



Funding Opportunity: FY 2013 Office of Naval Research Young Investigator Program BAA Released

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The Office of Naval Research has released a Broad Agency Announcement to solicit proposals for its Young Investigator Program for fiscal year (FY) 2013. This program seeks to attract standout faculty in their first or second full-time, tenure track position in order to cultivate their research base at ONR. The program often serves as a way for promising young faculty to break into Department of Defense (DOD) funding and familiarize them with DOD research activities. Proposals must align with ONR's research interests across its six departments— Expeditionary Maneuver Warfare and Combating Terrorism (Code 30); Command, Control Communications, Computers, Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance (Code 31); Ocean Battlespace Sensing (Code 32); Sea Warfare and Weapons (Code 33); Warfighter Performance (Code 34); and Naval Air Warfare and Weapons (Code 35). Basic (6.1) and applied (6.2) research proposals are accepted; ONR will fund some advanced technology development (6.3) research through this BAA as well.

Potential applicants are encouraged to contact the appropriate program officer or division director to discuss research proposals. Detailed descriptions of specific ONR program and division research foci can be found on the webpage below. White papers are not required, but interested faculty may submit brief informal pre-proposals to facilitate these discussions. Additionally, applicants must submit a supporting letter through an appropriate university official as ONR makes awards to institutions, not individual faculty.

This is a historically popular program; in FY 2012, 369 proposals were received, resulting in 25 awards. Despite fierce competition, research proposals not selected through this program are still considered for ONR's regular research programs, with many past proposals receiving funding this way.

Letters of Intent: Not applicable. However, researchers can begin the process by contacting an appropriate program officer or division director to discuss research topics and how they align with ONR priorities. DOD encourages this as a way to establish the most appropriate areas applicants should address.

Due Dates: Full proposals must be submitted by 4:00 PM Eastern time on January 4, 2013. Questions regarding the program must be submitted by December 21.

Total Funding and Award Size: ONR intends to award a total of up to \$9 million through this BAA. Proposals can request up to \$170,000 annually for three years. Cost sharing is not required. ONR expects to fund about 17 proposals.

Eligibility and Limitations: The competition is open to faculty at U.S. institutions of higher education.

Sources and Additional Background:

- The complete BAA can be found at <http://www.onr.navy.mil/~media/Files/Funding-Announcements/BAA/2013/13-003.ashx>.
- More information on ONR and its research foci can be found at <http://www.onr.navy.mil/>.