs and medical student programs are exempt from the requirement, due to the short tenure and small dollar amounts for these awards.*

**HELP US SERVE YOU BETTER**  
**Please include your AHA award number**  
**with ALL email, calls and correspondence**

Cardiovascular Disease and Stroke Scientific Sessions is dedicated to studying patients' experiences with cardiovascular care and leveraging these insights to improve the quality of cardiac and stroke care.

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Sign up below to receive AHA/ASA emails related to key meeting dates and deadlines, abstract submission, advance registration and housing, important programming updates and more. Look for this icon on the right side of the screen and click it again to enter your email address:



### Winter Application Deadline Reminder

AHA affiliate and National Center program deadlines are listed below. All programs are not offered for every deadline.

[Click for a quick view of January program offerings.](#)

Founders - Jan. 24	Great Rivers - Jan. 12
Greater Southeast - Jan. 23	Mid-Atlantic - Jan. 12
Midwest - Jan. 27	National Center - Jan. 26
SouthWest - Jan. 13	Western States - Jan. 10
Undergraduate & Medical Student Programs - Jan. 26	

### Get Help with your Application

- The [Applicant Information Guide](#) contains comprehensive tips for completing your submission
- Call our applicant help line at 214-360-6107
- Submit your question to [apply@heart.org](mailto:apply@heart.org)

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