

## **Frequently Asked Questions: Michelson Prizes for Human Immunology and Vaccine Research**

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### **If I am 35 or older, can I still apply for the Michelson Prize?**

No. Applicants born before February 12, 1983 are not eligible to apply for this year's award.

### **Do I have to be an independent investigator to apply?**

No. Doctoral students, postdoctoral fellows, clinical fellows, and others in training or non-tenure track positions are eligible to apply, provided they meet the age requirement.

### **If I change institutions during the award period, can I take the award with me?**

Yes. The Michelson Prizes are awarded to individuals, not institutions, and are intended to accompany the awardee if they move to another institution. However, during the period of the award, you must remain associated with a research institution where the goals of the funded project can still be achieved.

### **I am planning to move to a faculty position in summer 2018, which institution should I put in the pre-application form?**

Use your current institution in the pre-application form fields (name and address), but describe the research environment and facilities available to you at your new institution within the 'Capabilities' section of the form. Also, on the biographical sketch form, clearly indicate your new institution, department, position title, and position start date.

### **Is the award money given to me directly, or to my institution?**

Awards of this type are most often given to the research institution for direct distribution to the awardee. While the disbursement mechanism for the Prizes may be negotiated post-award, the Prize money must be used for the conduct of the specific research project for which it was awarded.

### **Can I use some of the award money for my salary or to pay others who will help me with my project?**

Yes. There is no limit on how much of the award money can be used for salary purposes.

### **Can I apply for the award with a co-investigator or a collaborator?**

Michelson Prizes will be awarded to individual investigators to support the proposed project. The applicant is expected to assemble a research team that will provide the necessary expertise to accomplish the research goals proposed in the pre-application; co-investigators and collaborators should be listed in the 'Capabilities' section of the pre-application form.

### **Does the \$150,000 include indirect costs?**

Yes. \$150,000 is the full amount of the award and includes both direct and indirect costs associated with the conduct of the project. Note, there will be a percentage cap (to be determined) for the allowable indirect costs to be paid to an awardee's institution.

**If I am selected to submit a full application, will preliminary scientific data be required?**

No.

**Is the Michelson Prize pre-application deadline firm?**

Yes.

**Can I submit a paper pre-application?**

No. All pre-applications for the Michelson Prizes must be submitted electronically by the application deadline. Paper applications will not be accepted.

**Can I submit more than one pre-application?**

No.

**Can I change my pre-application once it is submitted?**

No. Once your application is submitted, it cannot be changed.