



New/Early-Stage Investigators

Latest Update 07/27/2026

FY26 CDMRP program announcements:

Below is a list of the recently released CDMRP grant opportunities. Most of these require either a letter of intent or a pre-proposal (that is not particularly detailed). Those programs in “gray” have not yet been released. The Conafay Group is available to assist and guide you through the application process. To accomplish this, the Conafay Group (TCG) will need to see your pre-application or letter of intent on or before the dates listed on the Table. However, TCG is willing to discuss your ideas prior to submission to strengthen the proposal and make it more consistent with the goals of the Department of Defense. Please feel free to contact Evie Smith (esmith@conafaygroup.com) if you are interested in pursuing any of these opportunities. Dr. Qingzhao Yu (qyu@lsuhsc.edu) or Dr. Wayne Backes (wbacke@lsuhsc.edu) are also available to answer any questions that you might have.

Program	Website	Pre-Application Format	Pre-Application Draft Due to Conafay	Pre-Application Due	Full Proposal Draft Due to Conafay	Full Proposal Due
Alzheimer's	https://cdmrp.health.mil/funding/azrp	Pre-proposal	8-Jun	22-Jun	3-Sep	24-Sep

Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis	https://cdmrp.health.mil/funding/alsrp	Pre-proposal	10-Jun	24-Jun	9-Sep	30-Sep
Arthritis	https://cdmrp.health.mil/funding/atrp	Pre-proposal	8-Jun	22-Jul	1-Oct	22-Oct
Autism	https://cdmrp.health.mil/funding/arp	Pre-proposal	13-Jul	27-Jul	1-Oct	22-Oct
Bone Marrow Failure	https://cdmrp.health.mil/bmfrp					
Breast Cancer	https://cdmrp.health.mil/funding/bcrp	LOI	10-Jun	24-Jun	17-Jun	8-Jul
		Pre-proposal	29-May	12-Jun	9-Sep	30-Sep
Combat Readiness Medical	https://cdmrp.health.mil/crrp					
Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy	https://cdmrp.health.mil/dmdrp					
Epilepsy	https://cdmrp.health.mil/funding/erp	LOI	20-Jul	3-Aug	27-Jul	17-Aug
Hearing Restoration	https://cdmrp.health.mil/funding/hrrp	LOI	11-Aug	25-Aug	20-Aug	10-Sep
Joint Warfighter	https://cdmrp.health.mil/jwrrp					
Kidney Cancer	https://cdmrp.health.mil/kcrrp					
Lung Cancer	https://cdmrp.health.mil/funding/lcrp	LOI	4-Aug	18-Aug	12-Aug	2-Sep
		Pre-proposal	9-Jun	23-Jun	12-Aug	2-Sep

Lupus	https://cdmrp.health.mil/funding/lrp	LOI	15-Jul	29-Jul	29-Jul	19-Aug
Melanoma	https://cdmrp.health.mil/funding/mrp	LOI	8-Sep	22-Sep	23-Sep	14-Oct
		Pre-proposal	29-Jun	13-Jul	23-Sep	14-Oct
Military Burn	https://cdmrp.health.mil/funding/mbrp	Pre-proposal	23-Jun	7-Jul	30-Sep	21-Oct
Multiple Sclerosis	https://cdmrp.health.mil/funding/msrp	LOI	16-Jul	30-Jul	23-Jul	13-Aug
Neurofibromatosis	https://cdmrp.health.mil/nfnp					
Orthopaedic	https://cdmrp.health.mil/prorp					
Ovarian Cancer	https://cdmrp.health.mil/funding/ocrp	LOI	1-Sep	15-Sep	10-Sep	1-Oct
		Pre-proposal	29-Jun	13-Jul	10-Sep	1-Oct
Pancreatic Cancer	https://cdmrp.health.mil/funding/pcarp	LOI	2-Sep	16-Sep	16-Sep	7-Oct
		Pre-proposal	23-Jun	7-Jul	16-Sep	7-Oct
Parkinson's	https://cdmrp.health.mil/prp					
Peer Reviewed Cancer	https://cdmrp.health.mil/funding/prcrp	Pre-proposal	12-Jun	26-Jun	14-Sep	5-Oct
Peer Reviewed Medical	https://cdmrp.health.mil/funding/prmrp	LOI	2-Jul	16-Jul	9-Jul	30-Jul
		LOI	9-Jul	23-Jul	16-Jul	6-Aug
		Pre-proposal	9-Jul	23-Jul	1-Sep	22-Sep

Rare Cancers	https://cdmrp.health.mil/rcrp					
Prostate Cancer	https://cdmrp.health.mil/funding/pcrp	LOI	29-Jul	12-Aug	12-Aug	2-Sep
Traumatic Brain Injury & Psychological Health	https://cdmrp.health.mil/funding/tbiphrp	LOI	10-Sep	24-Sep	24-Sep	15-Oct
		Pre-proposal	29-Jun	13-Jul	24-Sep	15-Oct
Reconstructive Transplant Research	https://cdmrp.health.mil/rtrp					
Spinal Cord Injury	https://cdmrp.health.mil/funding/scirp	Pre-proposal	19-Jul	3-Aug	22-Oct	12-Nov
Tick Borne Disease	https://cdmrp.health.mil/funding/tbdrp	Pre-proposal	8-Jul	22-Jul	1-Oct	22-Oct
Toxic Exposures	https://cdmrp.health.mil/funding/terp	Pre-proposal	5-Aug	19-Aug	29-Oct	19-Nov
Tuberous Sclerosis Complex	https://cdmrp.health.mil/funding/tscrp	LOI	9-Jul	23-Jul	16-Jul	6-Aug
Vision	https://cdmrp.health.mil/funding/vrp	LOI	11-Aug	25-Aug	20-Aug	10-Sep
		Pre-proposal	14-Jul	28-Jul	22-Oct	12-Nov

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- **Advancing the Science of Palliative Care Across the Lifespan (ASCENT)**
 - [2027 Research Scholar Award](#)
 - [2027 Pilot and Exploratory Studies](#)

- o LOI submission deadline: **August 10, 2026, 7:00 PM**
- o Full Proposals Due – By Invitation Only: **November 9, 2026, 7:00 PM**
- o Earliest Start and Budget Date: **May 1, 2027**
- **CCTS Translational Research, [Deep South Mentored Career Development Program](#)** (K12 award)
 - o Pre-Application: **September 15, 2026**
 - o Invitations for Full Proposals: by October 15, 2026
 - o Full Proposals Due: **December 15, 2026**
 - o Awardees notified: by end of January 2027
- **Introducing *JNCI*'s Annual Early Career Investigator (ECI) Research Collection. [Details.](#)**
 - o 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.
 - o **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.
- **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
 - **NIDCD**, NIDCD Early Career Research (ECR) Award (**R21** Clinical Trial Optional) ([PAR-25-120](#)) Expiration date: October 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**, Mentored Research Scientist Development Award (**Parent K01** - Independent Clinical Trial Required) ([PA-24-175](#)). (**Parent K01** - Independent Clinical Trial Not Allowed) ([PA-24-176](#)). 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](#)). 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](#)). Expiration date: May 08, 2027
 - **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](#)). 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](#)). 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](#)). 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](#)). 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.
- **FIC, NIAID**, Global Infectious Disease Research Training Program (**D43** Clinical Trial Optional) ([PAR-24-174](#)). Expiration date: August 07, 2026