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### DARPA ENGAGES NEXT-GENERATION ACADEMICS

The Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) has released a research announcement, RA 09-14, on the [Young Faculty Award](#) (YFA) program, aimed at identifying and engaging junior faculty in academia and exposing them to Department of Defense needs and DARPA's program development process.

The YFA program will provide high-impact funding to these faculty early in their careers in order to develop their research ideas in the context of Defense needs. DARPA's long-term goal for this program is to develop the next generation of academic scientists, engineers, and mathematicians in key disciplines who will focus a significant portion of their career on Department of Defense and National Security issues.

The newly issued announcement solicits single investigator proposals for research and development in physical sciences, engineering and mathematics of interest to DARPA's [Microsystems Technology Office](#) and [Defense Sciences Office](#). Proposed research should focus on innovations that will enable revolutionary advances; high-risk/high-payoff ideas are strongly encouraged. The announcement contains detailed descriptions of the agency's interest areas.

DARPA's YFA program targets untenured faculty within six years of appointment to a tenure-track position at a U.S. institution, emphasizing those without significant prior or existing DARPA funding as a performer. Awards will fund two years of research for a single investigator and will be less than \$300,000.

Faculty interested in proposing research for DARPA's YFA program should obtain the solicitation for further details and eligibility criteria. The solicitation is available online at the FedBizOpps website at <https://www.fbo.gov/spg/ODA/DARPA/CMO/DARPA-RA-09-14/listing.html>, and on the Grants.gov website at <http://www.grants.gov/>. Responses to the solicitation are due February 16, 2009. DARPA anticipates making multiple awards.

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