Pilot Project Research Funding

What is Pilot Project Research Funding?

Preliminary data requirements for large funding agencies such as the National Institutes of Health and National Science Foundation are generally stringent, putting newer investigators and investigators changing their research course at a disadvantage. Costs associated with obtaining preliminary data are often met through start-up packages, internal grant programs, and specific funding programs termed “pilot projects” or “seed grants.” This document is designed to help principal investigators identify funding organizations and programs dedicated to providing funding at an early point in the project – that point at which you know you have a good idea but can’t yet prove the project’s worth.

What’s in this book?

Federal and non-federal pilot project funding opportunities in a variety of fields are briefly described – complete with latest deadline information, maximum award amount, expected timeframe, and website address. The Office of Research Development and Education (ORDE) updates this e-book annually.

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Alex’s Lemonade Stand | Innovation Awards

**Description/Eligibility Criteria:** Innovative research efforts geared toward treatment and/or cure of pediatric cancers are funded through this grant mechanism. Eligible candidates are established investigators with a terminal degree, plus have a history of publications and funding productivity over the last five years. While preliminary data are not required, PIs must demonstrate feasibility of their ideas.

**Deadline:** December (deadline for required letters of intent); April (invited full proposals due)

**Maximum Award:** $250,000

**Award Period:** 2 years

**Sponsor URL:** [http://www.alexslemonade.org/grants/program-areas/accelerator-programs#program-143](http://www.alexslemonade.org/grants/program-areas/accelerator-programs#program-143)

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Alpha-1 Foundation | Pilot and Feasibility Grants

**Description/Eligibility Criteria:** The Foundation supports investigators proposing innovative research or development of novel methods to better study Alpha-1 Antitrypsin Deficiency (AAT). Successful grantees are expected to use their pilot project results to apply for further funding from other agencies. Both basic and clinical research projects targeting this hereditary disease are supported.

**Deadline:** September (required letters of intent due); February (invited full proposals due)

**Maximum Award:** $75,000

**Award Period:** 1 year

**Sponsor URL:** [https://www.alpha1.org/Investigators/Grants/Grant-Opportunities](https://www.alpha1.org/Investigators/Grants/Grant-Opportunities)

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American Academy for Cerebral Palsy and Developmental Medicine (AACPDM) | Research Grants

**Description/Eligibility Criteria:** These seed grants are designed to help interdisciplinary, multi-investigator/center teams develop competitive clinical research proposals for submission to larger funding agencies. Specific types of activities supported include teleconferences or meetings of collaborators to plan the research protocol, methodological/statistical support or consultation costs, pilot project/feasibility studies in preparation for a multi-center project, and validation of outcome measures. Investigators must be AACPDM members.

**Deadline:** April

**Maximum Award:** $25,000

**Award Period:** 15 months

**Sponsor URL:** [http://www.aacpdm.org/awards/grants](http://www.aacpdm.org/awards/grants)
American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry (AACAP)  |  Pilot Research Awards

**Description/Eligibility Criteria:** Through this program, AACAP supports junior faculty who are interested in beginning careers in child and adolescent psychiatry research. Eligible candidates are board-certified in child and adolescent psychiatry, have a faculty appointment, are no more than two years out from training status, have not received substantial research funding in the field (e.g., NIH R01, R03), and are AACAP members. Current residents and fellows may also apply.

**Deadline:** March

**Maximum Award:** $15,000

**Award Period:** 15 months

**Sponsor URL:**
https://www.aacap.org/AACAP/Awards/Resident_and_ECP_Awards/Pilot_Research_Award.Child_Psychiatry_Residents_Junior_Faculty.aspx

American Academy of Otolaryngic Allergy Foundation  |  Research Grants for Pilot Studies

**Description/Eligibility Criteria:** This sponsor is interested in research projects related to allergic, inflammatory, and respiratory disease with the overall goal of improving quality of life for patients with allergies. Investigators at all levels are supported.

**Deadline:** April and October

**Maximum Award:** $10,000

**Award Period:** 1 year

**Sponsor URL:** http://www.aaoallergy.org/aaoa-foundation/aaoafoundationproposalsubmissionguidelines/

American Association for Hand Surgery (AAHS)  |  Annual Research Grants Program

**Description/Eligibility Criteria:** Clinicians and therapists in academic or private practice may apply for pilot study funding focused on hand care that will then lead to larger funding opportunities. Eligible applicants are AAHS members; in the case of proposals with multiple investigators, at least one of the investigators must be an Active or Affiliate AAHS member. Note that for early career candidates, the sponsor offers the opportunity to receive mentoring from their Research Committee prior to proposal submission.

**Deadline:** October

**Maximum Award:** $10,000

**Award Period:** 1 year

**Sponsor URL:** http://handsurgery.org/grants/research.cgi
American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases (AASLD)  |  Pilot Research Awards

Description/Eligibility Criteria: AASLD supports highly innovative research projects that would benefit from gaining preliminary results, thus increasing chances of receiving additional funding from other sources. Basic, clinical, and translational research projects are supported. Eligible investigators hold terminal degrees and have faculty status at or below the rank of Associate Professor. Note that the sponsor requires that postdoctoral fellows and Assistant Professors have a mentor.

**Deadline:** December

**Maximum Award:** $50,000

**Award Period:** 1 year

**Sponsor URL:** [https://www.aasld.org/research-awards/research-career-development-awards/pilot-research-award](https://www.aasld.org/research-awards/research-career-development-awards/pilot-research-award)

American Association of Neurological Surgeons  |  Kline Award for Basic or Clinical Peripheral Nerve Research

Description/Eligibility Criteria: The purpose of this award is to help PIs obtain preliminary data for viable future NIH applications. Neurosurgeons or neurosurgery residents may serve as principal investigators.

**Deadline:** December

**Maximum Award:** $10,000

**Award Period:** 1 year

**Sponsor URL:** [http://www.spinesection.org/fellowships_awards.php](http://www.spinesection.org/fellowships_awards.php)

American Brain Tumor Association  |  Discovery Grants

Description/Eligibility Criteria: Supporting high risk/high impact projects with great potential to change current diagnostic or treatment paradigms is the goal of this grant program. Research may be relevant to either adult or pediatric brain tumors, but must focus on new diagnostic or therapeutic approaches. The sponsor prioritizes projects that address “underfunded areas,” but leaves that concept undefined; applicants must provide a defense for their selected topics in the required letter of intent. Aimed at newer investigators, eligible applicants include advanced postdoctoral trainees (minimum of three years in postdoctoral status), junior faculty, and principal investigators who have not yet received funding at the level of a research project grant (R01) from the National Institutes of Health or equivalent.

**Deadline:** Typically due in November

**Maximum Award:** $50,000

**Award Period:** 1 year

**Sponsor URL:** [https://www.abta.org/research/for-researchers/](https://www.abta.org/research/for-researchers/) [scroll down past awardees for a program description]
**American Cancer Society | Pilot and Exploratory Projects in Palliative Care of Cancer Patients and Their Families**

**Description/Eligibility Criteria:** This exploratory/pilot grant award will fund novel areas of research, intervention studies, and research methodology development directed toward palliative care issues. Principal investigators must hold doctorates, have full-time faculty positions, and be independent investigators at any career stage.

**Deadlines:** April and October

**Maximum Award:** $60,000 per year

**Award Period:** 1-2 years


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**American Chemical Society Petroleum Research Fund (PRF) | New Directions Grants**

**Description/Eligibility Criteria:** The goal of this program is to support established investigators and their student research teams performing fundamental research new to the PI that will either illustrate proof of concept or feasibility for further funding. Investigators may have limited or even no preliminary data. Regularly appointed faculty members in doctoral-level departments are eligible.

**Deadline:** March and October

**Maximum Award:** $110,000

**Award Period:** 2 years

**Sponsor URL:** [https://www.acs.org/content/acs/en/funding-and-awards/grants/prf/programs/nd.html](https://www.acs.org/content/acs/en/funding-and-awards/grants/prf/programs/nd.html)

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**American College of Gastroenterology (ACG) | Clinical Research Awards – Pilot Project Grants**

**Description/Eligibility Criteria:** ACG designed this program to encourage junior faculty and trainees to perform patient-oriented research. Pilot Project Grants do not require preliminary data. Eligible investigators must be ACG members at time of grant proposal submission; those in trainee status must identify research mentors with whom they will be working.

**Deadline:** December

**Maximum Award:** $15,000

**Award Period:** 1 year

**Sponsor URL:** [http://gi.org/research-and-awards/grant-announcements/](http://gi.org/research-and-awards/grant-announcements/)

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**American College of Sports Medicine | Research Endowment**

**Description/Eligibility Criteria:** This seed grant program supports basic and applied research projects focused on exercise science. Priority is given to junior investigators within seven years of receipt of their terminal degrees who are members of the sponsor organization.

**Deadline:** January

**Maximum Award:** $10,000

**Award Period:** 1 year

American Epilepsy Society (AES)  |  Seed Grants

**Description/Eligibility Criteria:** Through this program, AES provides an opportunity for established investigators to pursue new and innovative directions in epilepsy research, bring new research methods into their research program, or begin new collaborations with other epilepsy researchers or investigators in complementary disciplines. Eligible candidates are at the Associate Professor level or higher, and are active AES members. The proposed project must represent a new initiative that could not begin without seed support.

**Deadline:** March and September

**Maximum Award:** $20,000

**Award Period:** 1 year

**Sponsor URL:** [https://www.aesnet.org/research/fundingforestablishedinvestigators/seed_grant_program](https://www.aesnet.org/research/fundingforestablishedinvestigators/seed_grant_program)

American Federation for Aging Research (AFAR)  |  Glenn/AFAR Breakthroughs in Gerontology (BIG)

**Description/Eligibility Criteria:** AFAR, in collaboration with the Glenn Foundation, funds research projects showing translational potential for clinically relevant strategies, treatments, and therapeutics addressing human aging. Applicants will be at the Assistant Professor level or higher, have strong independent publication records beyond the postdoctoral level, and are funded at the R01 level.

**Deadline:** January (for required letters of intent); April (for invited full proposals)

**Maximum Award:** $300,000

**Award Period:** 3 years

**Sponsor URL:** [https://www.afar.org/research/funding/big](https://www.afar.org/research/funding/big)

American Foundation for Suicide Prevention  |  Pilot Grants

**Description/Eligibility Criteria:** The Pilot Grant Program provides seed money for new projects with the potential to lead to larger investigations on suicide prevention research. Investigators from all academic disciplines are eligible. Priority areas for the latest competition, as set by the Foundation Board, are 1) pain and suicide or 2) opioids and suicide. The Foundation also indicates a strong interest in research pertaining to survivors of suicide loss. Note that the Foundation will entertain proposals in any area related to suicide prevention, not just the suggested priority areas.

