

Emerging Investigator Program

In the fall of 2020, the BVARI Board of Directors voted to create a fund for early stage investigators to help cover shortfalls between a potential sponsor's indirect cost rate and the BVARI required indirect costs. A program review committee was assembled to evaluate each request to verify the impact of the project, as well as the research potential of the junior investigator.

In the fall of 2023, the BVARI Board of Directors re-evaluated the program to be more inclusive and effective. The program has now become the Emerging Investigator Program to better address the needs of emerging investigators regardless of career stage. The revised program guidance for qualification and evaluation is delineated below:

- Doctoral-level research or clinical scientist
- Have not previously held a VA Career Development Award or NIH K award
- Have not previously been awarded funding from BVARI
- Letter of Support from Service Chief or Center Director
- Draft statement of work and budget clearly indicating the shortfall of indirect costs from the BVARI required rate
- Correlation of short term aims of project to long term scientific goals of applicant
- Current CV

If eligible, a completed [Indirect Cost Waiver Request](#) must be forwarded to SPA@bvari.org with all required attachments and a [Proposal Planning Form](#) **not later than 30 days prior to the proposal deadline.**

Late requests will not be considered.

Any questions should be directed to SPA@bvari.org