Research Funding Opportunities – deadlines January 2016

Listed in alphabetical order, the following private organizations are offering one or more funding opportunities. For details on a specific opportunity click on the corresponding hyperlink below:

**Dates not confirmed by the funding organization at the time of compiling this information. Always check foundation website for updated RFP.**

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ALS ACT (Accelerated Therapeutics)

Phase II Clinical Development of Novel, High-Potential Treatments for People with ALS

ALS ACT, The ALS Association, the Treat ALS™ Northeast ALS Consortium (NEALS) clinical
trials network are pleased to announce a call for phase II clinical trial applications for novel, high-potential treatments in Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis. The call for clinical study proposals is intended for academic-industry partnerships, including pharmaceutical, biotherapeutic/biotechnology companies, academic members of the NEALS Consortium, and ALS scientists around the world. Up to $1,500,000 in U.S. dollars (direct costs only) in LS ACT clinical research support is available.

**Amount:** $1,500,000 or less depending on the appropriate needs of the proposed study

**Deadline: LOI January, 2016**

http://www.alsa.org/research/for-researchers/rfp-clinical-development.html

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**American Association for Cancer Research (AACR)**

**AACR Career Development Awards for Translational Breast Cancer Research**

The Breast Cancer Research Foundation-AACR Career Development Awards for Translational Breast Cancer Research represent a joint effort to promote and support innovative research designed to accelerate the discovery, development, and application of new agents to treat breast cancer and/or for pre-clinical research with direct therapeutic intent. Eligibility is limited to junior faculty who, at the start of the grant term, will have completed their most recent doctoral degree or medical residency within the past 11 years. The research proposed for funding must be translational in nature and must have direct applicability and relevance to breast cancer.

**Amount:** $138,000 over 2 years

**Deadline: January 20, 2016**

http://www.aacr.org/Pages/Home.aspx

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**American Brain Tumor Association (ABTA)**

**Basic Research Fellowship Program**

The Basic Research Fellowship Grants are two-year, $100,000 grants supporting postdoctoral fellows conducting brain tumor research. Fellows must include a Lead Mentor who currently conducts brain tumor research at the same academic institution in an effort to provide the research, scientific, management, and other leadership guidance necessary to foster the Applicant's career advancement. The ABTA grant application portal typically opens in late-November for Basic Research Fellowship applications, which are accepted through the middle of January. Access to the 2016 ABTA Basic Research Fellowship Request for Applications (RFA) will be available in November 2015

**Amount:** $100,000USD

**Deadline: January, 2016**

http://www.abta.org/brain-tumor-research/research-grants/
American Gastroenterological Association (AGA)
Research Grant AGA-Rome Foundation Functional GI and Motility Disorders Pilot Research Award
This research initiative grant for $50,000 for one year is offered to early stage and established investigators, postdoctoral research fellows and combined research and clinical fellows to support pilot research projects pertaining to functional GI and motility disorders. This award is jointly sponsored by the Rome Foundation and AGA.
Amount: $50,000USD
Deadline: January 15, 2016
http://www.gastro.org/research-funding

American Heart Association
Scientist Development Grant - Founders Affiliate
To support highly promising beginning scientists in their progress toward independence by encouraging and adequately funding research projects that can bridge the gap between completion of research training and readiness for successful competition as an independent investigator. Research broadly related to cardiovascular function and disease and stroke, or to related clinical, basic science, bioengineering or biotechnology, and public health problems, including multidisciplinary efforts. Proposals are encouraged from all basic, behavioral, epidemiological, and community and clinical investigations that bear on cardiovascular and stroke problems.
Amount: $231,000 over 3 years
Deadline: January 15, 2016
http://my.americanheart.org/professional/Research/FundingOpportunities/SupportingInformation/Winter-2013---Scientist-Development-Grant_UCM_443318_Article.jsp