**Deadline:** November

**Maximum Award:** $30,000

**Award Period:** 1-2 years

**Sponsor URL:** [https://afsp.org/our-work/research/grant-information/](https://afsp.org/our-work/research/grant-information/)
American Gastroenterological Association (AGA) Research Foundation  |  Pilot Research Awards

**Description/Eligibility Criteria:** The sponsor offers pilot project funding opportunities related to irritable bowel syndrome, inflammatory bowel disease, motility disorders, non-alcoholic fatty liver disease, technology/innovation to better diagnose and treat digestive diseases (including endoscopy-related research), and general gastroenterology/hepatology. Eligible applicants are faculty members at any career stage who hold terminal degrees and are AGA members.

**Deadline:** September  
**Maximum Award:** $30,000  
**Award Period:** 1 year  
**Sponsor URL:** [https://www.gastro.org/research-and-awards/research-awards/apply-for-awards](https://www.gastro.org/research-and-awards/research-awards/apply-for-awards)

American Head and Neck Society (AHNS)  |  AHNS Pilot Grants

**Description/Eligibility Criteria:** Basic, clinical, and translational research projects in head and neck oncology are supported through this grant mechanism. Priority will be given to innovative research projects that will likely result in additional long-range funding from other sources. Eligible investigators are at or below the rank of Associate Professor. The sponsor also offers the Alando J. Ballantyne Resident Research Pilot Grant, open to residents in US or Canadian training programs.

**Deadline:** December (letter of intent deadline); January (full applications due)  
**Maximum Award:** $10,000  
**Award Period:** 1 year  
**Sponsor URL:** [https://www.ahns.info/research/grants/](https://www.ahns.info/research/grants/)

American Hearing Research Foundation  |  Research Grants

**Description/Eligibility Criteria:** These small grants cover basic or clinical research on hearing or balance disorders related to the inner ear. Supported research fields include genetics, neurotology, anatomy, auditory processing, and molecular/cellular biology. Therapeutic studies and investigations of current or experimental devices will also be considered. Eligible applicants possess terminal degrees and are affiliated with a university or hospital in the US. Priority is given to new investigators in need of seed funding to generate preliminary data for later application to NIH and other sponsors.

**Deadline:** August  
**Maximum Award:** $20,000-$50,000  
**Award Period:** 1 year  
**Sponsor URL:** [https://www.american-hearing.org/research-grants/](https://www.american-hearing.org/research-grants/)
American Heart Association (AHA) | Innovative Project Awards

Description/Eligibility Criteria: Through this grant mechanism, AHA “promotes unexplored ideas” representing innovative research efforts that could lead to critical discoveries and major advancements in the understanding of cardiovascular disease and stroke. Preliminary data are neither required nor accepted for this program; principal investigators are responsible for providing detailed rationales for project innovation and potential. Eligible applicants hold terminal degrees and faculty appointments at any academic rank.

Deadline: October (for required letters of intent); January (for invited full proposals)
Maximum Award: $200,000
Award Period: 2 years
Sponsor URL: https://professional.heart.org/professional/ResearchPrograms/UCM_497202_Innovative-Project-Award.jsp

American Orthopaedic Foot & Ankle Society (AOFAS) | Pilot Project Grants

Description/Eligibility Criteria: The sponsor is using this grant program to encourage residents and fellows to become involved in research. Applicants must be AOFAS members. While the funder does not limit the number of proposals per institution, only one award will be made per institution.

Deadline: December
Maximum Award: $5,000
Award Period: 1 year
Sponsor URL: http://www.aofas.org/medical-community/Pages/Research-Grants.aspx

American Orthopaedic Society for Sports Medicine (AOSSM) | Sandy Kirkley Clinical Outcomes Research Grants

Description/Eligibility Criteria: This grant program provides either 1) seed funding for new projects or 2) supplemental funds for ongoing projects focused on outcomes research with the potential to inform evidence-based practice. PIs are AOSSM members, and may be at any academic rank.

Deadline: March (Pre-review deadline; the agency provides suggested revisions to the PI); May (final applications due)
Maximum Award: $20,000
Award Period: 1 year
Sponsor URL: https://www.sportsmed.org/AOSSMIMIS/Members/Members/Research/Sandy_Kirkley_Grant.aspx

American Partnership for Eosinophilic Disorders (APFED) | APFED HOPE Pilot Grants

Description/Eligibility Criteria: The sponsor will fund projects representing new research relevant to their interests related to eosinophil-associated diseases. Eligibility criteria include terminal degree, and a full-time faculty position at the instructor or higher rank.

Deadline: September (letter of intent due); October (full proposal due)
Maximum Award: $50,000 or $100,000, depending on program
Award Period: 2 years
Sponsor URL: https://apfed.org/research/grant-application-for-researchers/
American Partnership for Eosinophilic Disorders (APFED)  |  APFED HOPE Pilot Grant for Hypereosinophilic Syndrome Research

**Description/Eligibility Criteria:** The sponsor funds new research projects relevant to hypereosinophilic syndrome; researchers from a variety of disciplines are encouraged to apply. An eligible candidate holds a terminal degree, and a full-time faculty position at the instructor or higher rank.

**Deadline:** September (letter of intent due); October (full proposal due)

**Maximum Award:** $50,000

**Award Period:** 2 years


American Psychological Association  |  Visionary Grants

**Description/Eligibility Criteria:** This pilot program supports research, education, and intervention projects that use psychology to solve social problems. Priority areas are violence prevention, psychological needs following disasters, connections between behavior and physical health, and stigma/prejudice reduction. Eligible candidates are no more than 10 years beyond receipt of terminal degree.

**Deadline:** April

**Maximum Award:** $20,000

**Award Period:** 1 year


American SIDS Institute  |  Research Grants

**Description/Eligibility Criteria:** Sponsor interest is on innovative research related to sudden unexpected infant death (SUID) that will lead to additional funding by other agencies. Highest priority is given to investigators who have held faculty appointments for less than five years.

**Deadline:** January (deadline for required letters of intent; full proposals will then be invited by sponsor)

**Maximum Award:** $70,000

**Award Period:** 2 years

**Sponsor URL:** [https://sids.org/research/research-grants-available/](https://sids.org/research/research-grants-available/)

American Sleep Medicine Foundation  |  Focused Projects Award for Junior Investigators

**Description/Eligibility Criteria:** This award mechanism supports small pilot projects related to sleep medicine and overall sleep health. Eligible applicants are physicians (MD or DO) who are board eligible or board-certified in sleep medicine and have completed their sleep medicine fellowship within the past 10 years, and researchers (PhD or other terminal degree) who are within 10 years of completing their postdoctoral training or are current postdoctoral fellows. While American Academy of Sleep Medicine membership is required to receive awards, non-members may apply but are highly encouraged to consider membership.

**Deadline:** Not indicated by sponsor; RFAs are issued each year

**Maximum Award:** $20,000

**Award Period:** Not specified by sponsor

**Sponsor URL:** [https://foundation.aasm.org/focused-projects-award-junior-investigators/](https://foundation.aasm.org/focused-projects-award-junior-investigators/)
American Society for Dermatologic Surgery (ASDS)  |  Cutting Edge Research Grants
Description/Eligibility Criteria: ASDS seeks proposals outlining projects that will lead to advancement of dermatologic surgery, result in new technology inventions relevant to dermatologic surgery, or address patient safety, evidence-based medicine, or Board-directed research topics (set each year). Eligible candidates are ASDS members.
Deadline: July
Maximum Award: $20,000
Award Period: Not specified by sponsor
Sponsor URL: https://www.asds.net/Medical-Professionals/Members-Resources/Grants-and-Scholarships/Cutting-Edge-Research-Grant-Program

American Society for Surgery of the Hand (ASSH)  |  Resident and Fellow Fast-Track Seed Grants
Description/Eligibility Criteria: Hand Surgery residents and fellows are offered an opportunity to pursue innovative research projects through this seed grant program. While proposals on any topic related to hand surgery are accepted, the sponsor also sets special emphasis areas for this competition each year.
Deadline: August
Maximum Award: $5,000
Award Period: 1 year
Sponsor URL: http://www.assh.org/afsh/Programs/Grants/Resident-and-Fellow-Fast-Track-Grants

American Society for Reproductive Medicine (ASRM)  |  KY Cha Award in Stem Cell Technology
Description/Eligibility Criteria: Designed to provide start-up funds for a project in regenerative medicine and stem cell technology, this grant program is open to candidates who hold terminal degrees, are independent investigators with full-time faculty appointments, and have not received previous ASRM research awards.
Deadline: March
Maximum Award: $20,000
Award Period: 1-2 years

American Society for Therapeutic Radiology and Oncology (ASTRO)  |  Residents and Fellows in Radiation Oncology Research Seed Grants
Description/Eligibility Criteria: These small seed grants provide residents and fellows the opportunity to carry out basic or clinical pilot research projects related to radiation treatment. Eligible applicants have appropriate radiation oncology mentors with extensive research experience and ASTRO membership.
Deadline: April
Maximum Award: $25,000
Award Period: 1 year
Sponsor URL: https://www.astro.org/Patient-Care/Research/Funding-Opportunities/Seed-Grants/
American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery Foundation (ASCRS) | Research Grants

Description/Eligibility Criteria: This annual grants program provides early seed funding in all areas of eye disease and treatment. Eligible applicants are current ophthalmology residents, fellows or those in the first three years of practice. Grant recipients are expected to report on their findings at the next ASCRS Annual Symposium.

Deadline: December
Maximum Award: $5,000
Award Period: 1 year
Sponsor URL: http://www.ascrsfoundation.org/research

American Society of Pediatric Otolaryngology (ASPO) | ASPO Research Grants

Description/Eligibility Criteria: The sponsor funds innovative research pertaining to pediatric otolaryngology. Both MDs and PhDs are eligible to apply. At least one investigator involved in the project must be an ASPO member.

Deadline: December (for required letters of intent); January (full proposals are due)
Maximum Award: $20,000
Award Period: 1 year
Sponsor URL: https://www.entnet.org/content/2018-core-funding-opportunity-announcements

American Sociological Association (ASA) | Fund for the Advancement of the Discipline

Description/Eligibility Criteria: ASA funds researchers proposing innovative projects likely to challenge the discipline, stimulate new lines of research, and create new networks for scientific collaboration. Seen as seed grants, it is hoped initial funding will lead to continued project funding on a larger scale from other sponsors. ASA membership is required to receive an award. Preference will be given to investigators who have not been funded through this program in the past. Candidates should have terminal degrees. This grant program is funded by ASA in partnership with the National Science Foundation.

Deadlines: June and December
Maximum Award: $8,000
Award Period: Not specified
Sponsor URL: http://www.asanet.org/career-center/grants-and-fellowships/fund-advancement-discipline-fad

American Speech-Language-Hearing Foundation | New Century Scholars Program Research Grants

Description/Eligibility Criteria: The goal of this program is to support initial stages of research projects dedicated to gaining a better understanding of communication sciences and disorders. These pilot awards are for new, innovative research ideas and directions that can be accomplished in one or two years. Open to both new and established investigators, eligible applicants hold terminal degrees within the discipline of communication sciences and disorders. Preference will be given to American Speech-Language-Hearing Association members.

