

YALE UNIVERSITY ▪ LIMITED SUBMISSION INTERNAL COMPETITION  
a program of the  
**SMITH FAMILY FOUNDATION**  
**ODYSSEY AWARD**

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## DEADLINES

**Expressions of Interest** (PI Name, Department, Project Title) by January 17, 2019 (*required*)

Internal Deadline: January 25, 2019

Sponsor Deadline: March 18, 2019

## SPONSOR'S WEBSITE

Program Page: <https://hria.org/tmf/smithodyssey/>

Application Guidelines & Instructions: <https://hria.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/12/Smith-Odyssey-Guidelines.pdf>

Other Support – Template H: <https://hria.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/12/Smith-Odyssey-Template-H.doc>

FAQ: <https://hria.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/12/FAQ.doc>

## FUNDING

\$150,000 per year for 2 years. (Total: \$300,000, including 5% indirect costs)

## NOMINATION LIMITATION

Yale University may nominate two candidates.

## PURPOSE

- The Odyssey Award was created in 2017 to fuel creativity and innovation in independent junior faculty investigators in the **basic sciences**.
- **Awards are intended to support the pursuit of high impact ideas to generate breakthroughs and drive new directions in biomedical research.**
- The award will fund high-risk, high-reward **pilot** projects of outstanding independent junior faculty working in all areas of **basic** biomedical research.
- Preliminary data for the proposed project may be minimal.
- Investigators in physics, chemistry, and engineering who are pursuing biomedical research projects are also encouraged to apply.

## ELIGIBILITY

- Nominees must be full-time faculty not yet tenured whose **first independent** appointment will have begun between July 1, 2010 and July 1, 2015 (no exceptions). Candidates who will have received tenure by July 1, 2019 are not eligible.
- The applicant's combined federal and non-federal funding at time of application cannot total more than \$750,000 in direct costs, nor can the applicant have been notified by May 1, 2019 of funds to be awarded that will bring that total above \$750,000. Notification of funding after May 1, 2019 will not affect eligibility. This dollar amount refers to external funding only and not to an applicant's start-up package, intramural support, or the Smith award.

Specifically, If the direct costs for your combined federal and non-federal support is less than \$750,000 in either of the first two years (7/1/19 - 6/30/20 or 7/1/20 - 6/30/21) of the Smith Odyssey Award, you are eligible to apply.

- U.S. citizenship is not required.
- Past awardees of the **Smith Family Awards Program for Excellence in Biomedical Research** are eligible for the Odyssey Award.

## INTERNAL COMPETITION PROCEDURES

**For this internal competition**, submit the following as a single PDF to:

[internal.proposals@yale.edu](mailto:internal.proposals@yale.edu), cc: [melanie.smith@yale.edu](mailto:melanie.smith@yale.edu)

(1) [face page](#) available at <https://your.yale.edu/node/9391/>;

(2) a 2-page description of the proposed project; references may be added on a separate page;

(3) biosketch in the current format (5-page maximum);

(4) other support page using [Template H](#) provided on the Smith Family Foundation "Odyssey" webpage; and

(5) a letter of recommendation from your department chair or section chief. In addition to addressing the applicant's qualifications, this letter should explain how the institution will contribute to and support the applicant's proposed research.

## FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT:

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