The Philip R. Dodge Young Investigator Award is a prestigious award for basic science or clinical research by accomplished early stage investigators who are members of the Child Neurology Society. In 2004, the Child Neurology Society named its Young Investigator Award in honor of Dr. Philip R. Dodge, a founding giant of Pediatric Neurology with a legacy of mentoring young physician-scientists. The Dodge Award is supported by an endowment funded by CNS members and institutional contributors. The recipient of the Dodge Award will receive a grant of $30,000 and will be invited to present their work in a featured lecture at the next Annual Meeting of the Child Neurology Society.

Important changes have been made to the eligibility criteria and application instructions for the Dodge Award for 2022 and beyond. These include extending the time window of eligibility to align with the NIH criteria for Early Stage Investigator status. The application has been completely revamped to focus on research accomplishments and potential for ongoing success, rather than the proposed research to be funded by the Award per se. Applicant contributions to mentorship and fostering of the values of diversity, equity, and inclusion are now considered in the evaluation process.

Eligibility Criteria - Note Significant Changes for 2022!

1. The applicant completed a child neurology or neurodevelopmental disability residency on or after June 30, 2012. Extensions of eligibility for the Dodge award due to extended clinical training or personal/familial leave of absence may be considered.
2. The scientific work is mainly the result of the applicant's efforts.
3. The applicant is a Junior or Active member of the Child Neurology Society.
4. Candidates may have been awarded NIH funding of any type.
5. Candidates should consider applying before their final year of eligibility, allowing them the opportunity to resubmit in consideration of the review committee’s critiques.

Deadline for application submission is April 15, 2022. Applicants will be informed of the CNS Awards Committee's decision by June 15.
2022 Philip R. Dodge Young Investigator Award
Application Instructions

Submit a single electronic copy of the application to Roger Larson, Executive Director, Child Neurology Society: rblarson@childneurologysociety.org, and to Laura Jansen, M.D. Ph.D., Awards Committee Chair: laura.jansen.md.phd@gmail.com.

Please provide a narrative describing your research program and its findings. Please limit this narrative to 8 pages, not including references. The document should be written in 11-point Times New Roman or Arial font, double spaced, with one-half inch margins minimum. Figures are encouraged but are included in the 8-page limit. In the narrative, please address the following four topics (not necessarily in this order):

1. Candidate background
   a. Describe your education and your experience in research.
   b. What lead you to pursue your current project?
   c. Optional: Describe any personal or scientific obstacles that you have faced and overcome on your career path.

2. Research portfolio
   a. What are the goals of your research?
   b. What scientific approaches have you utilized?
   c. What are your most important and interesting findings?
   d. Optional: How have you incorporated values of diversity, equity, and inclusion into your work?

3. Impact of your research
   a. What was the state of the field before you began your research?
   b. How has your research impacted the field?
   c. What are the new questions generated by your work?
   d. How have you incorporated mentorship of others into your work?

4. How would funds from the Dodge Young Investigator Award ($30,000) be used?
   a. Would the funds be used to collect preliminary data for a new research direction, perform additional work to support current projects, provide personnel support not available under current funding, etc? Please provide sufficient detail to allow assessment of feasibility of any proposed research studies. Documentation of IRB/IACUC approvals will be requested for any studies involving human subjects or vertebrate animals.
   b. How would this award advance your research career?

Prepare the proposal with the following format:

1) Page 1  Face Page
2) Page 2-9 Proposal Narrative
3) Page 10 References
4) Appendix:
   a. Current curriculum vitae. Please place an asterisk next to those publications that best represent your most important contributions to the field (maximum of 10). Please annotate these publications with a description of your role in each effort. Please also list current and previous grant awards including direct costs and percent effort.
b. Please submit up to three reprints of papers that have been published or accepted for publication on which you are an author.

c. Letters of Recommendation
   i. Submit up to three letters of support.
   ii. At least one letter should include a statement of the applicant’s eligibility for the Award and should document the willingness of the institution to accept the award without indirect costs. These statements are often included in a letter from the applicant’s Department Chair or Section Chief.

- Convert the entire proposal to a PDF format and send copies to Roger Larson, Executive Director, Child Neurology Society: rblarson@childneurologysociety.org, and Laura Jansen, M.D. Ph.D., Awards Committee Chair: laura.jansen.md.phd@gmail.com.

- The complete proposal must be received on or before April 15, 2022.

- Applications that do not adhere to the sanctioned procedure may be returned without review.

- The applicant will be informed of the Committee’s decision by June 15, 2022.

- The Dodge Awardee should ask a senior member of the Society to deliver a brief five-minute introduction. The Dodge awardee will then be expected to deliver a formal twenty-minute presentation to the CNS membership at the next Annual Meeting.

- All correspondence should be sent to: Roger Larson, CAE, Executive Director, Child Neurology Society 1000 West County Road E, Suite 290 St. Paul, MN 55126 (E: rblarson@childneurology society.org).
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Applicant Information

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Department / Division:
Date completing pediatric neurology residency (month/year):
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Cell Phone:
Email:

Applicant Organization

Name:
Address:

Administrative Official to be notified if award is made

Name:
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Applicant Signature_________________________________  Date____________