

Simons Early Career Investigator in Marine Microbial Ecology and Evolution Awards

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The Simons Foundation

Description

The Simons Foundation is now accepting applications for its [Simons Early Career Investigator in Marine Microbial Ecology and Evolution Awards](#) [1].

Microbes inhabit and sustain all habitats on Earth. In the oceans, microbes capture solar energy, catalyze biogeochemical transformations of important elements, produce and consume greenhouse gases, and provide the base of the food web.

The purpose of these awards is to help launch the careers of outstanding investigators who will advance our understanding of marine microbial ecology and evolution through experiments, modeling or theory. Projects focusing on the microbiomes of invertebrates or vertebrates or on paleontological records will not be considered this year. Investigators with backgrounds in different fields are encouraged to apply.

Eligibility

Applicants must hold a Ph.D. or equivalent degree. The applicant must have carried out research in a tenure-track or equivalent independent position for at least one year and no more than eight years (start date between November 2009 and November 2016) and must currently hold a tenure-track, tenured, or equivalent independent position in a U.S. or Canadian institution. The applicant must be the principal investigator (PI) or co-PI currently or within the past year on a research grant from a national governmental agency or major foundation.

Funding Availability

Grants will be for \$180,000 USD per year, including indirect costs (limited to 20 percent of modified total direct costs), for a period of three years, subject to annual reviews and continuation of research in areas relevant to the purpose of this program. Appropriate expenses include salary support for the investigator and postdoctoral and graduate research assistants, travel, equipment, supplies and other research expenses. Awards will begin April 1, 2018. Awards will be governed by the [Simons Foundation policies](#). [2]

Indirect Costs

20%

Special Notes

LOIs selected for further consideration will be announced by February 1, 2018.

Deadlines

If College-level review is required, your College will communicate its earlier internal deadlines.

Type	Date	Notes
External Deadline	Monday, November 6, 2017 - 5:00pm	Prospective applicants must submit a Letter of Intent (LOI). The forms provided by the sponsor must be used.

How to Apply

This is a two-stage application process.

- 1. Letter of Intent (LOI):** must be submitted electronically. Please log in as an applicant, go to the grant opportunities tab, scroll to Simons Foundation and click apply now for the “Simons Early Career Investigator in Marine Microbial Ecology and Evolution Awards” program. Researchers are not required to submit their LOI to the Office of Research for approval before submission to the sponsor. Researchers are asked to send a copy of their LOI to the Office of Research for information purposes only (no OR-5 required at the LOI stage). Researchers will be notified by sponsor if they are invited to submit a full proposal.
- 2. Full Proposal:** Those invited to submit a full proposal must submit their full proposal to the Office of Research two weeks in advance of the sponsor's deadline with a signed OR-5.

For instructions for LOI submission please see [How To Apply](#) [1].

For Questions, please contact

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