

## **ISMMS Distinguished Scholar Award – Frequently Asked Questions**

### **ELIGIBILITY**

#### **Is this opportunity for women only?**

No, this opportunity is open to all distinguished scholars who are also caregivers, regardless of gender, gender identity or gender expression. While we took inspiration for this award from other institutions that made funding available only to women, we understand that people of all genders may face the significant demands of caregiving.

#### **Is this opportunity only available to people who are parenting?**

No, this opportunity is open to all caregivers. The maternal wall does place significant burden on mothers, but we recognize that all junior investigators work hard to maintain productivity during periods of significant extraprofessional responsibilities for parenting and other reasons, including elder care and family illness.

#### **Which researchers are eligible?**

Researchers at the assistant professor level who are on a clear trajectory to a successful independent research career, and who have extramural support.

#### **Why is it called a Distinguished Scholar Award?**

Through a highly competitive process, the award will be granted to those who have been recommended by and reviewed by scientific leaders using the rigorous criteria we have outlined.

### **SUBMITTING YOUR APPLICATION**

#### **Does the budget include direct and indirect costs?**

We will only fund direct costs.

#### **How should the application be submitted?**

The application should be submitted as a single PDF to [Devin Madden](#), Program Manager for the Office of Gender Equity in Science and Medicine no later than 11:59 P.M. on Friday, November 15<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Should letters of support be sent separately by the letter writers?**

Letters of support should be included with the rest of the application in a single PDF.

#### **Can we submit later than 4 PM on Friday, November 15<sup>th</sup>?**

Yes, the deadline has been extended to 11:59 P.M. on Friday, November 15<sup>th</sup>. There will be no extensions after that point.