

Re: Young Investigators Initiative Grant Mentoring and Career Development Program  
Call for Submissions for program beginning with workshop November 13-15, 2015  
**Deadline for submissions, July 15, 2015**

The United States Bone and Joint Initiative (USBJI) and Bone and Joint Canada are dedicated to raising public awareness and to increasing research of musculoskeletal diseases. Research in the musculoskeletal diseases performed by young investigators is not keeping pace with the increasing burden of these diseases. In response, the Young Investigator Initiative is a career development and grant mentoring program provides early-career investigators an opportunity to work with experienced researchers in our field to assist them in securing funding and other survival skills required for pursuing an academic career.

To date 162 participants have successfully obtained more than \$189 million in research grants and consider this program instrumental to their success.

This career development and grant mentoring program is open to promising junior faculty, senior fellows or post-doctoral researchers nominated by their department or division chairs. It is also open to senior fellows or residents that are doing research and have a faculty appointment in place or confirmed. Basic and clinical investigators, without or with training awards, are invited to apply. Investigators selected to take part in the program attend two workshops, 12-18 months apart, and work with faculty between workshops to develop their grant applications. The next workshop is scheduled to take place November 13-15, 2015 in Toronto, Ontario. The unique aspect of this program is the opportunity for attendees to maintain a relationship with a mentor until their application is funded. To apply for this workshop the applicants must provide the following documentation. (For more detailed instructions, please refer to the attached "Requirements for the Application Process.")

#### Application

1. Letter of nomination from division or department chair.
2. Letter of support from institutional research mentor.
3. One or two page document with program title, specific aims and outline of a proposed grant application from the participant, making sure to note applicant's name.
4. Curriculum vitae of the applicant, to include complete contact details, and discipline specialization.
5. **The application is due by July 15, 2015.**
6. The application should be addressed to Young Investigators Initiative and emailed to [usbji@usbji.org](mailto:usbji@usbji.org) (preferred), or mailed to the USBJI at the address provided below.

Sincerely,



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