



The Howard Hughes Medical Institute (HHMI) just announced a new competition for appointments to their Investigator program. Please note “This competition will enable HHMI to strengthen its community of basic researchers and physician scientists who bring innovative approaches to the study of biological problems through biomedical disciplines, including plant biology, as well as adjacent fields of evolutionary biology, biophysics, chemical biology, biomedical engineering, and computational biology.” Click here to review the [program announcement](#) and [FAQ](#).

My colleagues here at Washington University (Dan Goldberg and Ken Murphy) and I want to encourage eligible WU faculty to apply. We invite you to either of three informal sessions to discuss HHMI and the competition on the following dates--

Friday, March 17, 10:30 AM; Tuesday, March 28, 3:30 PM; and Wednesday, March 29, 2:00 PM

The informational sessions will be held in the [Clinical Sciences Research Building](#) (CSRB), 10th floor, room 10064 on the Medical Campus.

Wayne Yokoyama, Dan Goldberg, and Ken Murphy

2018 HHMI New Investigator Competition

The Howard Hughes Medical Institute Investigator Competition is open to scientists who bring innovative approaches to the study of biological problems in biomedical disciplines, plant biology, evolutionary biology, biophysics, chemical biology, biomedical engineering, and computational biology. This pioneering program provides long term, flexible funding.

It is important to note that HHMI's goal and guiding principle is to fund the investigator, not a particular project. Describe your most innovative research ideas without regard to overlap with other grants supporting your research or proposals submitted for funding consideration.

Establish eligibility and apply here: www.hhmi.org/research/application/comp2018.

The deadline for applications is June 27, 2017, at 3:00 PM (Eastern Daylight Time).

From this competition, HHMI expects to appoint up to 20 new investigators who will be among the most creative and promising in the nation. HHMI investigators are expected to demonstrate a combination of the following attributes that distinguish them from other highly competent scientists in their field.

- They identify and pursue significant biological questions in a rigorous and deep manner.
- They push their chosen research field into new areas of inquiry, being consistently at its forefront.
- They develop new tools and methods that enable creative experimental approaches to biological questions, bringing to bear, when necessary, concepts or techniques from other disciplines.
- They forge links between basic biology and medicine.
- They demonstrate great promise of future original and innovative contributions.

HHMI welcomes a diverse and broad applicant pool. Individuals from gender, racial and ethnic groups underrepresented in biomedical research at the career stages targeted by this program are encouraged to apply. This investigator competition places no restrictions on the number of applications from any eligible institution, and HHMI welcomes geographic diversity and diversity of scientific approaches in its applicant pool. Eligible individuals will apply directly; an institutional endorsement is not part of the application process.

For additional information regarding the HHMI Investigator Program and this competition please visit: www.hhmi.org/programs/biomedical-research/investigator-program.

Eligibility

- Hold a Ph.D. , and/or M.D. or equivalent degree.
- Hold a tenured or tenure-track position (or the equivalent) as Assistant Professor or higher academic rank at an eligible institution.
- More than 3, but no more than 12, years of post-training, professional experience.
- Principal investigator on one (or more) active, national, peer-reviewed research grants with an initial duration of at least three years.

Important Conditions

- Appointees become full-time employees of HHMI and are appointed for a seven-year, renewable period.
- HHMI investigators are required to devote at least 75% of their total effort to the direct conduct of biomedical research. Applicants with administrative responsibilities or other duties inconsistent with this time commitment may apply, but must reduce those other commitments to be appointed.
- At the time of the submission deadline, applicants must hold a qualifying position at the institution where their HHMI appointment would be made. In addition, an investigator may not transfer to another institution during the first five years of the initial appointment term and retain their HHMI appointment.

For more information see the [Program Announcement](#).

Please contact Washington University's Foundation Relations directors for guidance in preparing your proposal. [Jacqueline Hawkins](#) or [Patricia Gregory](#) - School of Medicine or [Katherine Kornfeld](#) - Danforth Campus Schools

Attachments:

 [hhmi2018-program-announcement.pdf](#)