

Age-discrimination is needed for government funding

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Bruce Alberts et al. wrote an article entitled “Improving support for young biomedical scientists” (1). Two figures entitled “The increasing age of principal investigators funded by the NIH,” clearly show that PIs of age 66 and older are by several times more funded than that of age 36 and younger. The older researchers have the more funding chances because of more experiences with better writing skills. Many older researchers may complain against the age-discrimination for government funding. Older researchers must understand and be aware of the concept of diversity and inclusion. Instead of using age filters to discriminate older researchers for government funding, older researchers should seek for funding from industry. Or young investigators funding should be drastically increased from government funding.

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