Deadline: Not specified by sponsor
Maximum Award: $25,000
Award Period: 1-2 years
Sponsor URL: https://www.ashfoundation.org/apply/
**American Venous Forum (AVF) | BSN-Jobst Research Grant**

**Description/Eligibility Criteria:** Supporting basic or clinical research pertaining to venous and lymphatic disorders is the goal of this seed grant program. Eligible candidates are early career faculty who are less than five years beyond training status, as well as residents and fellows. AVF membership is required.

**Deadline:** November  
**Maximum Award:** $100,000  
**Award Period:** 2 years  
**Sponsor URL:** [http://www.veinforum.org/avf-foundation/bsn-jobst-research-grant.html](http://www.veinforum.org/avf-foundation/bsn-jobst-research-grant.html)

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**Angelman Syndrome Foundation | Research Grants**

**Description/Eligibility Criteria:** The highest priority for the Foundation is to support pilot research to test new ideas about the pathogenesis of, and therapeutics for, Angelman Syndrome.

**Deadlines:** April and October  
**Maximum Award:** $100,000 per year  
**Award Period:** 1-2 years  
**Sponsor URL:** [https://www.angelman.org/research/call-for-proposals/](https://www.angelman.org/research/call-for-proposals/)

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**Army Research Office (ARO) | Short-Term Innovative Research (STIR) Grants**

**Description/Eligibility Criteria:** STIR grants are designed to provide rapid, short-term support for innovative basic research projects. ARO research interests include mechanical sciences, environmental sciences, mathematics, electronics, computing sciences, physics, chemical sciences, life sciences, materials science, and network science.

**Deadline:** Proposals accepted anytime; consultation with ARO program manager prior to proposal submission is highly recommended to ascertain level of interest in proposed project  
**Maximum Award:** $60,000  
**Award Period:** 9 months  
**Sponsor URL:** [http://www.arl.army.mil/www/default.cfm](http://www.arl.army.mil/www/default.cfm) (Choose ARO Broad Agency Announcement; see page 64 of BAA for STIR grant description)

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**Association for Frontotemporal Degeneration | Pilot Grants**

**Description/Eligibility Criteria:** This grant program supports early career investigators, providing seed funds for novel basic or clinical science projects addressing critical issues in FTD research.

**Deadline:** September  
**Maximum Award:** $60,000  
**Award Period:** 1 year  
**Sponsor URL:** [https://www.theaftd.org/for-researchers/funding-opportunities/aftd-pilot-grants/](https://www.theaftd.org/for-researchers/funding-opportunities/aftd-pilot-grants/)
Barth Syndrome Foundation, Inc. │ IDEA Research Grants

**Description/Eligibility Criteria:** The Foundation funds basic and clinical science projects aimed at increasing understanding about any aspect of Barth Syndrome. Viewed by the sponsor as seed grant funding, the goal is to increase likelihood of funding from the National Institutes of Health and other major granting organizations. Either young investigators or established investigators new to the field are eligible to apply.

**Deadline:** September (deadline for optional letters of intent); October (full proposals due)

**Maximum Award:** $50,000

**Award Period:** 1-2 years

**Sponsor URL:** [https://www.barthsyndrome.org/science--medicine/research-grant-program](https://www.barthsyndrome.org/science--medicine/research-grant-program)

Barth Syndrome Foundation, Inc. │ DEVELOPMENT Research Grants

**Description/Eligibility Criteria:** Funding both basic and clinical science projects focusing on Barth Syndrome, this program provides larger seed grant funding than the IDEA Grants (see previous entry). The ultimate goal is to increase likelihood of research funding from NIH and other major granting organizations. Both young investigators and established investigators new to the field are eligible to apply.

**Deadline:** September (deadline for required letters of intent); October (full proposals due)

**Maximum Award:** $100,000

**Award Period:** 2-3 years

**Sponsor URL:** [https://www.barthsyndrome.org/science--medicine/research-grant-program](https://www.barthsyndrome.org/science--medicine/research-grant-program)

Brain Tumour Charity │ Expanding Theories Awards

**Description/Eligibility Criteria:** Supporting novel concepts that may lead to significant clinical outcome improvement (to include patient quality of life) is the goal of this program. This program is open to international researchers, but the sponsor indicates that projects involving a UK collaborator “will be looked on favourably”.

**Deadline:** September

**Maximum Award:** £120,000

**Award Period:** 2 years

**Sponsor URL:** [https://www.thebraintumourcharity.org/our-research/for-researchers/funding-opportunities/expanding-theories/](https://www.thebraintumourcharity.org/our-research/for-researchers/funding-opportunities/expanding-theories/)

BrightFocus Foundation │ Alzheimer’s Disease Research: Standard Awards

**Description/Eligibility Criteria:** This sponsor supports basic, translational, and clinical research pertaining to causes of, and treatments for, Alzheimer’s disease. Investigators must have some preliminary data relevant to their proposed project, but find themselves in need of additional data before submitting competitive applications to federal or industry funding sources. Eligible applicants are independent researchers at all career stages.

**Deadline:** October

**Maximum Award:** $300,000

**Award Period:** 3 years

**Sponsor URL:** [https://www.brightfocus.org/grants/deadlines-guidelines](https://www.brightfocus.org/grants/deadlines-guidelines)
BrightFocus Foundation  |  Macular Degeneration: Standard Awards
Description/Eligibility Criteria: The Foundation funds basic, clinical, and translational research related to macular degeneration. Eligible investigators are independent researchers at all career stages who have obtained enough preliminary data to justify their project, but are still in need of additional data before applying to federal or industry funding agencies.
Deadline: June (deadline for required letters of intent); October (invited full proposals due)
Maximum Award: $200,000
Award Period: 2 years
Sponsor URL: https://www.brightfocus.org/grants/deadlines-guidelines

BrightFocus Foundation  |  National Glaucoma Research: Standard Awards
Description/Eligibility Criteria: Glaucoma research – basic, clinical, and translational – is the focus of this program. The sponsor notes that successfully funded investigators possess preliminary data in support of their proposed research, but are seeking additional data on which to base larger proposals going to federal or industry sponsors. Independent researchers at all career stages are eligible.
Deadline: November
Maximum Award: $200,000
Award Period: 2 years
Sponsor URL: https://www.brightfocus.org/grants/deadlines-guidelines

Cancer League of Colorado  |  Research Grants
Description/Eligibility Criteria: The Cancer League of Colorado emphasizes innovation in cancer research, and supports pilot studies that will result in further funding from other agencies in the future. This competition is open only to investigators in Colorado.
Deadline: March
Maximum Award: $30,000 for Individual Awards; $60,000 for Collaborative Awards
Award Period: 1 year
Sponsor URL: http://cancerleague.org/grants/research-grant-application

Center on Health Services Training and Research (CoHSTAR)  |  Pilot Study Program
Description/Eligibility Criteria: Supporting pilot studies related to physical therapy health services research, areas of specialization in which grant proposals will be considered are: 1) analysis of large data sets, 2) rehabilitation outcome measurements, and 3) implementation science and quality assurance research. Eligible principal investigators are physical therapists who are US citizens or permanent residents. The ultimate goal is to gain additional support for projects from other sponsors.
Deadline: July (required letters of intent due); October (invited full proposals)
Maximum Award: $25,000
Award Period: Not specified by sponsor
Sponsor URL: http://www.bu.edu/cohstar/research/pilot-study-apply/
**Cervical Spine Research Society  │  Seed/Starter Grants**

**Description/Eligibility Criteria:** The sponsor funds young investigators to conduct research relevant to cervical spine health. Emphasis is on support of projects with the potential for continued funding by other agencies. Eligible investigators are beyond specialized training status, have appointments at institutions where the research will be conducted, and have not received a research project (R01) grant from NIH or equivalent. At least one member of the research team must be a member of the Society.

**Deadline:** April (required letters of intent due); July (invited full proposals)

**Maximum Award:** $25,000

**Award Period:** 12-18 months

**Sponsor URL:** [http://www.csrs.org/research/grants/](http://www.csrs.org/research/grants/)

**Children’s Cardiomyopathy Foundation  │  Research Grants**

**Description/Eligibility Criteria:** This seed grant program helps investigators obtain preliminary data as the basis for future projects funded by major granting agencies. An eligible principal investigator holds a terminal degree, resides in the US or Canada, has a faculty appointment, and is a proven independent investigator.

**Deadline:** June (letter of intent deadline); September (invited full proposals due)

**Maximum Award:** $50,000

**Award Period:** 1 year

**Sponsor URL:** [http://www.childrenscardiomyopathy.org/site/grants.php](http://www.childrenscardiomyopathy.org/site/grants.php)

**Citizens United for Research in Epilepsy (CURE)  │  Innovator Awards**

**Description/Eligibility Criteria:** CURE has designed this award program to fund novel research efforts with the potential to reveal new avenues of research ultimately leading to the sponsor’s overall objective: “No seizures/no side effects.” Unconventional ideas are welcome. The program is open to both early career and established researchers.

**Deadline:** January (for required letters of intent); March (invited full proposals due)

**Maximum Award:** $50,000

**Award Period:** 1 year

**Sponsor URL:** [https://www.cureepilepsy.org/our-research/for-researchers/grant-opportunities](https://www.cureepilepsy.org/our-research/for-researchers/grant-opportunities)

**Coins for Alzheimer’s Research Trust Fund (CART)  │  Grants**

**Description/Eligibility Criteria:** CART funds innovative research projects lacking extensive preliminary data, providing support at an early project stage. Proposed projects must represent new ideas and directions. Full-time faculty members at US-based institutions are eligible to apply.

**Deadline:** December (required letters of intent due); February (invited full proposals due)

**Maximum Award:** $250,000

**Award Period:** 2 years

**Sponsor URL:** [http://www.cartfund.org/cart/applying-for-a-grant/](http://www.cartfund.org/cart/applying-for-a-grant/)

**Description/Eligibility Criteria**: Projects designed to improve and advance treatment options for acute and chronic spinal cord dysfunction are supported by the sponsor. Specific interests are mechanistic studies, preclinical translational research, and clinical research. This funding mechanism supports new, high risk/high gain research efforts of both junior and established investigators. All applicants must possess terminal degrees and have proven research experience records.

**Deadlines**: May (required letters of intent due); October (invited full proposals due)

**Maximum Award**: $300,000

**Award Period**: 2 years


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Crohn’s and Colitis Foundation  |  Senior Research Awards

**Description/Eligibility Criteria**: This award provides established researchers with opportunities to generate preliminary data for future competitive applications to other funders. Proposals must be relevant to inflammatory bowel disease, Crohn’s Disease and/or ulcerative colitis. An eligible applicant holds a terminal degree, is engaged in health related research, and is an independent researcher.

