



G-CAN Junior Faculty Investigator Prize

Program Overview

As part of the G-CAN mission to support and encourage emerging career investigators in the field, this prize award is designed to recognize and support the research, for one year, of eligible junior research faculty holding an academic appointment through an annual award-based research grant, funded by SOBI. The award is non-renewable.

Eligibility criteria

- MD, DO, and/or PhD degree
- Age no more than 38 years old on October 22, 2025
- Either Assistant Professor or Instructor level research appointment or another academic equivalent. No more than four years at the Assistant Professor level at the time the full application is received at G-CAN
- Position and work-based at a nonprofit academic center for research
- Substantial and current activity in the field of gout and/or related diseases
- Active membership in G-CAN at the time the letter of intent is submitted
- Not currently holding more than \$300,000 (USD) in direct research costs as Principal Investigator
- Able to provide documentation that all protocols will be approved and in place for all animal and human studies (if, after G-CAN review of the letter of intent, invited to submit a full application)

Submission Process

1. Those researchers that meet eligibility criteria and are interested in submitting a research proposal must first submit a “**Letter of Intent.**” It will be reviewed by the G-CAN Award Review Subcommittee scientific review board, comprised of six expert members of the G-CAN leadership and Advisory Board.
2. If the letter of intent is judged by the subcommittee to support an eligible and competitive application, then the potential applicant will be notified by email of permission to submit an invited full application, which will have additional documentation requirements for this award. The specific due date will be no more than six weeks after potential approval of the letter of intent.
3. Once all full applications are received, the G-CAN Review Subcommittee will review, assess, and compare applications. Review criteria will include overall scientific and translational merit of the proposed research, the potential of the applicant for long-term, major contributions in the research field of gout, hyperuricemia and/or crystal-associated disease, and the research environment and mentoring network of the applicant. Active membership in G-CAN, and record of participation in one or more prior G-CAN research symposia will be taken into significant consideration as review criteria.
4. The awardee will be announced during the annual G-CAN meeting of the same year as the application.
5. The recipient will be asked to provide six and 12-month progress updates to G-CAN, and to share research results during the G-CAN annual research symposium meeting after the end of the one-year award period.

To Apply for the 2025 G-CAN Junior Faculty Investigator Prize

If you or one of your research trainees is interested in applying for this year's award, please submit a "Letter of Intent", **due by midnight USA East Coast time on June 5, 2025**, to our Executive Director, Rebecca Hill at RebeccaH@g-can.org with the following requirements:

- The proposed research must be on a topic directly related to Gout, Hyperuricemia and/or Crystal-Associated Disease.
- The applicant must be a member of G-CAN. A record of active participation in G-CAN will be taken into consideration as a major positive criterion in review of the letter of intent and the application.
- The letter of intent must be written by the potential applicant and addressed to the G-CAN leadership.
- The letter of intent should be two pages maximum including a one-page summary of the Specific Aims of the proposed research, and a one-page discussion of the applicant's academic position and qualifications, and career plans.
- Attached to the letter of intent should be the applicant's standard five-page maximum NIH format Biosketch (see link below), and the standard NIH format Other Support summary (link below). Importantly, the listing of other support must include dates of awards and direct costs of each research award and a listing of Principal Investigator of each currently held research award.

<https://grants.nih.gov/grants/forms/biosketch.htm>

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- **All letters of intent must be received by G-CAN no later than midnight USA East Coast time on June 5, 2025.**