American Society of Hematology
The ASH Research Training Award for Fellows (RTAF)
It is designed to encourage junior researchers in hematology, hematology/oncology, or other hematology-related training programs to pursue a career in academic hematology. The RTAF awards $55,000 to fellows in training so they will have protected time for research and is to be used primarily for salary support for the applicant. Awards are targeted to two separate groups of researchers: a Junior Investigator RTAF for second and third-year fellows (apply in years one or two of fellowship) and a Senior Investigator RTAF for fourth or fifth-year fellows (apply in years three or four of fellowship).
Amount: $55,000
Deadline: January 15, 2016
Arthritis National Research Foundation
Arthritis Research Grant
The Arthritis National Research Foundation (ANRF) is seeking grant applications that focus on studying arthritis and related autoimmune diseases. Priority will be given to meritorious applications from newer, M.D. and/or Ph.D. applicants in early stage career development (equivalent to assistant professor and without serving as PI on an NIH R01 award).
Amount: $100,000 per year up to 2 years
Deadline: January 15, 2016
http://www.curearthritis.org/arthritis-research-grants/

Psoriasis Arthritis Research Grant
In a collaborative effort, the Arthritis National Research Foundation (ANRF) and the National Psoriasis Foundation (NPF) are seeking grant applications that focus on studying psoriatic arthritis. Applicants must be newer M.D. and/or Ph.D. applicants in early stage career development (equivalent to assistant professor and without serving as PI on an NIH R01 award).
Amount: $100,000
Deadline: January 15, 2016
http://www.curearthritis.org/arthritis-research-grants/

Arthritis & Aging Research Grant
In a collaborative effort, the Arthritis National Research Foundation (ANRF) and the American Federation for Aging Research (AFAR) are seeking grant applications that focus on studying the underlying mechanisms of the aging process as it relates to arthritis. All submitted projects must clearly demonstrate the role of aging as it relates to arthritis and be an integral aspect of the proposed study.
Amount: $100,000
Deadline: January 15, 2016
http://www.curearthritis.org/arthritis-research-grants/

Avon Foundation for Women
The Avon Foundation for Women continues its search for new preventive strategies to address the growing number of breast cancer cases around the globe and increase our understanding of not only the causes of breast cancer, but also the development and
treatment of metastatic disease. The 2015 Avon Foundation Research Program seeks proposals in these areas.

**Amount:** $300,000 over 2 years

**Deadline: LOI January 15, 2016**

http://www.avonfoundation.org/grants/breast-cancer/research-grant-guidelines/

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**Bay Area Lyme Foundation**

**The Bay Area Lyme Foundation Emerging Leader Award (ELA)**

It recognizes up-and-coming researchers bringing new approaches and creative thinking to the field of Lyme disease. The $100,000 grant award supports new and innovative projects and aims to attract aspiring new scientific talent to the field of Lyme.

**Amount:** $100,000

**Deadline: January 31, 2016**

http://www.bayarealyme.org/our-research/emerging-leader-award/

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**Bladder Cancer Advocacy Network**

**Bladder Cancer Research Innovation Award**

The aim of the Bladder Cancer Research Innovation Award is to support exceptionally novel and creative projects with great potential to produce breakthroughs in the management of bladder cancer. Proposals will be accepted for creative ideas and innovative approaches that have direct application and relevance to bladder cancer.

**Amount:** $300,000 over 2 years

**Deadline: January 14, 2016**

http://www.bcan.org/research/grants/bladder-cancer-research-innovation-award/

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**Brain and Behavior Research Foundation**

**NARSAD Young Investigator Grants**

The NARSAD Young Investigator Grant provides support for the most promising young scientists conducting neurobiological research. Two-year awards up to $70,000, or $35,000 per year are provided to enable promising investigators to either extend research fellowship training or begin careers as independent research faculty. Basic and/or clinical investigators are supported, but research must be relevant to serious brain and behavior disorders such as schizophrenia, mood disorders, anxiety disorders or child and adolescent mental illnesses. A few NARSAD Young Investigator Grantees are selected each year to present at the foundation's annual Scientific Symposium in New York City. NARSAD Young Investigator
Grantees are also eligible to be selected for the Foundation’s Freedman Prize for Outstanding Basic Research and Klerman Prize for Outstanding Clinical Research.

**Amount:** $35,000 to $70,000 per year for 2 years

**Deadline:** January 2016

[https://bbrfoundation.org/yi](https://bbrfoundation.org/yi)

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**Children's Tumor Foundation**

**CTF Young Investigator Award**

CTF’s longest running program, YIA provides two-year awards for young scientists early in their careers, bringing them into the NF field and helping to establish them as independent investigators. Implemented over 30 years ago by the Foundation, the YIA program was until 2006 CTF’s sole ongoing grant mechanism. Though a number of YIAs have made significant research findings and made notable publications the main function of the YIA program has been as a ‘seeding mechanism’ for researchers who went on to secure larger grants from NIH and CDMRP NFRP. CTF’s “seeding” of the NF field with new talent has been hailed as a key reason why NF research has grown rapidly in the past 25+ years.

