

Special Notice (SN) DARPA-SN-16-72
Young Faculty Award (YFA)
Proposers Day
October 3, 2016

The Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) Defense Sciences Office (DSO) is sponsoring a Proposers Day to provide information to potential proposers on the objectives of an anticipated Research Announcement (RA) for the Young Faculty Award (YFA) program. The Proposers Day will be held on October 3, 2016 from 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM. The event will be held via webcast only. Advance registration is required for viewing the webcast. Note, all times listed in this announcement and on the registration website are Eastern Time.

The goals of the YFA Proposers Day are to: (a) introduce the research community to the YFA program vision and goals; (b) explain the mechanics of a DARPA program, and (c) encourage submission by eligible Proposers that have the relevant expertise, facilities, and capabilities for executing a research and development program responsive to the YFA program goals.

DARPA anticipates releasing the YFA RA by the end of September 2016. If released, the RA will be available on the Federal Business Opportunities website at <https://www.fbo.gov> and on <http://www.grants.gov/>. Following the event, presented materials may be posted to <http://www.darpa.mil/work-with-us/opportunities>.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVE AND DESCRIPTION

The DARPA Young Faculty Award (YFA) program aims to identify and engage rising stars in junior faculty positions in academia and equivalent positions at non-profit research institutions and expose them to Department of Defense (DoD) and National Security challenges and needs. In particular, YFA will provide high-impact funding to elite researchers early in their careers to develop innovative new research directions in the context of enabling transformative DoD capabilities. The long-term goal of the program is to develop the next generation of scientists and engineers in the research community who will focus a significant portion of their future careers on DoD and National Security issues.

DARPA anticipates soliciting innovative research proposals in the areas of physical sciences, engineering, materials, mathematics, biology, computing, informatics, social science, robotics, neuroscience and manufacturing of interest to DARPA's Defense Sciences Office (DSO), Microsystems Technology Office (MTO), and Biological Technologies Office (BTO). Eligibility requirements are outlined below.

TEAMING

The anticipated RA solicits single investigator proposals; however, investigators will be given the opportunity to propose teaming if required due to the nature of the proposal. Teaming and/or subcontract awards will be limited to no more than 30% of the total grant value. It is preferred that potential team members be university professors fitting the proposer eligibility requirements outlined below. Specific content, communications, networking, and team formation will be the sole responsibility of the participants.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

The YFA Proposers Day will be held on October 3, 2016 from 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM via webcast. Note, all times listed in this announcement and on the registration website are Eastern Time. There is no registration fee for the Proposers Day webcast. Potential proposers may register to attend this Proposers Day. The event is closed to the general public and media.

Registration opens: As of publication of this announcement.

Registration closes: September 28, 2016 at 12:00 PM or when capacity is reached, whichever comes first.

Advance registration is required for participating in the Proposers Day webcast. Advance registration is required in order to receive access to the webcast and is mandatory for every individual intending to view the webcast either alone or as part of a group. Participants must register through the Proposers Day website: <http://www.sa-meetings.com/YFAProposersDay>.

Registrants in excess of the maximum capacity limitations (500 for the webcast) will be added to the waitlist. Individuals who are unable to register because the deadline has occurred or capacity has been reached will have the option to be added to the waitlist. If slots remain open after registration closes or become available due to cancellations, the slots will be filled on a first come, first served basis from the waitlist.

ELIGIBILITY

Attendance via the webcast is open to individuals who are U.S. Citizens, U.S. Permanent Residents, and Foreign Nationals at U.S. Institutions who meet the eligibility criteria listed below:

- Proposers must be Tenure Track Assistant/Associate Professors or their equivalent at non-profit research institutions.
- Proposers must be within 8 years of their tenure-clock/appointment start date at a U.S. Institution, excluding any personal leaves of absence.
- Previous YFA Award recipients are not eligible for this or any future YFA program.
- Former DARPA Program Managers are not eligible to apply for funding under this program.

All registrants who are not U.S. Citizens must complete and submit a DARPA Form 60 (U.S. Permanent Resident and Foreign National Visit Request) no later than 4:00 PM on September 26, 2016. This form and submission instructions are provided on the registration website and in the registration confirmation email.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Please refer to the YFA Proposers Day in all correspondence.

- Technical Point of Contact: Fariba Fahroo, Program Manager, YFA2017@darpa.mil
- Registration Website: <http://www.sa-meetings.com/YFAProposersDay>

DISCLAIMERS AND IMPORTANT NOTES

Participation in the YFA Proposers Day webcast is voluntary and is not required to propose to the anticipated YFA RA. Interested parties to this notice are cautioned that nothing herein obligates the Government to issue a solicitation. The Proposers Day does not constitute a formal solicitation for proposals or abstracts. This announcement is issued solely for information and program planning purposes and is not a Request for Information (RFI). Since this is not an RFI, no submissions against this notice will be accepted by the Government. No classified, ITAR controlled, or proprietary information shall be included in submitted materials or shall be presented or discussed at the Proposers Day. DARPA will not provide reimbursement for costs incurred to participate in this Proposers Day. Recording the Proposers Day is not permitted.