**Deadlines**: May and November (required letters of intent are due); July and January (full applications are due)

**Maximum Award**: $115,830 per year

**Award Period**: 1-3 years


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Curtiss T. and Mary G. Brennan Foundation  |  Grants for Archaeological Field Work

**Description/Eligibility Criteria**: Pilot grant programs are supported in two areas: 1) early civilizations in the Mediterranean world, and 2) Andean South America. The Foundation views these awards as seed money to either initiate or greatly expand work to a point where traditional funding sources will show interest. Eligible investigators hold terminal degrees.

**Deadline**: April and October

**Maximum Award**: $5,000

**Award Period**: Not specified by sponsor

**Sponsor URL**: [http://www.brennanfoundation.org/announcement1.html](http://www.brennanfoundation.org/announcement1.html)
**Cystic Fibrosis Foundation | Pilot and Feasibility Awards**

**Description/Eligibility Criteria:** Research projects are supported with the intent of allowing PIs to gather sufficient data to apply to, and obtain funding from, the National Institutes of Health or other funding agencies. The Foundation establishes priority areas of interest for each competition. Applicants must be independent investigators; both new and established researchers may apply.

**Deadline:** May and December

**Maximum Award:** $50,000 per year

**Award Period:** 2 years

**Sponsor URL:** [https://www.cff.org/Our-Research/For-Researchers/Research-Grants/Pilot-and-Feasibility-Awards/](https://www.cff.org/Our-Research/For-Researchers/Research-Grants/Pilot-and-Feasibility-Awards/)

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**DeGregorio Family Foundation | DeGregorio Foundation Award for Cancers of the Esophagus and Stomach**

**Description/Eligibility Criteria:** This annual funding opportunity provides seed funding to promote collaborative research pertaining to the pathogenesis, early diagnosis, and treatment of upper gastrointestinal malignancies. Both translational and bench research are supported. Awardees are expected to apply for subsequent support from other funders such as NIH.

**Deadlines:** November

**Maximum Award:** $250,000

**Award Period:** 2 years

**Sponsor URL:** [http://www.degregorio.org/wp/annual-degregorio-foundation-award/grant-application/](http://www.degregorio.org/wp/annual-degregorio-foundation-award/grant-application/)

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**Diabetic Complications Consortium (DiaComp) | DiaComp Pilot and Feasibility Grants**

**Description/Eligibility Criteria:** DiaComp is funded by the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK), and is currently housed at Georgia Regents University. Program goals are to support research related to diabetic complications, and to encourage communication and collaboration among interested investigators. Basic, clinical, and translational research efforts are all supported.

**Deadlines:** June

**Maximum Award:** $100,000

**Award Period:** 1 year

**Sponsor URL:** [https://www.diacomp.org/shared/pilotFeasibility.aspx](https://www.diacomp.org/shared/pilotFeasibility.aspx)

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**E. Matilda Ziegler Foundation for the Blind, Inc. | Research Grants**

**Description/Eligibility Criteria:** This seed grant program targets early career investigators who are performing innovative vision research. Both basic and translational research projects will be considered. Eligible candidates hold tenure-track assistant professor level positions and have not had significant federal research support (e.g., NIH R01).

**Deadlines:** August (required letters of intent are due); October (invited full proposals due)

**Maximum Award:** $240,000

**Award Period:** 3 years

**Sponsor URL:** [http://emzfoundation.com/?page_id=293](http://emzfoundation.com/?page_id=293)
Eppley Foundation for Research, Inc.  |  Support for Advanced Scientific Research

**Description/Eligibility Criteria:** The Foundation positions itself as one willing to take risks to fund novel research that otherwise would likely go unfunded. Specific Foundation interests are medicine, life, and physical sciences with particular emphasis on innovative medical investigations and applications, endangered animals/ecosystems, and climate change. Note that work qualifying for funding from major funders such as the National Science Foundation or National Institutes of Health will not be considered. Likewise, areas of research having considerable financial support from other organizations (e.g., AIDS, diabetes, cancer, heart disease) are rarely funded. Eligible applicants hold terminal degrees and have established publication records.

**Deadlines:** March and September (required letters of intent are due); April and October (invited full proposals due)

**Maximum Award:** Not stipulated by sponsor; previous awards range from $5,000-$20,000

**Award Period:** 1 year

**Sponsor URL:** [http://fdnweb.org/eppley/](http://fdnweb.org/eppley/)

Eye Bank Association of America (EBAA)  |  Richard Lindstrom Research Grants

**Description/Eligibility Criteria:** These awards specifically support research related to eye banking and/or corneal transplant. Preference is given to pilot projects. Eligible applicants include independent investigators such as corneal surgeons, other eye care specialists, basic scientists (including biomedical and social scientists), and mentored researchers (e.g., eye-bank technicians, postdoctoral fellows, ophthalmology residents).

**Deadline:** April

**Maximum Award:** $5,000

**Award Period:** 1 year


Fight for Sight, Inc.  |  Grants-in-Aid

**Description/Eligibility Criteria:** The sponsor funds pilot projects to give early career investigators the opportunity to gain preliminary data to garner additional future funding for their projects. Eligibility is limited to researchers within the first three years of their first faculty or research appointment.

**Deadline:** November

**Maximum Award:** $22,500

**Award Period:** 1 year

**Sponsor URL:** [http://www.fightforsight.org/Grants/Research-Award-Types/](http://www.fightforsight.org/Grants/Research-Award-Types/)

Ferring Pharmaceuticals  |  Ferring Innovation Grants

**Description/Eligibility Criteria:** Ferring funds exploratory, discovery, and preclinical research. Their areas of interest relate to novel extracellular drug targets addressable with peptides and/or proteins in the therapeutic areas of reproductive health and women’s health, gastroenterology and hepatology, urology, and biomarker discovery.

**Deadline:** June (for required pre-proposals, the sponsor will invite full proposals)

**Maximum Award:** $50,000-$100,000

**Award Period:** 1 year

**Sponsor URL:** [http://www.ferring-research.com/ferring-grants/overview/](http://www.ferring-research.com/ferring-grants/overview/)
**Foundation for Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation | Mid-Career Investigator Research Grants**

**Description/Eligibility Criteria:** The goal of this program is to provide small seed grants to established researchers who are changing research direction. Eligible applicants are physiatrists or faculty members in physical medicine and rehabilitation departments who are at least five, and not more than 20 years, beyond receipt of terminal degree/training, and have proven research experience. Preference is given to applicants proposing evidence-based research concerning cost-effective, results-oriented, rehabilitation efforts.

**Deadline:** November  
**Maximum Award:** $20,000  
**Award Period:** 1-2 years *(final reports are due within 24 months of award notification)*  
**Sponsor URL:** [http://foundationforpmr.org/research-grants-2/](http://foundationforpmr.org/research-grants-2/)

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**Foundation for Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation | Richard S. Materson Education Research Fund New Investigator Research Grants**

**Description/Eligibility Criteria:** This award provides seed money for new investigators, allowing them to begin new research projects in the field of physical medicine and rehabilitation. Residents in physical medicine and rehabilitation training programs or physiatrists within five years of completion of their residency or fellowship may apply. Applicants must be members of the American Academy of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation and/or the Association of Academic Physiatrists.

**Deadline:** May  
**Maximum Award:** $10,000  
**Award Period:** 1-2 years  
**Sponsor URL:** [http://foundationforpmr.org/research-grants-2/](http://foundationforpmr.org/research-grants-2/)

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**Foundation for Prader-Willi Research | General Request for Applications**

**Description/Eligibility Criteria:** The Foundation seeks to fund high-risk/high-reward research through these pilot project grants. Eligible investigators should have a primary faculty appointment at the rank of instructor or higher. Early career investigators, established investigators new to this area, and current Prader-Willi Syndrome researchers are all encouraged to apply.

**Deadlines:** March and September *(required letters of intent due)*; May and November *(invited full proposals due)*  
**Maximum Award:** $100,000  
**Award Period:** 1 year *(renewal funding for a second year is possible)*  
**Sponsor URL:** [http://www.fpwr.org/grant-program](http://www.fpwr.org/grant-program)
Foundation for Women’s Wellness | Women’s Health Research Awards

Description/Eligibility Criteria: Providing early funding for promising investigations related to women’s health is the overall goal of the Foundation. Priority areas are cardiovascular disease, leading female cancers, hormones’ role in disease/stage-of-life concerns, diseases or health concerns that disproportionately affect women, and exploration of gender differences within these topic areas. Eligible investigators hold terminal degrees and faculty appointments.

Deadline: June

Maximum Award: $25,000

Award Period: 1 year

Sponsor URL: http://thefww.org/research-awards/

Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson’s Research | Target Validation Awards

Description/Eligibility Criteria: Through this program, the Foundation supports research on promising, novel Parkinson’s Disease-relevant targets. Investigators should focus projects on filling key translational gaps specific to a particular target. Eligible investigators may be at any academic rank, including postdoctoral fellow.

Deadline: May and September (for required pre-proposals); August and January (invited full proposals due)

Maximum Award: $100,000

Award Period: 1 year

Sponsor URL: https://www.michaeljfox.org/research/grant-detail.php?id=27

Friends for an Earlier Breast Cancer Test | Grants

Description/Eligibility Criteria: The sponsor’s focus for this pilot project program is on new methods to improve detection of early breast cancer – especially biological or immunological techniques. Investigators with various levels of experience wishing to initiate new research areas are welcome to apply.

Deadline: December

Maximum Award: $40,000

Award Period: 1-3 years

Sponsor URL: http://www.earlier.org/prospective

Glaucoma Research Foundation | Shaffer Grants for Innovative Glaucoma Research

Description/Eligibility Criteria: The Foundation supports potentially high-impact basic, clinical, or epidemiological research projects focused on glaucoma. Topics of interest include accurate detection, improved disease monitoring, location of responsible genes, better understanding of intraocular pressure system, development of better treatments, and determination of risk factors. Interdisciplinary teams are encouraged.

Deadline: July (deadline for required preliminary proposals); September (deadline for invited full proposals)

Maximum Award: $40,000

Award Period: 1 year

Sponsor URL: http://www.glaucoma.org/research/applying-for-a-grant.php
Graham Foundation for Advanced Studies in Fine Arts  |  Grants to Individuals

**Description/Eligibility Criteria:** Through this program, the Foundation provides small grants for innovative investigations involving architecture, architectural history and theory, design, critique, engineering, landscape architecture, urban planning, visual arts, and other related areas. Although this opportunity is billed as an individual effort, the sponsor will fund collaborative projects, and is willing to provide funds through the University.

