

# Yosipovitch Young Investigator Award (YYIA)

**Aims:** To support young investigators early in their career ( Bellow the age of 40 ) to study Itch, to improve our understanding of the mechanisms, diagnosis, and treatment of itch

This is a biannual award that would be selected by a research committee comprised of IFSI board members and a member of Young Investigator Council

Twenty thousand US dollars will be allotted to the investigator

## Requirements:

- Only young investigators (<40 years of age) who currently are IFSI members in good standing are eligible
- Research relates directly to improving our understanding of the mechanisms, diagnosis, and treatment of itch
- You agree to acknowledge the support of IFSI in any publication resulting from the research
- You agree to supply a brief progress report at the end of the funding period
- If selected, you agree to present your research at the next WCI

You can apply for funds to:

- Develop a research project
- Advance a project to a point where it can earn external support
- Complete a small research project

Funds do **not** cover:

- Overheads and indirect costs
- Travel and lodging expenses

## Proposal

- cover page\*
- abstract\* (< 300 words)
- 'grant' application (max 5 pages excl. references)
  - Specific aims
  - background & significance
  - Innovation
  - Preliminary Results (if available)
  - Experimental Design/Methods
  - Future Plans
  - References
- Budget\*
  - budget justification

- CVs for key personnel in NIH format
- Other support
- Letter of support from your department chair  
(merit of research application, support provided by department)

**Evaluation criteria** - proposals are evaluated on these bases:

- Relevance to itch
- Feasibility
- Originality
- Level of departmental support
- Scientific merit
- Career development potential
- History of productivity as predictor of success

**Deadline for applications (2025 WCI):** May 4th 2025

**Please send your application to:** [martin.schmelz@medma.uni-heidelberg.de](mailto:martin.schmelz@medma.uni-heidelberg.de)