The A*STAR Biomedical Research Council Young Investigator Grant (YIG) will support and promote the early career development of potential leaders in scientific research. The award supports biomedical science research for duration of 3 years.

**Objectives of the BMRC Young Investigator Grant**
To provide early career researchers in BMRC RIs/Consortia/Research Units the opportunity to carry out independent curiosity-driven science.

**Eligibility**
The grant is open to early career researchers from BMRC RIs/Consortia/Research Units at research grades RSE 2 & 3. Applicants should obtain endorsement from his/her respective institution’s Executive Director / Programme Director. The researcher should also identify a Principal Investigator from the institute for mentorship and guidance. Researchers who are holding a Junior PI or equivalent position may not apply for this grant.

**Evaluation Criteria and Themes**
Research proposals should be novel. They should represent original research that is curiosity-driven or exploratory in nature that builds capacity among young scientists for independent research. Investigators are invited to submit proposals that demonstrate novelty and interesting discovery science. Applications shall be assessed on the scientific and technical merits of the research proposal. Preliminary data to support the research proposal can be included, but is not required.

**Funding**
BMRC Young Investigators will be funded with up to S$150,000 over a 3-year period. The grant may be used to cover consumables, manpower costs and travel, but not for the purchase of equipment.

**Closing Date for Submission of Letter of Intent**
Friday, 5 January 2015, 12 pm sharp, Singapore Standard Time.

**Application Materials**
The Letter of Intent may be obtained from the RI/Consortia administrative managers. Softcopies should be emailed to BMRC at a-star_admin_bmrc@a-star.edu.sg.

Shortlisted candidates shall be invited to submit a full proposal and present to a review panel in March 2015.