**Deadline:** September (inquiry forms must be filed in this timeframe; the Foundation will then invite full proposals)

**Maximum Award:** $20,000

**Award Period:** 2 years

**Sponsor URL:** [http://www.grahamfoundation.org/grant_programs?mode=individual](http://www.grahamfoundation.org/grant_programs?mode=individual)

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Hearing Health Foundation  |  Emerging Research Grants

**Description/Eligibility Criteria:** This grant program funds novel basic and clinical investigations on topics related to hearing and balance science including Central Auditory Processing Disorder, Hearing Loss in Children, Hyperacusis, Meniere’s disease, and Tinnitus. The ultimate goal is to obtain continued funding from other sources based on the results of research conducted through this program. Eligible candidates are no more than seven years beyond receipt of terminal degree; hold faculty, senior postdoctoral fellow, or clinical/research fellow appointments; have relevant research experience/ training; and have institutional support (e.g., facilities, time, and mentoring arrangements). Those serving as principal investigator on external research grants (e.g., NIH R01, R03, or R21) are not eligible to apply.

**Deadline:** October (required letters of intent are due); December (for invited full proposals)

**Maximum Award:** $30,000

**Award Period:** 1 year

**Sponsor URL:** [http://hearinghealthfoundation.org/emerging-research-grants](http://hearinghealthfoundation.org/emerging-research-grants)

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Hirshberg Foundation  |  Seed Grants

**Description/Eligibility Criteria:** Funding both basic and clinical science research pertaining to pancreatic cancer, key areas of interest for this sponsor are innovative ideas for improvement of diagnosis and development of new treatment options. Priorities include funding research at an early stage to gain necessary preliminary data to apply for additional funding elsewhere, and funding new scientific collaborations. Eligible investigators hold terminal degrees and may be at any academic level (assistant, associate, or full professor; research scientists and associates; or postdoctoral fellows after 2 years of training in pancreatic cancer research).

**Deadline:** August

**Maximum Award:** $40,000 per year

**Award Period:** 1 year *(can be extended for more than one year based on competitive renewal/progress report findings)*

**Sponsor URL:** [http://pancreatic.org/research/seed-grant-program/](http://pancreatic.org/research/seed-grant-program/)
Hospice and Palliative Nurses Foundation | Certification Research Grant

Description/Eligibility Criteria: The funder provides support for exploratory, pilot, or feasibility studies that will lead to larger scale projects pertaining to the relationship between palliative nursing certification and patient outcomes. Principal investigators should be active in hospice and palliative care practice, education, or research and hold doctoral degrees. Preference will be given to members of the Hospice and Palliative Nurses Association.

Deadline: July
Maximum Award: $15,000
Award Period: 1 year
Sponsor URL: [http://advancingexpertcare.org/research-grants/](http://advancingexpertcare.org/research-grants/)

International Essential Tremor Foundation | Grants

Description/Eligibility Criteria: Goals of this program are to stimulate research related to this poorly understood clinical disorder and to provide support for projects at an early stage that can then be moved forward for funding from larger agencies based on solid preliminary data.

Deadline: February
Maximum Award: $25,000
Award Period: 1 year
Sponsor URL: [http://www.essentialtremor.org/research-program-grant-application/](http://www.essentialtremor.org/research-program-grant-application/)

International Myeloma Foundation | Brian D. Novis Research Award – Senior Grants

Description/Eligibility Criteria: Targeted to established myeloma researchers, this program encourages investigators to propose research representing new directions for their program.

Deadline: August
Maximum Award: $80,000
Award Period: 1 year
Sponsor URL: [https://www.myeloma.org/research/brian-d-novis-research-grants](https://www.myeloma.org/research/brian-d-novis-research-grants)

International Pemphigus and Pemphigoid Foundation (IPPF) | Seed Grants

Description/Eligibility Criteria: Supporting research projects that will result in improved treatment, health, disease management, or diagnosis is this program’s goal. Eligible applicants are based in the US.

Deadline: March (for letters of intent); May (full proposals due)
Maximum Award: $50,000
Award Period: 1 year
Sponsor URL: [http://www.pemphigus.org/research/ippf-research-grant-program/](http://www.pemphigus.org/research/ippf-research-grant-program/)
Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation International (JDRF)  |  Innovative Grants

**Description/Eligibility Criteria:** JDRF funds highly innovative research related to Type 1 Diabetes. While preliminary data are not necessary to apply, it should be made apparent in the proposal that the initial premise is plausible and the project is focused and goal-oriented. Eligible applicants hold terminal degrees and faculty positions.

**Deadline:** The sponsor indicates updated information will be available at the end of August, 2018

**Maximum Award:** $110,000

**Award Period:** 1 year

**Sponsor URL:** [http://grantcenter.jdrf.org/information-for-applicants/grant-mechanism-descriptions/innovative-grants/](http://grantcenter.jdrf.org/information-for-applicants/grant-mechanism-descriptions/innovative-grants/)

Kennedy's Disease Association  |  Research Grants

**Description/Eligibility Criteria:** These seed grants are designed to further research on the pathological mechanisms of Kennedy's Disease (Spinal Bulbar Muscular Atrophy). Junior investigators and senior postdoctoral fellows are encouraged to apply.

**Deadline:** July

**Maximum Award:** $50,000

**Award Period:** 1 year

**Sponsor URL:** [https://www.kennedysdisease.org/index.php/kennedy-s-disease-research/research-grants](https://www.kennedysdisease.org/index.php/kennedy-s-disease-research/research-grants)

Klarman Family Foundation  |  Eating Disorders Research Pilot Grants

**Description/Eligibility Criteria:** The Foundation funds basic biology research related to eating disorders that will ultimately translate to development of effective treatments for anorexia nervosa, bulimia nervosa, and binge eating disorder. Investigators must have faculty appointments at institutions in the US, Canada, or Israel.

**Deadline:** The sponsor indicates that new information will be available in late August, 2018 for this program

**Maximum Award:** $150,000

**Award Period:** 1 year

**Sponsor URL:** [http://klarmanfoundation.org/eating-disorders-research/](http://klarmanfoundation.org/eating-disorders-research/)

LAM Foundation  |  Pilot and Feasibility Grants

**Description/Eligibility Criteria:** Funding research related to lymphangioleiomyomatosis (LAM), a progressive lung disease affecting women, the sponsor’s goal is for researchers to attain the necessary level of preliminary data to be competitive for funding from other organizations. Eligible candidates hold terminal degrees, have at least two years of research experience, and have access to perform work in labs with established expertise in smooth muscle biology or the genetics of tuberous sclerosis.

**Deadline:** June (deadline for required letter of intent); September (for invited full proposals)

**Maximum Award:** $50,000

**Award Period:** 1 year

**Sponsor URL:** [https://www.thelamfoundation.org/Investigators/Grants/Grant-Opportunities](https://www.thelamfoundation.org/Investigators/Grants/Grant-Opportunities)
Leukemia and Lymphoma Society  |  New Idea Awards

**Description/Eligibility Criteria:** This program supports a substantially new direction for a researcher’s lab who is proposing to study untested, but potentially transformative, ideas that challenge current knowledge of blood cancer or how diagnosis and treatment are approached. Preliminary data is not required for this program. Eligible investigators have academic laboratories and terminal degrees. Researchers in any field are encouraged to consider applying.

**Deadline:** July (for required letters of intent); November (invited full proposals due)

**Maximum Award:** $75,000

**Award Period:** 1 year

**Sponsor URL:** [http://www.lls.org/research/new-idea-award](http://www.lls.org/research/new-idea-award)

Lupus Research Alliance  |  Research Grants for Novel Approaches to Lupus

**Description/Eligibility Criteria:** Supporting basic, clinical, and translational research efforts, the sponsor’s ultimate goal is to provide safer and more effective lupus treatments. This award funds exceptionally creative and innovative approaches to major challenges associated with the disease. Eligible candidates have terminal degrees and hold the rank of Assistant Professor or higher. Both established and new investigators are encouraged to apply, including those who have not previously worked in the lupus research field.

**Deadline:** Not specified by sponsor

**Maximum Award:** $300,000

**Award Period:** 3 years

**Sponsor URL:** [http://www.lupusresearch.org/lupus-research/for-researchers.html](http://www.lupusresearch.org/lupus-research/for-researchers.html)

Macula Society  |  Macula Research Grants

**Description/Eligibility Criteria:** The Society funds 1) clinically relevant pilot research projects focused on macular or retinal vascular diseases, and 2) proposals designed to increase collaborative activities among Society members.

**Deadline:** December

**Maximum Award:** $30,000

**Award Period:** 18 months

**Sponsor URL:** [http://www.maculasociety.org/Researchgrant](http://www.maculasociety.org/Researchgrant)

Melanoma Research Alliance  |  Pilot Awards

**Description/Eligibility Criteria:** These awards target senior investigators who are proposing potentially transformative research ideas but currently lack extensive preliminary data. The overall purpose is to provide support to allow investigators to establish proof-of-concept, allowing them to approach other sponsors for additional funding.

**Deadline:** November

**Maximum Award:** $100,000

**Award Period:** 2 years

**Sponsor URL:** [https://www.curemelanoma.org/research/request-for-proposals/](https://www.curemelanoma.org/research/request-for-proposals/)
Meso Foundation | Research Grants

Description/Eligibility Criteria: This Foundation’s focus is mesothelioma. Basic, clinical, and translational research proposals from faculty at all levels are welcome.

Deadline: July (for required letters of intent); September (for invited full proposals)

Maximum Award: $100,000

Award Period: 2 years

Sponsor URL: http://www.curemeso.org/site/c.duIWJfNQKiL8G/b.8578449/k.2D6B/Grants_for_Mesothelioma_Research.htm

Migraine Research Foundation/Association of Migraine Disorders | Research Program

Description/Eligibility Criteria: The sponsors jointly fund innovative basic and clinical research through this program. All areas relevant to migraine are eligible for this seed grant funding, although the sponsors indicate they are particularly interested in translational projects and those related to migraine variants, childhood migraine, and chronic migraine.

Deadline: August

Maximum Award: $50,000

Award Period: 1 year

Sponsor URL: https://migraineresearchfoundation.org/for-researchers/rfp-and-grant-application/

Morton Cure Paralysis Fund | Research Grants

Description/Eligibility Criteria: This sponsor is seeking grant ideas concerning identification of effective therapies for paralysis associated with spinal cord injury and other disorders of the central nervous system. Research projects should be at an early stage, and the grants program is designed to help investigators gain “proof concept data” that will ultimately allow success in gaining support from the National Institutes of Health.

Deadline: April and October

Maximum Award: $5,000 - $75,000

Award Period: 1 year (a second year of funding is possible based on research outcomes)

Sponsor URL: http://www.mcpf.org/Pages/Resources.aspx

Mountain & Plains Education & Research Center/National Institute on Occupational Safety and Health | Pilot Projects Program

Description/Eligibility Criteria: The Center funds research or research-to-practice projects in the fields of occupational and environmental health and safety. Eligible investigators are early career faculty and established researchers who are seeking to expand their research into fields supported by the Center.

