

Mal de Debarquement Syndrome (MdDS)

MdDS Balance Disorder Foundation, Inc

Early Career Distinguished Investigator Award (ECDIA)

The purpose of this award is to recognize creative investigators at the beginning of their careers who as a consequence of their educational background/training and quality of initial independent research productivity, have begun and are likely to continue to make significant contributions to basic or clinical knowledge regarding the cause and/or effective treatment of *Mal de Debarquement Syndrome (MdDS)*. The MdDS Balance Disorder Foundation expects to provide one of these awards each year, depending on available funding and eligible candidates. The evaluation process for this award will include consideration of the qualifications and background of the candidate, the quality and relevance of on-going research activities, and the research environment.

Eligibility Requirements

Scientists holding a MD, PhD, ScD, DVM, or DrPH degree or equivalent are eligible. Awardees must be actively engaged in research at the time of the award. Candidates should possess outstanding research potential. Evidence of this potential, in the form of written letters of support and the candidate's publication record, will be valued equally with the scientific success of the candidate. The candidate should have no more than seven years of research experience after obtaining the highest degree and must be in an entry-level position at an academic institution (Instructor or Assistant Professor) or its equivalent. Awardees must be within 5 years of their first academic appointment. The candidate's institution must assist the awardee to become established as an independent investigator; this is an important component of the award.

Award

The spirit of the award is to recognize new and upcoming investigators. Awardees will receive \$2,500 to be used to support on-going research studies.