Visionary Awards

The Pathway Visionary Awards are designed to support established, experienced investigators with strong records of outstanding productivity in fields outside of diabetes who are interested in applying their considerable skills and expertise to diabetes research. These awards are highly competitive and intended to support particularly innovative and transformational ideas that have the potential to have an exceptional impact in diabetes.

Visionary Awards are available to individuals (MD, PhD, DMD, DO, PharmD, DVM, or equivalent) who hold established faculty positions and have not previously received national grant support (NIH, NIDDK, ADA, JDRF, etc.), as either a PI or Co-PI, in diabetes or diabetes-related research.

In order to be competitive for this award, investigators should have: 1) a significant publication history including high-impact senior author publications in their current field, 2) a demonstrated ability to obtain sustained, independent funding/support for their work, and 3) strong evidence of outstanding creativity, insight, and a demonstrated ability to collaborate.

Candidates will be identified through institutional nominations only.

The Pathway Visionary Awards will provide two distinct phases of research support. Combined support for Phase 1 and Phase 2 can total up to $1,625,000. However, transition to Phase 2 funding is contingent on the success of Phase 1, as evidenced by productivity and continued dedication to diabetes research.

- **Phase 1** will provide research support for three years for up to $325,000/year (including 30% indirect costs). At the completion of Phase 1, investigators will be required to submit the following for review and approval:
  1. A cumulative progress report outlining scientific accomplishments in Phase 1, as well as participation in the annual scientific meeting and/or other programs of the ADA
  2. A reconciled financial report for Phase 1
  3. Request and justification for continued Phase 2 funding

Renewal requests will be reviewed by the Pathway Mentor Advisory Committee who will provide recommendations for continuation of support in Phase 2.

- **Phase 2** may provide research support for two additional for up to $325,000/year (including 30% indirect costs), contingent upon demonstration of significant contributions to the field of diabetes research in Phase 1.