Deadline: February

Maximum Award: $15,000

Award Period: 1-2 years

Sponsor URL: http://www.ucdenver.edu/academics/colleges/PublicHealth/research/centers/CHWE/Research/Pages/Pilot.aspx
Myositis Association  |  Research Grants – Seed Monies

Description/Eligibility Criteria: These seed grants support basic research on the cause, diagnosis, treatment, prevention, and cure of myositis, and clinical or epidemiological research testing various interventions. The ultimate goal of the seed grant program is to allow investigators to use the knowledge gained to apply for larger grants to continue the work.

Deadline: May (required letters of intent due); June (for full proposals)

Maximum Award: $100,000 per year

Award Period: 1-2 years

Sponsor URL: https://www.myositis.org/research/tma-grants-fellowships/research-funding-opportunities/

National Academy of Neuropsychology (NAN)  |  Clinical Research Grants

Description/Eligibility Criteria: The sponsor supports meritorious small grants, pilot projects, and seed grants addressing the value, worth, or efficacy of clinical neuropsychology assessment or interventions. They are most interested in funding projects likely to be overlooked by more traditional funding agencies, either because of the applied nature or stage of development. Eligible applicants are NAN members in private practice, institutional, or academic settings at any career stage beyond terminal degree.

Deadline: June

Maximum Award: $15,000

Award Period: 1 year

Sponsor URL: https://www.nanonline.org/nan/About_NAN/Grant_Program/NAN/_Research_Publications/Grant_Program.aspx?hkey=161e1702-56bb-4a95-a509-9de7e9a00766

National Art Education Foundation  |  Mary McMullan Grants – Pilot Projects

Description/Eligibility Criteria: Promotion of art education as an essential component of the curriculum and improvement of art instruction at all educational levels, including higher education, are the main goals of this sponsor. Pilot project grants support activities involving improvement of teacher training and student learning. Eligible applicants have been members of the National Art Educational Association for at least one year prior to proposal submission.

Deadline: October

Maximum Award: $2,500

Award Period: 1 year

Sponsor URL: https://www.arteducators.org/opportunities/national-art-education-foundation
National Ataxia Foundation  |  Research Grants

**Description/Eligibility Criteria:** The Foundation provides seed grants to assist investigators who have faculty status in the early or pilot phases of their research studies. The ultimate goal is to gain future funding from other sources on the basis of the preliminary results gained through this grant.

**Deadline:** September (deadline for required letters of intent); October (full proposals due)

**Maximum Award:** $30,000 (*for projects deemed exceptional by the sponsor, the average award is $15,000*)

**Award Period:** 1 year

**Sponsor URL:** [https://ataxia.org/researcher-resources/#spnResearchGrants](https://ataxia.org/researcher-resources/#spnResearchGrants)

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National Center for Responsible Gaming  |  Seed Grants for Research on Gambling Disorders

**Description/Eligibility Criteria:** Seed grants are provided to investigators with terminal degrees in relevant disciplines. This seed grant program funds pilot/feasibility studies, secondary data analysis, small projects, and development of new research methodology or research technology.

**Deadline:** August

**Maximum Award:** $30,000

**Award Period:** 1 year

**Sponsor URL:** [http://www.ncrg.org/research-center/apply-ncrg-funding-0](http://www.ncrg.org/research-center/apply-ncrg-funding-0)

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National Endowment for the Humanities  |  Humanities Collections and References Foundations Grants

**Description/Eligibility Criteria:** These small grants are designed to support projects at an early stage to help answer questions about how best to move forward in maintaining and preserving important collections. This program encompasses both humanities collections (e.g., printed works, photographs, sound/video recordings) and reference materials (e.g., databases, encyclopedias, linguistic tools, or tools for spatial analysis/representation of humanities data).

**Deadline:** July

**Maximum Award:** $50,000 (*NEH indicates that while cost share is not required, their share generally covers only about 80% of a project*)

**Award Period:** 2 years

National Endowment for the Humanities  |  Humanities Connections Planning Grants

**Description/Eligibility Criteria:** NEH offers Humanities Connections grants to support partnerships between humanities faculty and faculty from the social and natural sciences, as well as in-service and professional programs (e.g., business, engineering, health sciences) to develop innovative curricular approaches reflecting multiple perspectives. Planning grants support interdisciplinary collaboration of faculty from two or more departments or schools (minimum of one in and one outside of humanities) to begin designing a new curricular program or initiative. Activities supported through the planning grant mechanism include establishing/convening a project team, engaging outside experts, organizing focus groups on the topic, drawing up curricular plans, and working with institutional leadership in the long-term planning and sustainability process. NEH also offers Implementation Grants through this program.

**Deadline:** October *(note that draft proposals may be submitted earlier in the process for NEH program staff feedback)*

**Maximum Award:** $35,000

**Award Period:** 1 year

**Sponsor URL:** [https://www.neh.gov/grants/education/humanities-connections-planning-grants](https://www.neh.gov/grants/education/humanities-connections-planning-grants)

National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH)  |  Small Grants

**Description/Eligibility Criteria:** NIOSH, a component of the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), offers a small grant program to support projects related to occupational safety and health. Types of projects NIOSH funds through this mechanism include pilot and feasibility grants, secondary analysis of data, small research projects, and development of novel research methodology or new research technology. Independent investigators at any rank may apply.

**Deadlines:** February, June, October

**Maximum Award:** $100,000 (direct costs)

**Award Period:** 2 years


National Institutes of Health (NIH)  |  Exploratory/Developmental Research Grants (R21)

**Description/Eligibility Criteria:** NIH institutes and centers normally use this grant mechanism to support the early stages of project development. Not all NIH institutes and centers participate in these parent announcements. Interested investigators should consult with program officers to determine feasibility of this funding mechanism within specific institutes. Note that in addition to these parent announcements, NIH institutes and centers also use this grant mechanism for specific funding announcements.

**Deadlines:** February, June, October

**Maximum Award:** $275,000 (direct costs)

**Award Period:** 2 years

National Institutes of Health (NIH)  |  Small Research Grants (R03)

Description/Eligibility Criteria: This grant mechanism provides short-term funding for pilot/feasibility studies, collection of preliminary data, secondary analyses of data, development of new research techniques, and small, self-contained research projects. The Parent Announcement for this mechanism is NIH-wide, but only about half of the Institutes and Centers at NIH participate. Other components sometimes issue their own program announcements using the R03 grant mechanism to meet specific needs.

Deadlines: February, June, October
Maximum Award: $100,000 (direct costs)
Award Period: 2 years

National Multiple Sclerosis Society  |  Pilot Research Grants

Description/Eligibility Criteria: The sponsor goal for this program is to support research in areas that have little or no preliminary data, but could result in significant findings concerning multiple sclerosis. Faculty members at all career stages are eligible to apply.

Deadlines: January, May, September (the sponsor encourages researchers to discuss their plans with agency personnel and requires that pre-applications be submitted prior to these deadline dates to allow them the opportunity to assess relevance to their research agenda)
Maximum Award: $50,000
Award Period: 1 year
Sponsor URL: http://www.nationalmssociety.org/For-Professionals/Researchers/Society-Funding/Pilot-Research-Grants

National Operating Committee on Standards for Athletic Equipment (NOCSAE)  |  Pilot Developmental Studies

Description/Eligibility Criteria: NOCSAE’s goal is to improve safety standards for athletic equipment by providing funding for education, health, and safety research and development. Specific research topics of interest to the sponsor include helmet standards (adult and youth), mechanical/biological mechanisms of injury and recovery, and injury prevention through better equipment.

Deadline: May (for required letters of intent); September (for invited full proposals)
Maximum Award: $50,000
Award Period: 1 year
Sponsor URL: https://nocsaeregistration.com/research-grant-program/apply-for-funding/
National Palliative Care Research Center | Pilot and Exploratory Project Support Grants

**Description/Eligibility Criteria:** With a focus on improving care for seriously ill patients and their families, this program funds projects to test interventions, develop research methodologies, and explore novel areas of research directly related to the Center's interests with the ultimate goal of gaining longer-term, larger funding for the project. Eligible principal investigators hold terminal degrees, have full-time faculty positions by the award start date, are US citizens or permanent residents, and have a minimum of five years of postdoctoral research experience. Preference will be given to PIs with a track record as a mentor or a history of successful peer-reviewed research funding.

**Deadline:** November (for required letters of intent); January (for invited full proposals)

**Maximum Award:** $70,000 per year

**Award Period:** 1-2 years

**Sponsor URL:** [http://www.npcrc.org/content/19/Funding-Opportunities.aspx](http://www.npcrc.org/content/19/Funding-Opportunities.aspx)

National Park Service | Preservation Technology and Training Grants

**Description/Eligibility Criteria:** These small grants fund projects to develop new technologies or adapt existing technologies to better preserve our cultural resources. Types of projects supported include 1) laboratory or field research, 2) training activities (workshops and course/curriculum development to promote new or adaptive technologies), 3) manuscript or website development to promote/disseminate information on new technologies relevant to cultural preservation, and 4) meetings to bring together experts in the field to discuss preservation problems. US universities are eligible to apply for this program.

**Deadline:** January

**Maximum Award:** $40,000 (preference given for projects that offer matching funds)

**Award Period:** 1 year

**Sponsor URL:** [https://www.ncptt.nps.gov/grants/preservation-technology-and-training-grants/](https://www.ncptt.nps.gov/grants/preservation-technology-and-training-grants/)

National Psoriasis Foundation | Discovery Grants

**Description/Eligibility Criteria:** This program funds innovative research relevant to psoriasis, psoriatic arthritis, and related co-morbidities – supporting researchers as they explore preliminary ideas and conduct proof-of-concept experiments with the goal of obtaining additional long-term support from the National Institutes of Health and other funding agencies. Basic science, technology, epidemiology, and clinical research projects will be supported. Eligibility is based on institutional definitions of who may submit proposals in the role of PI.

