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[Young Faculty Award \(YFA\)](#)

Funding Opportunity No. [DARPARA2401](#)

- Executive Summary Due Date: **December 13, 2023, 3 p.m.**
- FAQ Submission Deadline: **February 15, 2024, 3 p.m.** (see Section VIII. B of the solicitation)
- Full Proposal Due Date: **February 22, 2024, 3 p.m.**

Summary: The **Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) Young Faculty Award (YFA)** program aims to identify and engage rising stars in junior research positions in academia and equivalent positions at non-profit research institutions, particularly those without prior DARPA funding, to expose them to Department of Defense (DoD) needs and DARPA's mission to create and prevent technological surprise. The YFA program will provide high-impact funding to elite researchers early in their careers to develop innovative new research that enables transformative DoD capabilities. Ultimately, the YFA program is developing the next generations of researchers focused on national security issues.

Executive Summary: Prior to submitting a full proposal, proposers are **strongly encouraged** to first submit an executive summary as described in the solicitation. This process allows a proposer to ascertain whether the proposed concept is (1) applicable to the YFA RA and (2) currently of interest. Proposers are encouraged to review the DARPA mission statement and current program descriptions at the DARPA website <https://www.darpa.mil> to familiarize themselves with examples of current DARPA investments.

Award Amount: Each award will include a 24-month base period (a maximum of \$500,000) and a 12-month option period (a maximum of \$500,000).

Eligibility: Participation is open to individuals who are U.S. Citizens, U.S. Permanent Residents, and Foreign Nationals who meet the eligibility criteria in Section III of the solicitation.

Solicitation: The grants.gov application folder for DARPA YFA program maybe found at: <https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/350899>.