**Accelerator Awards**

The Pathway Accelerator Awards are intended to provide flexible, long-term salary and research support to early career researchers who are proposing innovative and ambitious diabetes-related research programs, and who have distinguished themselves as exceptionally talented and promising research investigators.

Accelerator Awards are available to individuals (MD, PhD, DMD, DO, PharmD, DVM, or equivalent) who hold independent faculty positions and are in the process of establishing successful, independent diabetes research programs. Candidates may currently hold independent NIH funding (K or R award, including an initial NIH R01) **but must not have applied for, or received, an NIH R01 renewal or a second R01 award.**

In order to be competitive for this award, investigators should have records of independent productivity in research. For the purpose of this award, demonstration of independent productivity should include evidence of the ability of the investigator to perform a particular set of experiments at a high-quality level, including senior author publications (independent of training mentors), and/or demonstrated ability of the investigator to obtain independent funding/support for their work. Candidates will be identified through institutional nominations only.

The Pathway Accelerator Awards will provide five years of research support up to $325,000/year (including 30% indirect costs) for a total of $1,625,000.