**Amount:** $64,000 to $108,000

**Deadline:** January 2016


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**Foundation Fighting Blindness (FFB)**

**Enhanced Research and Clinical Training for Physicians in Inherited Orphan Retinal Degenerative Disease**

Dedicated to supporting research to advance therapeutic and preventive strategies for inherited orphan retinal degenerative diseases into the clinic. Through the efforts of investigators supported by FFB and FFB-CRI, substantial advances have been made in our understanding of these diseases, including genetic determinants, cellular, molecular and genetic mechanisms, regenerative medicine, neuroprotection, and gene therapy strategies. With this enhanced knowledge, new treatment and prevention strategies are being developed and can now be tested in the clinical setting. In order to capitalize on current and emerging opportunities, FFB recognizes the importance of and need to ensure an adequate supply of clinical scientists.

**Amount:** $170,000 per year up to 3 years

**Deadline:** January 31, 2016

[http://www.blindness.org/apply-for-funding#enhanced](http://www.blindness.org/apply-for-funding#enhanced)
FRAXA Research Foundation
Program Research Grant
FRAXA invites investigator-initiated research applications for innovative pilot studies aimed at developing and characterizing new therapeutic approaches for the treatment and ultimate cure of fragile X syndrome. These are flexible grants, but we expect that this program will be much more competitive than in the past, since fewer grants will be awarded. Successful applicants will be pursuing advanced translational, preclinical, and clinical research in fragile X.

**Amount:** No limit on amount, but please remember that applications are ranked based on relative value, so smaller requests have an advantage
**Deadline:** LOI January 15, 2016
http://www.fraxa.org/research/apply/

Friedreich’s Ataxia Research Alliance (FARA)
Keith Michael Andreus Memorial Award Program
FARA supports research through funding competitive grants, promoting collaboration among scientists, advocating for public-private partnerships that support drug discovery, drug development and clinical research and hosting open forums for leading scientists to share their insights, ideas and challenges to advancing treatments for FA.

**Amount:** $150,000 per year for 1 to 2 years
**Deadline:** LOI January 15, 2016 – Application March 1, 2016
http://www.curefa.org/grant

Glaucoma Foundation
Research Grant
The Glaucoma Foundation offers grants to researchers striving to improve the lives of glaucoma patients through novel innovations and scientific advances. The area of current focus for TGF’s Grant Research program is exfoliation syndrome and exfoliation glaucoma.

**Amount:** Up to $90,000 2 years
**Deadline:** January 1, 2016
http://glaucomafoundation.org/Grant_Application.htm

Health Resources in Action, the Medical Foundation division
Lymphatic Education & Research Network Postdoctoral Fellowship Awards Program
The Lymphatic Education & Research Network (LE&RN) is committed to promoting and supporting basic and translational research that fosters an interdisciplinary field of investigators conducting lymphatic research. The supported research will improve our understanding and advance the prevention, diagnosis, and novel treatments of lymphedema (primary and secondary) and other lymphatic disorders. Because lymphedema is the most common clinical manifestation of the lymphatic disorders, at least one fellowship in each
grant cycle will be awarded to research specifically focused on the mechanisms, pathogenesis, diagnosis or treatment of lymphedema.

**Amount: $98,304 for up to 2 years**

**Deadline: January 16, 2016**

http://www.hria.org/tmfservices/tmfgrants/lern.html

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**HIV Vaccine Trials Network**

**HVTN Research and Mentorship Program (RAMP) Scholar Program for African-American and Latino/a Medical Students**

The HIV Vaccine Trials Network, in collaboration with the National Institute of Mental Health and the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, is investing in the next generation of HIV prevention researchers by providing African American and Latino/a medical students with opportunities for independent research along with structured mentoring, project and salary funding, training, and professional development activities.

