

MIRECC/CoE Early Career Investigator Award

OVERVIEW

The MIRECC/CoE Early Career Investigator Award recognizes the achievements of early career investigators. While still in the early stages of developing research, these investigators have already made an impact in their respective fields of study. Their continued passion and dedication to research have proven they are future leaders in their field or area of practice, and they will contribute to the development of new treatment methods for Veterans' mental health and related issues. Research topics considered for the early career investigator award are those closely related to the various national MIRECC/CoE concentrations, including, but not limited to, basic, clinical, rehabilitation, health systems, or implementation science research.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

All relevant disciplines may apply. To be eligible for the MIRECC/CoE Early Career Investigator Award, nominees must meet all the following requirements:

1. Be within 5 years of completing postdoctoral training or within 5 years of receiving a Career Development Award (whichever is later)
2. Cannot be a postdoctoral fellow.
3. Cannot be at the associate professor level or higher if they have an academic appointment.
4. Is a minimum of 5/8th VA employee with an affiliation with a MIRECC/CoE.
5. Has served as a Principal Investigator on a funded research project.
6. Has not previously received the MIRECC Early Career Investigator Award

NOMINATION/REVIEW PROCESS

- Can be nominated by a mentor using the application available [here](#).
- Applications must be submitted to noosha.niv@va.gov by **January 1st**.
- Dr. Niv will do a first pass to ensure eligibility and disseminate applications to members of the review committee.
- Members of the review committee will rate the candidates using the criteria below on a scale of 1-5. Reviews are due to Dr. Niv by **February 1st**.
- The review committee will meet in February to select the winner.
- The award will be presented at the in-person MIRECC meeting in the Spring.

MIRECC/CoE EARLY CAREER INVESTIGATOR AWARD CRITERIA

1. Overall quality of work. Overall quality of the early career investigator's research, presentations, and publications.
2. Impact of work. Significant impact of the investigator's work on research for the betterment of mental health treatment, especially in the Veteran population.
3. Career development plan. Career development plan indicating a strong desire to continue research in the nominee's field of study.

MIRECC/CoE EARLY CAREER INVESTIGATOR AWARD DETAILS

The MIRECC/CoE Early Career Investigator Award consists of an award, the knowledge that the recipient is awesome and appreciated, 8 hours of comp time, and up to \$1000 in travel funds (at the discretion of the Center director).