



**The Sontag Foundation – Distinguished Scientist Award- \$750,000 in funding over 5 years.**

Open to early career investigators throughout the United States and Canada. Applications due March 15, 2023 at 11:59pm ET.

The Sontag Foundation is soliciting applications for its Distinguished Scientist Award. The goal of this funding initiative is to change the paradigm of brain cancer research by building a community of outstanding scientists whose pioneering approaches have the potential to make significant advances in the field of brain cancer/brain tumors. The Foundation believes that multi-disciplinary collaborations are critical to advancing research. Researchers from various scientific backgrounds are strongly encouraged to apply.

“We established the Distinguished Scientist Award 20 years ago to aid the career development of young researchers and help them grow into leaders in the field,” said Sontag Foundation President and Founder Rick Sontag.

**New in 2023, The Sontag Foundation is increasing the Award from \$600,000 over four years to \$750,000 over five years.**

You can read about the former award winners, scientific advisors, and the grant guidelines on the Foundation’s website, [www.sontagfoundation.org](http://www.sontagfoundation.org).

**Eligibility**

- Applicants are required to have an advanced degree (Ph.D., and/or M.D.).
- Applicants must have received their first independent faculty appointment no earlier than March 1, 2018 at a tax-exempt academic, research, or medical institution within the United States or an equivalent institution in Canada.
- If the institution grants tenure, the qualifying appointment must be on tenure track.
- **More than one individual from the same institution may apply for this award.**

**About The Sontag Foundation**

The Sontag Foundation, Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida, is one of the largest private funders of brain cancer research in North America. The Foundation was established in 2002 by Frederick and Susan Sontag following Susan’s battle with a normally lethal form of brain cancer. To date, the Foundation has granted over \$55 million in funding to support brain cancer research. In 2014, the Sontags established The Brain Tumor Network, to provide free navigation services for patients with brain tumors, helping to connect them to brain cancer specialists, second

opinions and clinical trials. To date, the Sontags have contributed over \$20 million in support of the critical services The Brain Tumor Network provides to patients with a brain tumor diagnosis and their caregivers. To learn more about The Sontag Foundation, visit the website at [www.sontagfoundation.org](http://www.sontagfoundation.org).

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*The Sontag Foundation recognizes that a diverse workforce that represents the demographics of the population of the United States is better poised to address health issues affecting all communities. The Sontag Foundation encourages individuals from groups underrepresented in biomedical research to apply.*