The Early Researcher Awards program helps promising, recently-appointed Ontario researchers build their research teams. Each award provides $100,000, and must be matched by an additional $50,000 from the researcher’s institution or a partner organization.

Funds can be used for salaries, benefits, and essential and reasonable travel for undergraduates, graduate students, post-doctoral fellows, research assistants, associates, and technicians carrying out the proposed research project. Funds cannot be used for supplies, equipment, or facility operation.

**IMPORTANT DATES**

- **Tuesday, June 14, 2016**: Notices of Intent (Nols) & ROLA due to RD&S
  
  *Submit to carolyn.paterson@uwo.ca*

- **Friday, June 17, 2016**: MRI submission deadline for Nols (mandatory)

- **Monday, July 25, 2016**: Full draft of application due to RD&S

- **Monday, August 15, 2016**: Reference letters, ROLA, and final application due to RD&S
  
  *Submit to amartin3@uwo.ca*

- **Monday, August 22, 2016**: MRI submission deadline for applications

**ELIGIBILITY**

- **First terminal degree (PhD, MD, or DVM)**: No more than 10 years as of July 1, 2016**

- **First independent academic appointment***: No more than 5 years as of July 1, 2016**

*The first independent academic appointment is generally defined as a position where a researcher is capable of independently publishing, supervising, and applying for funding.

**MRI will consider eligible interruptions including continued education, required training (e.g. residency or medical fellowships), or parental leave, as long as these are clearly detailed in the application form and specific dates provided. Research associate positions and postdoctoral fellowships are not considered eligible interruptions.

If you have questions regarding your eligibility, please contact RD&S.
APPLICATION PARTS

Matching letter
Original, signed form from institution and/or partner confirming matching support of $50,000

Application form
Completed and signed by applicant and Dean

Appendix A: Budget table
Must be completed with and approved by faculty research officers/ADRs

Appendix B: Proposed research
Maximum 5 pages, excluding references

Appendix C: CV
Follow instructions and headings in ERA guidelines

Three letters of reference
Must be in signed, sealed envelopes, sent directly to RD&S; please refer to RD&S guidelines

All material (paper and electronic copies) must be assembled in this order.

APPLICATION SUBMISSION

By August 15, submit to Antoinette Martin in RD&S (SSB 5150)
• ROLA, with “Certification” section completed as appropriate
• One double-sided original hard copy of the full application package with your signature and the signature of your Dean
• Two copies of the full application package, double-sided, three-hole punched, paper clipped (not stapled or bound)
• Electronic copy of your full application package by email to amartin3@uwo.ca

RD&S will:
• Review application for completeness
• Assemble package
• Obtain institutional signature
• Update signature pages in copies
• Create PDF of completed application package
• Submit application to MRI prior to deadline (shipping date: 1 p.m., August 22)

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