**Deadline:** January

**Maximum Award:** $75,000

**Award Period:** 1 year

**Sponsor URL:** [https://www.psoriasis.org/grants#Discovery](https://www.psoriasis.org/grants#Discovery)
National Science Foundation (NSF)  |  Early-concept Grants for Exploratory Research (EAGER)
Description/Eligibility Criteria: EAGER awards support exploratory research on “high risk-high payoff” projects (e.g., projects involving radically different approaches, new expertise, or novel interdisciplinary approaches). PIs must contact agency program officers in the appropriate research area to discuss proposed projects and determine appropriateness for this funding mechanism prior to proposal submission. Internal agency review is standard.
Deadline: No deadlines
Maximum Award: $300,000
Award Period: 2 years
Sponsor URL: https://www.nsf.gov/pubs/policydocs/pappg18_1/pappg_2.jsp#IIE2

National Science Foundation  |  Grants for Rapid Response Research (RAPID)
Description/Eligibility Criteria: NSF instituted this grant program to allow quick response in situations that require emergency access to data, facilities, or specialized equipment (e.g., natural or human-made disasters). PIs work closely with a program officer at the agency to determine eligibility of their proposed projects and to obtain permission to submit a RAPID proposal. RAPID proposals generally go through an internal agency review process which allows for much quicker turnaround to meet the urgent need to begin research.
Deadline: No deadlines
Maximum Award: $200,000
Award Period: 1 year
Sponsor URL: https://www.nsf.gov/pubs/policydocs/pappg18_1/pappg_2.jsp#IIE1

National Science Foundation  |  High-Risk Research in Biological Anthropology and Archaeology (HRRBAA)
Description/Eligibility Criteria: This program provides small awards to give investigators the opportunity to assess feasibility of an anthropological research project. An interested investigator should consult with the program officer to determine whether the proposed project would meet the HRRBAA standards as high risk-high payoff.
Deadline: Proposals accepted any time after consultation and encouragement from NSF program officer
Maximum Award: $35,000
Award Period: 1 year
Sponsor URL: http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=5319&org=BCS&from=home

National Spasmodic Dysphonia Association  |  Research Grants
Description/Eligibility Criteria: The sponsor funds hypothesis-driven research to identify new approaches to increase understanding of spasmodic dysphonia in the following areas: endogenous/environmental risk factors, pathophysiology of central nervous system dysfunction, development of animal models, novel treatment approaches, improved diagnostic tools, and treatment outcomes research. Both new and established investigators may apply.
Deadline: August
Maximum Award: $50,000
Award Period: 1 year
Sponsor URL: http://www.dysphonia.org/funding-opportunities.php
Neuroendocrine Tumor Research Foundation | Pilot Project Awards

**Description/Eligibility Criteria:** The sponsor is seeking innovative projects focused on neuroendocrine cancers, and will support basic, translational, and clinical research proposals. Collaborations between investigators in different fields are highly encouraged, and the guidelines indicate a particular interest in receiving grant proposals from multidisciplinary groups that include basic scientists, clinicians, and experts in bioinformatics, bio-nanotechnology, etc. Eligible investigators have faculty appointments at the level of assistant professor or higher and hold terminal degrees.

**Deadline:** September

**Maximum Award:** $50,000 or $100,000

**Award Period:** 1 year

**Sponsor URL:** https://netrf.org/research/grant-opportunities/request-for-applications-2018/

Orphan Disease Center at University of Pennsylvania | Annual Million Dollar Bike Ride Pilot Grant Program

**Description/Eligibility Criteria:** This program supports pilot research on various rare diseases, and is funded through the annual Million Dollar Bike Ride. The number of awards and dollar amounts available are determined by fundraising totals of each disease team. Eligible applicants hold faculty-level appointments. See the sponsor website for information on the rare disease focus areas.

**Deadline:** Not indicated by sponsor

**Maximum Award:** Varies by disease area

**Award Period:** 1 year

**Sponsor URL:** http://orphandiseasecenter.med.upenn.edu/grant-opportunities

Osteosynthesis & Trauma Care Foundation | Research Grants

**Description/Eligibility Criteria:** Funding both basic and clinical research related to orthopaedic trauma surgery, the funder provides seed and start-up project funding. MDs, PhDs, and DVMs are eligible to apply, but applications must also involve an orthopaedic surgeon associated with a trauma/orthopaedic department as the principal or co-principal investigator. The funder sets yearly topic priorities.

**Deadline:** April

**Maximum Award:** $50,000

**Award Period:** 2 years

**Sponsor URL:** http://www.otcfoundation.org/research/research-grants/
**Pablove Foundation | Childhood Cancer Research Seed Grants**

**Description/Eligibility Criteria:** This program funds research in childhood cancer with preference going to less common childhood cancers. The sponsor is interested in mechanisms of the disease, genetics, preclinical models, biomarkers, surrogate markers, prognostic factors, diagnosis, innovative clinical therapeutic trials, minimal residual disease detection, treatments, supportive care and prevention, and amelioration of long-term effects of therapy. These grants are open to postdoctoral fellows, junior faculty, and established investigators who are re-directing their research.

**Deadline:** October (required letters of intent due); March (invited full proposals due)

**Maximum Award:** $50,000

**Award Period:** 1 year

**Sponsor URL:** [https://www.pablove.org/grants/apply-for-a-seed-grant/](https://www.pablove.org/grants/apply-for-a-seed-grant/)

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**Plastic Surgery Foundation | Pilot Research Grants**

**Description/Eligibility Criteria:** Grants allow researchers to conduct preliminary research studies that will advance the field of plastic surgery science and give researchers the necessary background and data to request funding from other sponsors in the future. Applicants must have terminal degrees, hold full-time positions in Departments of Plastic Surgery or equivalent, and are American Society of Plastic Surgery members. The primary audience for this grant program is residents and junior faculty although senior investigators proposing in new areas may also apply.

**Deadline:** December

**Maximum Award:** $10,000

**Award Period:** 1 year

**Sponsor URL:** [https://www.thepsf.org/research/grants-program/pilot-research-grants](https://www.thepsf.org/research/grants-program/pilot-research-grants)

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**Preeclampsia Foundation | Vision Grants**

**Description/Eligibility Criteria:** Providing initial funding for novel research ideas related to detection, prevention, or treatment of preeclampsia and other hypertensive disorders of pregnancy is the major goal of this grant program. Postdoctoral fellows, clinical fellows, and early stage investigators are eligible. Early stage investigators are defined by the Foundation as untenured faculty within 10 years of receipt of terminal degree or medical residency completion who have yet to attain significant external research support.

**Deadline:** May

**Maximum Award:** $20,000

**Award Period:** Not specified by sponsor

**Sponsor URL:** [http://www.preeclampsia.org/research/research-funding](http://www.preeclampsia.org/research/research-funding)
**Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation | Albert Rose Established Investigator Awards**

**Description/Eligibility Criteria:** The sponsor funds established investigators wishing to explore innovative research ideas not yet at the stage for submission to large funding agencies such as NIH.

**Deadline:** October (required letters of intent are due); February (full proposals due)

**Maximum Award:** $50,000

**Award Period:** 2 years

**Sponsor URL:** [http://www.pulmonaryfibrosis.org/medical-community/pff-research-funds/the-albert-rose-established-investigator-award](http://www.pulmonaryfibrosis.org/medical-community/pff-research-funds/the-albert-rose-established-investigator-award)

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**Radiological Society of North America (RSNA) | Research Seed Grants**

**Description/Eligibility Criteria:** RSNA encourages research projects related to developing or evaluating medical imaging technology, advancing imaging science, or making innovative use of imaging science to provide answers about important biological or clinical questions. Main review emphasis is upon whether the proposed project is likely to garner follow-on funding from other sources such as corporations, foundations, and government agencies with the preliminary data attained during the project. Eligibility criteria: Full-time faculty appointments at any level in departments of radiology, radiation oncology, or nuclear medicine, RSNA membership, and no more than $60,000 in grant funding as principal investigator in a single year.

**Deadline:** January

**Maximum Award:** $40,000

**Award Period:** 1 year

**Sponsor URL:** [http://www.rsna.org/research_seed_grant.aspx](http://www.rsna.org/research_seed_grant.aspx)

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**Kenneth Rainin Foundation | Innovator Awards Program for IBD Research**

**Description/Eligibility Criteria:** The sponsor funds research in all scientific disciplines with the goal of attracting innovative researchers and encouraging interdisciplinary research efforts related to inflammatory bowel disease. Faculty members at all levels with terminal degrees in any scientific discipline may apply for these proof of principle research awards. Recipients of this award program, having demonstrated significant progress, are then eligible to apply for the Foundation’s Breakthrough Awards Program providing additional project support.

**Deadline:** February (for required letters of intent); May (for invited full proposals)

**Maximum Award:** $200,000

**Award Period:** 1 year

**Sponsor URL:** [http://krfoundation.org/health/innovator-awards/](http://krfoundation.org/health/innovator-awards/)

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**Restless Legs Syndrome Foundation | Research Grants**

**Description/Eligibility Criteria:** Providing seed grants for novel research ideas related to Restless Legs Syndrome is the program goal. The major outcome from the sponsor’s viewpoint would be to then garner additional funding through the National Institutes of Health, Department of Defense, or other agencies.

**Deadlines:** Proposals are accepted on a continual basis.

**Maximum Award:** $35,000 *(The Foundation indicates this is the average award size)*

**Award Period:** 1 year

**Sponsor URL:** [https://www.rls.org/research-grants](https://www.rls.org/research-grants)
Retina Research Foundation  |  Pilot Study Grants

**Description/Eligibility Criteria:** The sponsor provides funding related to retina research to allow investigators to obtain needed preliminary data for future support from NIH and other major funders. The following are eligible to apply for this program: those who hold terminal degrees; those who have a long-term commitment to the proposed project (at least three years according to the Foundation); those who will conduct the research at a US university, medical school or eye institute; and those who are US citizens or permanent residents.

**Deadlines:** October

**Maximum Award:** $25,000-$50,000

**Award Period:** 1 year (those awarded may re-apply for funding for a total of three years, dependent on research progress made the previous year)

**Sponsor URL:** [http://www.rheumresearch.org/innovative-research-award](http://www.rheumresearch.org/innovative-research-award)

Rheumatology Research Foundation  |  Innovative Research Awards

**Description/Eligibility Criteria:** This grants program provides independent investigators the opportunity to pursue new ideas that can potentially lead to breakthroughs concerning rheumatic diseases. An eligible investigator is a member of either the American College of Rheumatology (ACR) or the Association of Rheumatology Health Professionals (ARHP) at time of application, holds a terminal degree, has a faculty appointment with evidence of independent investigator status, and is a citizen, non-citizen national, or permanent resident of the United States.

**Deadlines:** June (non-binding letter of intent due); July (full proposal due)

**Maximum Award:** $400,000

**Award Period:** 2 years

**Sponsor URL:** [http://www.rheumresearch.org/innovative-research-award](http://www.rheumresearch.org/innovative-research-award)

Rivken Center for Ovarian Cancer  |  Pilot Study Program

**Description/Eligibility Criteria:** Providing support for investigator-initiated research projects in all areas of ovarian cancer research is the program purpose. The sponsor indicates they will also consider data analysis projects pertaining to already-funded clinical trials. Investigators at all levels are eligible to apply.

**Deadlines:** December

**Maximum Award:** $75,000

**Award Period:** 1 year

**Sponsor URL:** [https://www.rivkin.org/research/apply/](https://www.rivkin.org/research/apply/)

Scleroderma Foundation  |  Established Investigator Grants

**Description/Eligibility Criteria:** Established investigators who wish to conduct innovative pilot studies related to systemic sclerosis research are the focus of this award. Eligible applicants must have a doctoral degree in medicine, osteopathy, veterinary, or one of the sciences; must have completed a postdoctoral fellowship; and must have been a principal investigator on grants offered by the sponsor or other government or private agencies in the past.

