

# Civitan International Research Center Emerging Scholars Request for Applications 2025

## Proposal Deadline: April 30, 2025

Grant Start Date: August 1, 2025

Eligible Applicants: **Graduate students and postdoctoral trainees**

Award Level: \$30,000 for one year

Guidelines: Subject Line – Emerging Scholar Application\_“Last Name”

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The Civitan International Research Center (CIRC) requests proposals for clinical or fundamental science research aimed at enhancing our current understanding of typical and atypical brain development, autism spectrum disorders, developmental disabilities, impaired cognitive development, or the effects of environmental toxins on brain development.

The \$30,000 award may be used for stipend or for direct costs (Advisor’s decision).

Applicants should be PhD graduate students, postdoctoral fellows, research associates, or instructors in the non-tenure track with less than 10 years from receiving their terminal degree (e.g. Ph.D.). Previous awardees are ineligible.

Proposals should consist of a **single PDF document** containing a two-page description of the planned research; a proposed budget; a letter of endorsement from the mentor; and CV from the applicant. The mentor should submit the application on behalf of the applicant along with a statement from the mentor indicating their approval of the application and budget proposal (this can be a one-sentence statement/letter).

Although not a requirement, we particularly welcome applications designed to create a patentable/marketable product.

The mission of the CIRC is to improve the well-being and the quality of life of individuals and families affected by neurodevelopmental disabilities; to provide interdisciplinary clinical and research training in neurodevelopmental disabilities; to utilize this knowledge to develop and provide high quality exemplary services and programs; and to exchange information in a timely manner with consumers, practitioners, scientists, and society.

**Awardees must be present at the Junior Civitan All In Summit in ~Feb. of 2026** and speak to Civitan International members about their research once or twice during the year of award or the following year.