



Dear Colleagues,

For seven years, the Catalyst and Discovery Awards have supported Johns Hopkins faculty collaborating in the pursuit of the undiscovered through bold interdisciplinary innovations. We are thrilled to announce the eighth call for applications, which are due Feb. 15, and we encourage early-career faculty and new cross-divisional teams to submit proposals.

Our university's institutionwide commitment of \$45 million allows our brilliant faculty free rein to undertake cutting-edge projects, centering Johns Hopkins as a leader in research. We hope the discoveries made through the 2023 awards will continue to transform disciplines and impact lives.

In mid-October, we celebrated the 74 Catalyst awardees and the 76 Discovery Award teams from the 2020 and 2022 cycles at the George Peabody Library, gathering scholars and researchers representing fields and divisions across our institution. Their work encompassed such endeavors as enabling robots to "feel" through improved tactile sensors, studying the long-term impacts of chemical warfare on survivors, exploring Asian identity and representation on the American opera stage, and developing new measures to better advance indigenous health resources.

The Catalyst awardees alone represented 50 departments, including Biostatistics, Classics, Environmental Health and Engineering, Composition, Neurosurgery, and Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery.

The [Johns Hopkins University Catalyst Awards](#) are for early-career faculty across the university who are undertaking exceptional research or creative endeavors. The awards of up to \$75,000 will help these individuals launch their promising careers during the crucial years when startup funds are depleted and external funding or other support may be elusive. The awards are available to faculty members appointed to a full-time tenure-track or tenure-track equivalent faculty position within no less than three years and no more than 10 years, as of July 1, 2023.

The [Johns Hopkins University Discovery Awards](#) focus on cross-university, faculty-led research and discovery. We aim for these awards of up to \$100,000 to spark new interactions among faculty from across the university. Faculty teams use these funds to get started while they seek an externally funded large-scale grant or cooperative agreement.

Details and application materials are on the [Office of Research website](#). The application deadline for both programs is midnight on Wednesday, Feb. 15, 2023.

Through these initiatives and others to come, we will continue to do all we can to support the extraordinary potential of our early-career faculty and enable the interdisciplinary collaboration that sets Johns Hopkins apart.

Sincerely yours,

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