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- **Introducing *JNCI*'s Annual Early Career Investigator (ECI) Research Collection.**

Details.

- Beginning Jan. 1, 2026, *JNCI* will publish a yearly Early Career Investigator (ECI) Research Special Collection, featuring exceptional papers authored by ECIs and published online between **Jan. 1 and Dec. 31, 2026** (via Advance Access). This collection will uphold the Journal's commitment to [Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion](#) and will include a limited number of outstanding papers. Each selected article will be accompanied by the ECI's biography and photo in the online Special Collection.
- **Criteria for Submission**
 - Submitting authors must identify their article for consideration ***at the time of initial submission.***
 - The ECI must be listed as first or last author (not necessarily the corresponding author). The submitting author will provide the ECI's full name.
 - ECIs are individuals within 5 years of their final degree or training experience (whichever is later), including postdoctoral fellowships,

internships, or medical/professional residencies. ECI status will be verified by the Editorial Office.

- Only the following article types are eligible: Article, Brief Communication, Meta-analysis, MiniReview, Review, Systematic Review. For full descriptions, please see the [Author Guidelines](#).
 - Selected ECIs will be notified in February 2027, at which time their biography and photo will be requested.
- **[Robert A. Winn Excellence in Clinical Trials: Cancer Development Award \(Winn CDA\)](#)** | This two-year program supports the career development of early-stage investigator physicians who are committed to transforming and expanding access to the clinical research landscape. They will become community-oriented clinical trialists, who will drive improved health outcomes through their research and mentoring. Apply by **May 4, 2026**.
 - The **Henry & Marilyn Taub Foundation**, 2026 **MDS** Pilot Research Grants for early-career investigators. To foster innovation and the expansion of MDS research, collaborative efforts with those from non-MDS fields are encouraged.
 - Letter of Intent Deadline: **March 9, 2026**
 - Full Applications are Invited: **April 15, 2026**
 - Full Application Deadline: **July 1, 2026**
 - Award Notification: **September 26, 2026**
 - Funding Start: **December 1, 2026**
 - **AACR, American Association for Cancer Research Funding Opportunities.**
[Details.](#)
 - [AACR Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer Research Fellowship](#)
 - ~~Letter of Intent Deadline: January 22, 2026~~
 - Application Deadline: **May 7, 2026**
 - **NIH, NIDA**, NIDA Mentored Clinical Scientist Development Program Award in Substance Use and Substance Use Disorder Research (**K12** Clinical Trial Optional) ([PAR-24-089](#)). **Expiration Date: November 14, 2026.**

- **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/ADRD (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

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
- **FIC, NIAID**, Global Infectious Disease Research Training Program (**D43** Clinical Trial Optional) ([PAR-24-174](#)). Expiration date: August 07, 2026