**Amount: $60,000**

**Deadline: January 13, 2016**


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**Larry L. Hillblom Foundation**

**Network Grants – Diabetes or Aging**

The purpose of the Hillblom Foundation Network Grant is to facilitate interaction between a network of researchers. It is anticipated that these investigators will be independently funded and have demonstrated productivity in their own field. While it is anticipated that the principal investigator of the network will have a strong background in one of the two areas of stated interest of the Hillblom Foundation, the network might be strengthened by inclusion of investigators with expertise that can enhance the overall focus of the group on the disease process of interest.

**Amount: $300,000 per year up to 4 years**

**Deadline: January 30, 2016**

https://www.llhf.org/grant-seekers/grant-criteria/fellowship-grants

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**Start-Up Grants – Diabetes or Aging**

The Hillblom Foundation offers grants to qualified researchers to initiate independent research careers in one of the two areas of stated interest to the Hillblom Foundation.

**Amount: $70,000 per year up to 3 years**

**Deadline: January 30, 2016**

https://www.llhf.org/grant-seekers/grant-criteria/fellowship-grants
Fellowship Grants
The Fellowship Grant is intended to enable Qualified Institutions to provide post-doctoral research fellowship training to qualified applicants in one of the two areas of stated interest to the Hillblom Foundation.

**Amount: $60,000 per year up to 3 years**
**Deadline: January 30, 2016**

https://www.llhf.org/grant-seekers/grant-criteria/fellowship-grants

McKnight Foundation
2016 McKnight Scholar Awards
Awards encourage neuroscientists in the early stages of their careers to focus on disorders of learning and memory. The awards support young scientists who hold the M.D. and/or Ph.D. degree, who have completed formal postdoctoral training, and who demonstrate a commitment to neuroscience. The Endowment Fund especially seeks applicants working on problems that, if solved at the basic level, would have immediate and significant impact on clinically relevant issues.

**Amount: $225,000 over 3 years**
**Deadline: January 4, 2016**

https://www.neuroscience.mcknight.org/the-awards/scholar

Muscular Dystrophy Association MDA
Research grant
It comprises the majority of MDA’s research funding awards each year. They are awarded to established investigators to accelerate progress against muscle disease and are typically in the range of $80,000 to $100,000 per year total costs for one to three years.

**Amount: Up to $100,000 per year for up to 3 years**
**Deadline: January 1, 2016**

http://www.mda.org/

National Multiple Sclerosis Society (NMSS)
Commercial Funding Opportunities
As a driving force of MS research to stop MS in its tracks, restore function already lost, and end MS forever, the National MS Society takes a unique, comprehensive approach to our research efforts. The Society continues to advance promising new therapies by breaking down barriers to development through commercial funding mechanisms like Fast Forward. As an important part of the Society’s research infrastructure, investments through Fast Forward will continue to close the gap between promising discoveries and the commercial development necessary to get new treatments to people with MS.
Amount: Up to $500,000

Online application opens: January 2016**
http://www.nationalmssociety.org/For-Professionals/Researchers/Society-Funding/Commercial-Research-Funding

National Pancreas Foundation
Research Grants and Awards
The National Pancreas Foundation (NPF) is a private, non-profit organization established to support the funding of research related to pancreatic diseases. It also provides support for the men, women, and children who are suffering from diseases of the pancreas.

Amount: $50,000 for 1 year
Proposal Deadline: January 29, 2016
https://www.pancreasfoundation.org/research/grants-and-awards/

OREF and the Musculoskeletal Tumor Society (MSTS)
Clinical Research Grant on Orthopaedic Oncology
OREF and the Musculoskeletal Tumor Society (MSTS) invite clinical researchers to apply for an OREF/MSTS Clinical Research Grant in the area of clinical orthopaedic oncology as part of a grant sharing program. The PI or Co-PI must be an MSTS member in good standing. The objective of the grant is to encourage new and established investigators by providing seed and start-up funding for promising research projects that improve clinical outcomes for patients. Clinical relevance must be clearly noted in the abstract and specific aims, and be obvious from the title and the study design. Projects should be prospective, multi-institutional if necessary to meet accrual goals, and if so open to institutions of MSTS members. Pilot studies should identify specific sources of potential longer term funding or matching funding. A total of $98,000 is available. Maximum funding will be one grant of up to a total of $98,000 over a one-to-two-year study period, conditional upon annual review for two-year studies. Projects for lesser amounts are eligible. Budget justification is necessary. Clinical projects are eligible, with clinical relevance explicitly and clearly described.

