

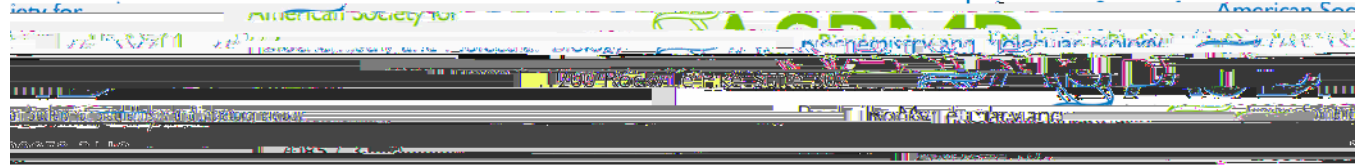
## **Next Generation Researchers Initiative – ASBMB Policy Recommendations**

The American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology (ASBMB) strongly supports the goals of the Next Generation Researchers Initiative (NGRI) and actions by the NIH to ensure the long-term viability and sustainability of the biomedical research enterprise. We have identified 5 policy areas of importance to our membership, which we submit for consideration by the NGRI Working Group. The policy recommendations below are meant to serve as guides; specific numbers associated with them should be adjusted based upon an analysis of the relevant data.

### **1. Establish a Program to Fund Early Stage Investigators (ESIs)**

#### **Definition**

*Recommendation:* An investigator, without an R01-



### **Submission Windows**

*Recommendation:* Implement a Continuous Submission policy (NOT-OD-17-042) to at-risk established investigators for R01-equivalent applications.

*Rationale:* This permits at-risk established investigators increased turn around for grant submission, review and potential funding as has been successfully accomplished in other special cases (for example, HIV-related applications/reviews are accelerated by a full cycle).

### **3. Establish a Cross-NIH Sliding Scale for the Funding of Multiple Awards**

#### **Definition**

*Recommendation:* A principal investigator with 2 funded R01-equivalent grants will be required to meet an increasingly higher threshold for the funding of each subsequent new proposal. NIH should also take into account how to appropriately weigh the contribution of investigators in multi-PI grants or

