



New/Early-Stage Investigators

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- The LSU School of Veterinary Medicine (SVM) is pleased to announce a funding opportunity through the NIH-funded **Center for Pre-Clinical Cancer Research (CPCCR)** COBRE program. They are soliciting applications for 1–2 full projects as Principal Junior Investigators (PJIs) for the period **March 1, 2027 – February 28, 2030**.
 - **Key Details:**
 - **Eligibility:** LSU, SUBR, Pennington, and LSU Health New Orleans faculty (assistant professors in tenure-track positions preferred).
 - **Funding:** \$150,000 per year (direct costs) for up to 3 years.
 - **Proposal Type:** NIH R21-style full project application, including face page, budget, and preliminary results to support competitiveness for NIH R21/R01 funding.
 - **Deadline: December 15, 2025**
 - **Contacts:**
 - Dr. Joseph Francis, PI – jfrancis@lsu.edu
 - Dr. Gus Kousoulas, Co-I – vtgusk@lsu.edu
 - Applicants are encouraged to contact the PI or Co-I before submission to ensure project eligibility. Full instructions and

guidelines are available at [NIH R21 Funding](#). Please also review the attached for additional information.

- **NIH, Stephen I. Katz Early Stage Investigator Research Project Grant (R01 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)** ([PAR-25-322](#)). **Expiration Date: August 26, 2028**
- **NIH, Stephen I. Katz Early Stage Investigator Research Project Grant (R01 Basic Experimental Studies with Human Required)** ([PAR-25-323](#)). **Expiration Date: August 26, 2028**
- **NIDDK, OD, New Investigator Gateway Awards for Collaborative T1D Research (R03 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)** ([RFA-DK-26-009](#)). **Expiration Date: March 07, 2026.**
- **NIDCD, NIDCD Early Career Research (ECR) Award (R21 Clinical Trial Optional)** ([PAR-25-120](#)) **Expiration date: Oct. 16, 2027**
- **NIA Expanding Research in AD/ABRD (ERA) Postbaccalaureate Research Education Program (R25 Independent Clinical Trial Not Allowed)** ([RFA-AG-26-010](#)). **Expiration Date: May 27, 2027**
- **NIH, International Research Scientist Development Award (IRSDA) (K01 Independent Clinical Trial Required)** ([PAR-24-114](#)) **Expiration date: Mar. 10, 2026**
- **NIH, International Research Scientist Development Award (IRSDA) (K01 Independent Clinical Trial Not Allowed)** ([PAR-24-113](#)) **Expiration date: Mar 10, 2026**
- **NIH, Mentored Research Scientist Development Award (Parent K01 - Independent Clinical Trial Required)** ([PA-24-175](#)). **(Parent K01 - Independent Clinical Trial Not Allowed)** ([PA-24-176](#)). **(Parent K01 Independent Basic Experimental Studies with Humans Required)** ([PA-24-177](#)). **Expiration Date: May 08, 2027**
- **NIH, Independent Scientist Award (Parent K02 - Independent Clinical Trial Required)** ([PA-24-178](#)). **(Parent K02 - Independent Clinical Trial Not**

Allowed) ([PA-24-179](#)). (**Parent K02** Independent Basic Experimental Studies with Humans Required) ([PA-24-180](#)). **Expiration date: May 08, 2027**

- **NIH, Mentored Clinical Scientist Research Career Development Award** (**Parent K08** Independent Clinical Trial Required) ([PA-24-181](#)). (**Parent K08** Independent Clinical Trial Not Allowed) ([PA-24-182](#)). (**Parent K08** Independent Basic Experimental Studies with Humans Required) ([PA-24-183](#)). **Expiration date: May 08, 2027**
- **NIH, Building Interdisciplinary Research Careers in Women's Health (BIRCWH) (K12 Clinical Trial Optional)** ([RFA-OD-24-013](#)) **Expiration date: May 29, 2026**
- **NHLBI Career Transition Award for Intramural Postdoctoral Fellows and Research Trainees (K22 Independent Clinical Trial Not Allowed)** ([PAR-24-209](#)) (**K22 Clinical Trial Required**) ([PAR-24-211](#)) **Expiration Date: July 13, 2027**
- **NIH, Mentored Patient-Oriented Research Career Development Award** (**Parent K23** Independent Clinical Trial Required) ([PA-24-184](#)). (**Parent K23** Independent Clinical Trial Not Allowed) ([PA-24-185](#)). (**Parent K23** Independent Basic Experimental Studies with Humans Required) ([PA-24-186](#)). **Expiration date: May 08, 2027**
- **NIH, Midcareer Investigator Award in Patient-Oriented Research** (**Parent K24** Independent Clinical Trial Required) ([PA-24-187](#)). (**Parent K24** Independent Clinical Trial Not Allowed) ([PA-24-188](#)). (**Parent K24** - Independent Basic Experimental Studies with Humans Required) ([PA-24-189](#)) **Expiration date: May 08, 2027**
- **NIH, Mentored Quantitative Research Development Award** (**Parent K25** Independent Clinical Trial Required) ([PA-24-190](#)). (**Parent K25** Independent Clinical Trial Not Allowed) ([PA-24-191](#)). (**Parent K25** Independent Basic Experimental Studies with Humans Required) ([PA-24-192](#)). **Expiration date: May 08, 2027**

- **NIH Pathway to Independence Award (Parent K99/R00 Independent Clinical Trial Required) ([PA-24-193](#)). (Parent K99/R00 Independent Clinical Trial Not Allowed) ([PA-24-194](#)). (Parent K99/R00 Independent Basic Experimental Studies with Humans Required) ([PA-24-195](#)).**
Expiration date: May 08, 2027
- **RWJF, Health Equity Scholars for Action (HES4A) program aims to support early-career researchers who are systemically underrepresented in health sciences and related fields. [Details](#).**
 - ~~Deadline for letters of intent: November 6, 2025 (3 p.m. ET)~~
 - Invitation to select applicants to submit full proposals: January 16, 2026
 - Deadline for full proposals: **March 12, 2026 (3 p.m. ET)**
- **AACR Research Funding Opportunity | AACR-QuadW Foundation Sarcoma Research Fellowship in Memory of Willie Tichenor represents a joint effort to encourage and support a postdoctoral or clinical research fellow to conduct translational or clinical sarcoma research and to establish a successful career path in this field. [Details](#).**
 - Application Deadline: **November 18, 2025, 1:00 PM (EST)**
 - Decision Date: March 2026

Education and Training

- **NIA Expanding Research in AD/ADRD (ERA) Summer Research Education Program (R25 Independent Clinical Trial Not Allowed) ([RFA-AG-26-011](#)).**
Expiration Date: May 27, 2027
- **NIGMS, Innovative Programs to Enhance Research Training (IPERT) (R25 Independent Clinical Trial Not Allowed) ([PAR-24-252](#)). **Expiration Date: October 15, 2026****
- **NIH, Summer Research Education Experience Program (R25 Clinical Trial Not Allowed) ([PAR-24-204](#)). **Expiration Date: May 08, 2027.****

- **NINDS** Research Education Opportunities (**R25** Clinical Trial Not Allowed) ([PAR-24-200](#)). Expiration date: July 15, 2026
- **NIH**, **NIDDK** Education Program Grants (**R25** Clinical Trial Not Allowed) ([PAR-24-074](#)). Expiration date: Jan 31, 2026
- **FIC**, **NIAID**, Global Infectious Disease Research Training Program (**D43** Clinical Trial Optional) ([PAR-24-174](#)). Expiration date: August 07, 2026