**Deadlines:** September

**Maximum Award:** $150,000

**Award Period:** 2 years

**Sponsor URL:** [http://www.scleroderma.org/site/PageServer?pagename=prof_research_types#.WZSRco2WyM8](http://www.scleroderma.org/site/PageServer?pagename=prof_research_types#.WZSRco2WyM8)
Scoliosis Research Society  |  Small Exploratory Research Grants

**Description/Eligibility Criteria:** Investigators who have preliminary concepts they would like to develop as research projects are the focus of this small grant program; note that preliminary data are not required. At least one of the investigators associated with the project has to be an SRS member.

**Deadlines:** April and October

**Maximum Award:** $10,000

**Award Period:** 1 year

**Sponsor URL:** [http://www.srs.org/professionals/research-and-journal/research-grants](http://www.srs.org/professionals/research-and-journal/research-grants)

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Simons Foundation  |  Simons Foundation Autism Research Initiative (SFARI) – Pilot Awards

**Description/Eligibility Criteria:** The Foundation seeks innovative, high-impact proposals for small-scale projects or early-stage experiments that will help meet the funder’s goal of improving diagnosis and treatment of autism spectrum disorders. The ultimate purpose is to gain additional support either through the Foundation or other funding organizations. Eligible applicants have terminal degrees, faculty positions, and independent lab space.

**Deadline:** September

**Maximum Award:** $300,000

**Award Period:** 2 years

**Sponsor URL:** [https://www.sfari.org/grant/pilot-awards-request-for-applications](https://www.sfari.org/grant/pilot-awards-request-for-applications)

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Simons Foundation  |  Targeted Grants in Mathematical and Physical Sciences

**Description/Eligibility Criteria:** This program is designed to support high-risk projects in math, physics, or computer science on a case-by-case basis. A principal investigator must have a terminal degree and a tenure-track or tenured position.

**Deadline:** Letters of intent are accepted on a rolling basis; the Foundation will invite full proposals

**Maximum Award:** Sponsor indicates award amounts are flexible

**Award Period:** Up to 5 years

**Sponsor URL:** [https://www.simonsfoundation.org/funding/funding-opportunities/mathematics-physical-sciences/targeted-grants-in-mps/](https://www.simonsfoundation.org/funding/funding-opportunities/mathematics-physical-sciences/targeted-grants-in-mps/)

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SIR Foundation  |  Pilot Research Grants

**Description/Eligibility Criteria:** Advancing interventional radiology and patient care are the primary goals of this program. The Foundation generally funds hypothesis-based research and views this program as a way to assist investigators in gaining necessary preliminary data that will produce stronger proposals for submission to national, peer-reviewed funding organizations. Eligible candidates are full-time interventional radiology faculty and trainees with MD, DO, PhD, or equivalent degrees. Active membership in the Society of Interventional Radiology is required.

**Deadline:** December

**Maximum Award:** $25,000

**Award Period:** 1 year

**Sponsor URL:** [https://www.sirfoundation.org/grants_awards/current-opportunities/pilot-research-grant-program/](https://www.sirfoundation.org/grants_awards/current-opportunities/pilot-research-grant-program/)
Skin Cancer Foundation  |  Research Grants
Description/Eligibility Criteria: The Foundation funds both basic and clinical research on prevention, detection, and treatment of skin cancer. These pilot project grants are funded as a basis for larger grants from other sources. Research must be conducted in Dermatology departments at US medical institutions. Eligible investigators are dermatology residents, fellows, or junior faculty (defined by the sponsor as 5-10 years beyond their first faculty appointment).
Deadline: November
Maximum Award: $50,000
Award Period: 1 year
Sponsor URL: http://www.skincancer.org/for-medical-professionals/research-grants

Society for Developmental Biology  |  Emerging Models Grants
Description/Eligibility Criteria: These grants fund projects designed to study developmental mechanisms in non-traditional model systems at a preliminary stage. Eligible investigators are members of the sponsor organization at the faculty or postdoctoral fellow level.
Deadline: December (note that this is the primary deadline; if all funding has not been allocated, the sponsor may also offer a May deadline)
Maximum Award: $5,000
Award Period: Not specified by sponsor
Sponsor URL: http://www.sdbonline.org/sdb_emerging_models_grant

Society for Developmental Biology  |  Innovation Grants
Description/Eligibility Criteria: The sponsor provides seed funding to allow recipients to develop innovative tools and methods (to include devices, software, novel methods, and new reagents) of use to the developmental biology community. Both faculty members and postdoctoral fellows are eligible to apply, and must be members of the sponsor organization.
Deadline: December (note that this is the primary deadline; if all funding has not been allocated, the sponsor may also offer a May deadline)
Maximum Award: $5,000
Award Period: Not specified by sponsor
Sponsor URL: http://www.sdbonline.org/sdb_innovation_grant

Society for Pediatric Dermatology (SPD)  |  Pilot Project Awards
Description/Eligibility Criteria: This grant program supports initial stages of research projects important to pediatric dermatology. Preference will be given to clinical studies conducted by SPD members.
Deadline: May and December
Maximum Award: $7,500
Award Period: 1 year
Sponsor URL: http://pedsderm.net/grants-awards/research-grants/
Society for Pediatric Radiology (SPR) Research and Education Foundation  |  Pilot Awards

**Description/Eligibility Criteria:** Proposed projects should focus on unique aspects of imaging or image-guided therapy/intervention in children. Eligible principal investigators hold full-time faculty positions at educational institutions within departments of diagnostic radiology, radiation oncology, or nuclear medicine; and are SPR members. The Foundation Board sets yearly topic priorities.

**Deadline:** March *(note the Society asks that departments submit one grant proposal)*

**Maximum Award:** $50,000

**Award Period:** 18 months

**Sponsor URL:** [http://www.pedrad.org/Research/SPR-Research-Education-Foundation](http://www.pedrad.org/Research/SPR-Research-Education-Foundation)

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Society for Pediatric Radiology (SPR) Research and Education Foundation  |  Seed Grants

**Description/Eligibility Criteria:** The purpose of this grants program is to provide investigators with opportunities to define their objectives and test hypotheses on pediatric radiology topics before submitting for major grants from government agencies, foundations, or corporations. Eligible principal investigators hold full-time faculty positions at educational institutions within departments of diagnostic radiology, radiation oncology, or nuclear medicine and are SPR members. The Foundation Board sets yearly topic priorities.

**Deadline:** March *(note the Society asks that departments submit one grant proposal)*

**Maximum Award:** $10,000

**Award Period:** 18 months

**Sponsor URL:** [http://www.pedrad.org/Research/SPR-Research-Education-Foundation](http://www.pedrad.org/Research/SPR-Research-Education-Foundation)

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Society for Psychotherapy Research  |  Small Research Grants

**Description/Eligibility Criteria:** The sponsor is interested in funding projects in the planning stages that will provide necessary data to garner additional funding from other sources. Interest areas surrounding psychotherapy include processes and outcomes, methodological developments, and training/ supervision of psychotherapists.

**Deadline:** December

**Maximum Award:** $5,000

**Award Period:** 1 year

**Sponsor URL:** [https://www.psychotherapyresearch.org/page/SPRSResAwards](https://www.psychotherapyresearch.org/page/SPRSResAwards)

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Society for Vascular Surgery  |  Clinical Research Seed Grants

**Description/Eligibility Criteria:** This program provides support for pilot clinical projects with potential for further support from larger funding organizations. The sponsor considers small-scale clinical trials or ancillary studies in the setting of existing clinical trials. Principal investigators must be members of the sponsoring organization, have full-time faculty appointments, and be within the first 10 years of practice.

**Deadline:** March

**Maximum Award:** $25,000

**Award Period:** 1 year

**Sponsor URL:** [https://vascular.org/career-tools-training/clinical-research-seed-grants](https://vascular.org/career-tools-training/clinical-research-seed-grants)
Society of Thoracic Radiology (STR)  Research and Education Foundation Seed Grants

Description/Eligibility Criteria: Seed grants allow new investigators to pursue novel research in thoracic imaging and related fields. Eligible investigators are STR members; sponsor preference is to support residents, fellows, or junior faculty within five years of having completed fellowships.
Deadline: September
Maximum Award: $20,000
Award Period: 1 year
Sponsor URL: http://thoracicrad.org/?portfolio=research

Society of Vascular and Interventional Neurology (SVIN)  Pilot Research Grants

Description/Eligibility Criteria: The sponsor seeks to stimulate investigative research in the vascular and interventional neurology field. Priority will be given to projects requiring preliminary data to move forward with funding proposals to other organizations; however, the medical/scientific justification for the project is a critical review criteria. Only SVIN members are eligible to submit proposals.
Deadline: September
Maximum Award: $10,000
Award Period: 1-2 years
Sponsor URL: http://www.svin.org/i4a/pages/index.cfm?pageid=3363

United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)  Exploratory Research Program

Description/Eligibility Criteria: USDA funds proof-of-concept proposals for high-risk, potentially transformative projects. Areas of interest are food security, climate change, environmental quality, natural resources, nutrition, obesity, food safety, strong families, vibrant communities, and thriving youth.
Deadline: Required letters of intent accepted anytime; full proposals will be invited
Maximum Award: $200,000
Award Period: 2 years
Sponsor URL: http://nifa.usda.gov/funding-opportunity/agriculture-and-food-research-initiative-foundational-program (see page 66 in the 2018 RFA)

Vasculitis Foundation  Research Program

Description/Eligibility Criteria: This program supports pilot studies on the etiology, epidemiology, diagnosis, and treatment of vasculitis. Eligible applicants are medical researchers in a variety of disciplines including rheumatology, immunology, nephrology, otolaryngology, pulmonary/respiratory diseases, and internal medicine.
Deadline: August
Maximum Award: $50,000
Award Period: Generally 1 year
Sponsor URL: http://www.vasculitisfoundation.org/research/research-program/
OTHER USEFUL ORDE RESOURCES FOR INVESTIGATORS

We invite you to visit our website (http://ucdenver.edu/orde), which houses a variety of resources devoted to funding source location and proposal development topics.

This e-Book is one component of a three-series set including New Investigator Funding Opportunities and Sabbatical Support Opportunities. See all three on our website.

Our Faculty Seminar Series offers helpful instruction on proposal development topics as well as specifics on individual agencies. Plan to attend our Faculty Seminars and Know Your Agency Lunches to gain important information from ORDE, participate with colleagues, and hear from faculty guest experts. For details on upcoming seminars and those currently available for registration, click the Seminars tab on our webpage (http://ucdenver.edu/orde).