Amount: Up to $98,000 over 1 to 2 years
Deadline: January 15, 2016
http://www.oref.org/grants-and-awards/grant-programs/research-specific-grants

Parkinson Disease Foundation
Mentored Clinical Research Award (MCRA)
The Mentored Clinical Research Award (MCRA) for new investigators is funded by a grant from the Parkinson’s Disease Foundation (PDF) to the Parkinson Study Group (PSG). The grant supports new investigators for a one-year project in patient-oriented research in Parkinson’s disease or other parkinsonian disorders under the mentorship of an experienced
investigator. The goal of the award is to provide funding for an investigator who has the potential to become an independent researcher.

**Amount: $50,000**

**Deadline: January 11, 2016**


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**PDF-ABF Clinician-Scientist Development Award**

In 2007, PDF and the American Brain Foundation (ABF) collaborated to create the Clinician-Scientist Development Award to support our mutual interest in training outstanding residency-level clinicians in the field of Parkinson’s disease. This award supports three years of research training in an environment where talented young clinicians address problems in Parkinson’s disease with the most current scientific tools. It is expected that upon completion of the program, participants will be committed to a research or combined clinical/research career in PD and will be in line to direct robust research programs relevant to PD.

**Amount: $225,000 over 3 years**

**Deadline: January 4, 2016**


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**Research to Prevent Blindness (RPB)**

**RPB Career Development Awards**

The Awards help recruit young MDs, PhDs, or PhDs to eye research and support promising junior ophthalmology faculty. The $300,000 grant is payable for up to four (4) years upon approval of a 20-month substantive progress report. Candidates may be sought from either ophthalmology, basic science, or other relevant departments within one's own institution or from other institutions. Nominees must have, or be recruited to, primary appointments in ophthalmology with academic positions up to and including Assistant Professor. Candidate's most recent postdoc training (residency or fellowship) must have ended within three (3) years of the application deadline. Recruits in their last year of their postdoc are eligible. PhDs must have a secondary appointment in a basic science or other relevant department prior to submission. MDs and MD/PhDs must devote at least 50% of their time to research activities, with 60% desirable. The candidate cannot currently have or have held an R01. Grantee chairs may nominate one candidate in each grant review cycle. Awardees will be required to expend the award within four (4) years if granted the full $300,000. Otherwise, the awardee is required to expend the $150,000 within three (3) years.

**Amount: $300,000 over 1 to 2 years**

**Deadline: January 10, 2016**

[RPB Career Development Awards](http://www.pdf.org/en/grant_funding_fellow#psg)
Society for Surgery of The Alimentary Tract
SSAT Career Development Award
This award for young faculty members is to assist in the establishment of investigators, basic or clinical, in digestive diseases. The supported research program can be focused on basic laboratory or rigorous clinical investigation. The award is restricted to surgeons who have completed formal clinical and research training in general surgery and are within five years of their first faculty appointment in a department of surgery at a medical school accredited by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education in the United States or by the Committee for Accreditation of Canadian Medical Schools in Canada, or the equivalent national accrediting body for applicants from other countries.
Amount: $100,000 over 2 years
Deadline: January 15, 2016
http://ssat.com/awards/Career-Development.cgi

Society of Surgical Oncology
Clinical Investigator Award Surgical Oncology Research Proposals
In 2007, the Society of Surgical Oncology established the Clinical Investigator Award (CIA) Program with the goal of promoting post-fellowship, patient-oriented research through the training of surgical oncologists in clinical and translational science. Each Award consists of $100,000, disbursed in two yearly installments of $50,000. To date, twenty-five Clinical Investigator Awards totaling more than $2.5 million dollars have been granted to researchers.
Amount: $100,000 over 2 years
Deadline: January, 2016
http://www.surgonc.org/about-sso/sso-foundation/awards/clinical-investigator-awards

William T. Grant Foundation
Research Grant
This grants program supports theory-building and empirical research projects on reducing inequality or understanding the use of research evidence
Amount: $100,000 - $600,000 over 2-3 years
Deadline: January 12, 2016
http://wtgrantfoundation.org/Grants#apply
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