**2022 Request for Applications**

**Overview**

The goal of these mentored awards is to invest in promising early career researchers and assist with their transition into independence as junior investigators. The awards will be funded up to $50,000. The awards will provide one year of support for up to four SRS Members. Recipients are expected to apply for a mentored or independent federal research award within the funding period.

**Scope of Research Supported**

The awards are intended to further our understanding of sleep, circadian rhythms and sleep/circadian rhythm disorders. Submitted proposals will need to be considered cutting edge sleep/circadian research.

Up to four awards will be chosen under the broad topic of sleep/circadian research.

 The Sleep Research Society views diversity, equity, and inclusion as vital components of its mission to advance sleep and circadian science. We especially encourage applications from those underrepresented in science including those based on age, race, ethnicity, sex, gender identity and expression, sexual orientation, disabilities, socioeconomic status and disadvantaged backgrounds, religious beliefs, political affiliations, life and research experiences, background and perspectives, national origin, military or veteran status, geographic regions, and cultures.

**Requirements for Applicants**

* Doctoral level degree, such as MD, PhD, DO and/or comparable degree.
* Applicants must be early career investigators within 10 years of receiving their doctoral degree who are at the post-doctoral, instructor, or assistant professor level. Applicants should not have received grant funding in excess of $75,000 per year serving as a PI or co-PI. If an applicant is uncertain regarding eligibility, please contact the SRSF at foundation@srsnet.org for approval prior to submission of the application. This communication should describe the circumstances, such as time spent in clinical training or other extenuating circumstances (e.g. maternity/paternity leave or care of dependents). The request will be reviewed to determine if an application will be accepted.
* Documented history of commitment to sleep/circadian research – publications, other grants (not to have exceeded $75,000 per year serving as a PI or co-PI), service to the field, etc.
* Current or prior federally funded career development award (CDA) recipients are not eligible to apply for this award. If a federally funded CDA or other federally funded grant is awarded during the funding period, the recipient can submit a revised budget and request continued support through the end of the original funding period. The revised budget must not overlap with the federally funded grant budget.
* Mentor’s Letter (see section G of the application for details of what must be included in the mentor’s letter). Two mentors may be appropriate if they provide complementary expertise.
* Complete Application, including all components noted on the Application form.
* SRS membership in good standing.

Please contact the SRSF at foundation@srsnet.org or (630) 737-9702 with any questions.