

2024 Hevolution/AFAR New Investigator Awards in Aging Biology and Geroscience Research

Letter of Intent Instruction Sheet - Do not include with your Letter of Intent!

Please read the [application guidelines](#) carefully on the AFAR and [Hevolution Foundation](#) websites before completing this LOI. Frequently asked questions can be found at <https://www.afar.org/faqs>, and things to consider when applying can be found [here](#).

INSTRUCTIONS: The Letter of Intent must be submitted [here](#) no later than **July 15, 2024 at 5:00 p.m., EST, as a single PDF file application, not to exceed 5 MB.** No late submissions will be accepted. The application file should be named as follows: family name, given name; for example, "Smith, Jane.pdf".

Letter of Intent

Letters of intent will be evaluated on the relevance and significance of the proposed research to the biology of aging and/or geroscience, relevance to Hevolution's goals and mission, innovation, and qualifications of the applicant as outlined in the [Hevolution/AFAR New Investigator Award Guidelines](#).

Please submit the LOI in English in the order as described below. Insert page number and applicant's name at the top of each page and use Calibri font that is not smaller than 11 pt. with at least 1/2 inch margins on all sides. Any figures and essential references must be included on page 2.

A complete Letter of Intent (no more than 7 pages total) includes:

- Page 1: Title Page with abstract (include in space provided)
- Page 2: Project Description, A-D **must** be addressed, following the format below:
- A. Significance of this research to **the field of aging biology and/or geroscience.**
 - B. Brief description of hypothesis
 - C. List of Specific Aims
 - D. Any figures and essential references (optional)
- Pages 3-7: Biosketch (download template [here](#)) Up to 5 pages total. **Applicants must be independent investigators with independent research space for at least 3 years, must have at least 3 senior author publications and must be no more than 12 years beyond start of postdoctoral research training as of July 15, 2024. Be sure to include past and current funding with dollar amounts and highlight in bold at least three senior author papers (corresponding author or review articles do not count towards this)**

Your Dean, Department Chair (or equivalent) must complete an institutional commitment form, to be submitted separately by email to afarapplication@afar.org. Download the form [here](#).

The Letters of Intent will be reviewed by a committee. Applicants will be notified by mid-September, 2024; a subset of applicants will be invited to submit a full application by late October, 2024.

THIS IS THE INSTRUCTION SHEET! DO NOT INCLUDE IT WITH YOUR LETTER OF INTENT. PLEASE FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY. **LOIs THAT DO NOT FOLLOW THE REQUIRED FORMAT (FOR EXAMPLE, EXCEEDING PAGE LIMIT) WILL BE ADMINISTRATIVELY ELIMINATED.** Contact grants@afar.org should you have any questions.

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[Title Page: should be the first page of your application]

ONLY ONE LETTER OF INTENT PER INDIVIDUAL MAY BE SUBMITTED EACH YEAR.

<p><u>Applicant Information</u></p> <p>Given Name: _____ Family Name: _____</p> <p>Degree(s): _____</p> <p>Academic Title: _____</p> <p>Institution: _____</p> <p>Country: _____</p> <p>E-mail: _____</p>	<p>Project Title: _____</p> <p>Model System(s): _____</p>
<p>Start date of first Postdoctoral Fellowship/Employment (Month/Day/Year):</p> <p>Can you apply for grants in your own name and can you report directly to funding agencies: <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p>Are you responsible for supervising graduate students and/or post docs in your own lab: <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p>Are you new to the field of aging? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO Is this project: <input type="checkbox"/> GEROSCIENCE or <input type="checkbox"/> AGING BIOLOGY</p>	

ABSTRACT: Provide a summary of your research proposal. Do not exceed space provided.

<p>Keywords:</p> <p>Abstract:</p>	
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