ACS DEFINITION OF NEW INVESTIGATOR

Tenure-track, clinical-track, and research-track faculty at the assistant professor level who is within six years of their first independent research or faculty appointment. Must be a self-directed investigators for whom the institution has provided research facilities, resources, or space customary for an independent investigator.

In general, a Program Director/Principal Investigator (PD/PI) is considered a New Investigator if he/she is not a PD/PI on an active nationally peer-reviewed independent research award other than the following early stage or small research grants or for the indicated training, infrastructure, and career awards:

- Small Grant (R03)
- Academic Research Enhancement Award (R15)
- Research Education Grants (R25, R90, RL9, RL5)
- Dissertation Award (R36)

Additionally, the PD/PI is not excluded from consideration as a “New Investigator” if he/she has been the PD/PI of received an award from any of the following classes of awards:

Training-Related and Mentored Career Awards

- All Fellowships (F awards)
- All individual and institutional career awards (K awards) excluding K99/R00
- Loan repayment contracts (L30, L32, L40, L50, L60)
- All training grants (T32, T34, T35, T90, D43)

Instrumentation, Construction, Education, Health Disparity Endowment Grants, or Meeting Awards

- G07, G08, G11, G13, G20
- R13
- S10, S15, S21, S22

Note regarding grants with Multiple PD/PIs: In the case of a grant application that involves more than one PI, all PD/PIs must meet the definition of New Investigator in order for the application to have the New Investigator designation.

Note regarding transitional grants: Research grants that combine a smaller initial award that transitions without further competition to a second phase supported by a substantial, independent research grant will discontinue the New Investigator status for the PD/PI(s) at the point of transition to the larger award. This includes combined, transitional awards like the R21/R33, SBIR/STTR Fast-Track (R42, UT2, R44, U44), UH2/UH3.