

Limited Submissions Announcement

A limited submission opportunity is available from the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS) and has been posted to the [UTSA Limited Submission Opportunities webpage](#).

[Outstanding New Environmental Scientist \(ONES\) Award Program](#)

An essential element of the mission of the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS) is the support and career promotion of the next generation of exceptionally talented and creative new scientists who will further the understanding of the impact of environmental exposures on human health. NIEHS initiated a program of research grants for Early Stage Investigators, The Outstanding New Environmental Scientist (ONES) Award, that is designed to identify the best new biomedical investigators across the spectrum of science supported by the NIEHS (i.e., including basic mechanistic, clinical and population based researchers) and facilitate their establishing a vibrant, independent research program in the environmental health sciences.

The ONES Program is specifically targeted to Early Stage Investigators and program goals include career promotion as well as the scientific project proposed. Applications for the ONES program differ from standard R01 applications in that applicants must describe plans for the active participation of an external advisory committee to provide consultation and feedback, commitment by the institution to actively support the research program development of the Program Director/Principal Investigator (PD/PI), and a plan for career enhancement which will provide a strong foundation for future research endeavors.

A variety of scientific disciplines, including basic, mechanistic, clinical, epidemiological, computational, engineering, and/or health risk communication approaches, can be used to advance the NIEHS Strategic Plan. Applicants should consult the strategic plan to ensure that the research proposed in their application addresses the goals and priority areas of the NIEHS. **Applications submitted in response to this FOA must have a research focus on exposure - health related responses from environmental agents within the mission interest of the NIEHS.**

Eligibility

- The Principal Investigator (PI) must be employed by the eligible institution submitting the proposal
- Must have a Ph.D., M.D., or equivalent graduate degree
- Must be NIH defined Early Stage Investigators. (See <https://grants.nih.gov/policy/early-investigators/index.htm>)
- Must have faculty appointments which are tenure track or equivalent, generally at the level of Assistant Professor, Research Assistant Professor

Application Limit

One (1) application per college is allowed.

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Award Amount

The budget for direct costs is composed of two elements: research direct costs and career enhancement costs.

- For most applications, the budget for **research direct costs** should be limited to \$250,000 per year (up to \$400,000 per year with strong justification)
- **Career enhancement direct costs** are limited to \$250,000, which can be distributed over the 5-year award period.

Note: the total direct cost budget (research plus career enhancement) may not exceed \$475,000 in any year of the award.

Cost Share Requirement

This FOA does not require cost sharing.

Internal Evaluation Criteria

The attached review matrix will be utilized for internal review/scoring. Pre-proposals should be responsive to these criteria.

Timeline

Internal Notice of Intent Due (Required; See Guidelines)	Limited Submission Application Due	Selection Notification	Application Due to Funder
December 12, 2019	December 19, 2019	January 9, 2019	February 28, 2020

[Limited Submission Process Overview](#)

[Application Guidelines](#)

[Application Form](#)

Questions? Please reference the [UTSA Limited Submission website](#) or contact LimitedSubmissions@utsa.edu