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<td><strong>Discovery Award</strong></td>
<td>Investigators at the level of postdoctoral fellow or clinical fellow (or equivalent) and above</td>
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<td><strong>Idea Award</strong></td>
<td>Independent investigators with a faculty-level appointment (or equivalent)</td>
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<td>• The maximum allowable funding for the entire period of performance is <strong>$500,000</strong> for direct costs.&lt;br&gt;• Indirect costs may be proposed in accordance with the institution’s negotiated rate agreement.&lt;br&gt;• The maximum period of performance is 3 years.</td>
<td>Pre-Application (Preproposal): June 29, 2021 5:00 p.m. Eastern time (ET)&lt;br&gt;Application: September 28, 2021 11:59 p.m. ET</td>
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## Melanoma Academy Leadership Award

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**Academy Director** must be an independent, established melanoma researcher at the level of Associate Professor or equivalent.

**Deputy Director** must be an independent, established melanoma researcher at the level of Associate Professor or equivalent.

- **A letter of intent if required; an invitation to submit a full application is not required.**
- Supports visionary individuals who are established melanoma researchers with a strong record of mentoring and commitment to leadership.
- The Melanoma Academy Leadership Award is an opportunity to establish a virtual melanoma research center focused on fostering the next generation of melanoma researchers across the spectrum of research disciplines.
- The Academy Director with Deputy Director will establish an interactive network of early-career investigators (Scholars) to work independently and collaboratively on issues within the scope of melanoma research.
- The Melanoma Academy will include Scholars from multiple, different organizations.
- The Academy Director, with the Deputy Director, will oversee the interactive Melanoma Academy of Scholars and their designated Career Guides (mentors), facilitate regular interactive communication among all members, and assess research progress and career progression of the Scholars.
- **The maximum allowable funding for the entire period of performance is $1,300,000 for direct costs.**
- Indirect costs may be proposed in accordance with the institution’s negotiated rate agreement.
- The maximum period of performance is 4 years.

**Pre-Application (Letter of Intent):**
- **August 4, 2021 5:00 p.m. ET**

**Application:**
- **August 26, 2021 11:59 p.m. ET**

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Melanoma Academy Scholar Award | Must be within 7 years of terminal degree as of the full application submission deadline. A letter attesting to eligibility is required. | **Pre-application submission is required; application submission is by invitation only.** 
Supports Scholars to the unique, interactive virtual academy that provides intensive mentoring, national networking, collaborations, and a peer group for early-career melanoma investigators/faculty. 
A Career Guide who is an experienced melanoma researcher with melanoma cancer funding is required. | The maximum allowable funding for the entire period of performance is **$500,000** for direct costs. 
Indirect costs may be proposed in accordance with the institution’s negotiated rate agreement. 
The maximum period of performance is 4 years. | **Pre-Application (Preproposal):** 
- **August 4, 2021 5:00 p.m. ET**
- **Application:** 
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<th>Mid-Career Accelerator Award</th>
<th>Assistant or Associate Professors at least 7 years or more from first faculty appointment. <strong>Instructors and Full Professors are not eligible.</strong></th>
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**W81XWH-21-MRP-TRA**

**At least two and up to three investigators must partner in one overarching multidisciplinary research study.**

- Independent investigators at or above the level of Associate Professor (or equivalent).
- Inclusion of at least one military, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs investigator, or early-career investigator is encouraged.

- **A letter of intent is required; an invitation to submit a full application is not required.**
- Supports new or existing partnerships between two or three independent investigators focusing research across the whole research spectrum.
- Investigators are expected to demonstrate within the application, the synergistic components (i.e., leveraging disciplines, expertise, or critical resources) that will significantly advance the project that could not otherwise be accomplished through independent efforts of a single investigator.
- Emphasis on synergy, multidisciplinary research, and impact.
- **Must** address at least one of the FY21 MRP Focus Areas.
- **Preliminary data are required.**
- **Clinical trials are not allowed.**

- The maximum allowable funding for the entire period of performance is **$700,000** for direct costs.
- Indirect costs may be proposed in accordance with the institution’s negotiated rate agreement.
- The maximum period of performance is 3 years.

**Pre-Application (Letter of Intent):**

September 9, 2021 5:00 p.m. ET

**Application:**

September 28, 2021 11:59 p.m. ET

**Indirect costs may be proposed in accordance with the institution’s negotiated rate agreement.**

**Pre-Application (Letter of Intent):**

September 9, 2021 5:00 p.m. ET

**Application:**

September 28, 2021 11:59 p.m. ET