

New Investigator Award

<u>Criteria</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Weighting</u>
Novelty	Does this collaboration bring new knowledge or a novel approach to SCI research?	2
Relevance to the mission of the Conquer Paralysis Program	Would the proposed work advance SCI research towards the goal of the Conquer Paralysis Program (recovery of key functions)?	2
Relevance to the SCI field	If the application is from another field, is the rationale for why it could be applied to SCI clear and convincing?	1
Design of proposed project	Is the proposed project suitably designed to address the hypothesis?	2
Impact on future research	To what extent would the study inform future SCI research (even if the results were negative)?	1
Detail of budget	Is the budget clearly outlined and costs clearly defined for different elements of research (e.g. salary split, supplies, travel, animals etc.)?	1
Risk Analysis	Are the risks understood and clearly outlined in the proposed study?	1
Quality of the applicant (or team)	Does the applicant have the scientific expertise to conduct the proposed research?	2
Potential for future contributions to the field	Does the researcher have the potential to make valuable contributions to functional recovery in chronic SCI human subjects?	4