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The Albany Prize in Medicine and Biomedical Research

The Albany Med Prize in Medicine and Biomedical Research is awarded to a physician, scientist or group, whose work has led to significant advances in health care and scientific research with demonstrated translational benefits for improved patient care. Its purpose is to encourage and recognize extraordinary and sustained contributions to improving health care and promoting innovative biomedical research.

**Amount $500,000**

**Deadline: March 1, 2016**

http://www.amc.edu/Academic/AlbanyPrize/

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Alzheimer’s Drug Discovery Foundation (ADDF)

Preclinical Drug Discovery Program

The Alzheimer's Drug Discovery Foundation (ADDF) seeks to fill the critical translational funding gap between basic research and later stage drug development by funding promising preclinical drug discovery and biomarker development programs relevant to Alzheimer’s disease, other dementias and cognitive aging.

**Amount Available: $150,000 per year**

**DEADLINES: March 18, June 3, September 2, December 10**

*Letter of Intent is due at least two weeks prior to deadline
The ADDF/Belfer ApoE Therapeutics Innovation Program
The Alzheimer’s Drug Discovery Foundation (ADDF) and the Robert A. and Renée E. Belfer Family Foundation established The ADDF/Belfer ApoE Therapeutics Innovation Program to accelerate the development of novel therapeutics specifically designed to target apoE pathological mechanisms. This program will allow the ADDF to substantially build on its strategic investment in apoE drug discovery and development and will support both preclinical and clinical stage programs.

Amount Available: $300,000 - $1,000,000
Deadlines:
- March 18
- June 3
- September 2
- December 10

*Letter of Intent is due at least two weeks prior to deadline

Program to Accelerate Clinical Trials (PACT)
The goal of this Request for Proposals (RFP) is to increase the number of innovative treatments tested in humans for Alzheimer’s disease, related dementias and cognitive aging. This program will fund biomarker-based pilot clinical trials for Alzheimer’s disease, Phase I safety testing and IND-enabling studies to accelerate new drugs into trials. Through this PACT RFP, the ADDF is also interested in supporting clinical biomarker development programs and biomarker-based trials to validate putative mechanisms of action for targeted pharmacological and non-pharmacological approaches to prevention.

Amount: $3 million per application
Deadlines: March 18, 2016

*Letter of Intent is due at least two weeks prior to deadline

Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) Association
Grand Challenge: Generation of a PET Tracer for TDP43 Aggregates
The Grand Challenge, a two phase program, is soliciting teams that will bring together the most appropriate reagents, as well as industry and academic expertise to develop a PET tracer specific to TDP43 aggregates. Recognizing that TDP-43 may share common features with other protein aggregates such as tau or amyloid, teams that have already identified PET ligands to similar proteins would be viewed more favorably presuming that modifications can be made to enhance the ligand specificity for TDP43. Teams with expertise in TDP43 biochemistry are also encouraged to apply. The successful team(s) with the most
developed plan and the appropriate reagents will receive up to $1 million in milestone payments for phase I of the challenge.

**Amount:** up to $1 million in milestone payments for phase I of the challenge.

**Deadlines:**
- Letter of Intent March 22, 2016
- Full application by invite April 11, 2016


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**American Academy of Child Adolescent Psychiatry (AACAP)**

**AACAP Junior Investigator Award,** supported by AACAP’s Research Initiative is intended to facilitate innovative research, may be basic or clinical in nature but must be relevant to our understanding, treatment and prevention of child and adolescent mental health disorders.

**Amount** $60,000 per year for 2 years

**Deadline:** March 16, 2016

http://www.aacap.org/AACAP/Awards/Resident_and_ECP_Awards/K12_PS_Award_Program_Substance_Abuse.aspx

**AACAP Pilot Research Award for Child Psychiatry Residents and Junior Faculty**

for child and adolescent psychiatry residents and junior faculty who have an interest in beginning a career in child and adolescent psychiatry research.

**Amount** $15,000

**Deadline:** March 30, 2016

http://www.aacap.org/AACAP/Awards/Resident_and_ECP_Awards/K12_PS_Award_Program_Substance_Abuse.aspx

**The AACAP Pilot Research Award**

Supported by Pfizer, Inc., for general psychiatry residents who have an interest in beginning a career in child and adolescent mental health research. By providing up to three awards to general psychiatry residents for pilot research programs, we support these young investigators at a critical stage, encouraging future careers in child and adolescent psychiatry research.

**Amount** $15,000

**Deadline:** March 30, 2016

http://www.aacap.org/AACAP/Awards/Resident_and_ECP_Awards/K12_PS_Award_Program_Substance_Abuse.aspx

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**American Federation for Aging Research**

**Glenn/AFAR Postdoctoral Fellowship Program for Translational Research on Aging**

The program was developed to address the current concerns about an adequate funding base for postdoctoral fellows (MD, MD/PhD and PhD) who specifically direct their research towards translational
findings and who will demonstrate how their research will have direct benefits to human aging. Postdoctoral fellows at all levels of training are eligible. Up to ten one-year fellowships will be awarded.

**Amount:** $49,000 to $60,000

**Deadline for Letter of Intent:** Mar. 3, 2016

[http://www.afar.org/research/funding/glenn-postdoc](http://www.afar.org/research/funding/glenn-postdoc)

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**American Parkinson’s Disease Association**

**George C. Cotzias Memorial Fellowships (in Neurology)**

Dr. George C. Cotzias was a pathfinder in the pharmacologic exploration of brain functions and in the treatment of Parkinson's disease with levodopa. His work stimulated much of the current interest and research on the problems of the neurological movement disorders. The goal of this program is to assist promising young neurologists in establishing careers in research, teaching and patient service relevant to the problems, causes, prevention, diagnosis and treatment of Parkinson's disease and related neurological movement disorders.

**Amount Available:** $240,000 over 3 years

**DEADLINE:** March 11, 2016


**Research Grant**

Research grants are intended and available for junior investigators to pursue research in Parkinson's disease. The applicant must be affiliated with and perform the research project at an academic institution. This is a grant of $50,000 per year for one year, renewable

**Amount Available:** $50,000 1 year

**DEADLINE:** March 11, 2016


**Post-Doctoral Fellowship**

Post-Doctoral fellowships are awarded to support post-doctoral scientists whose research training holds promise into new insights of geriatric psychology, pathophysiology, etiology and treatment of Parkinson's disease. This is a fellowship of $35,000 per year for one year. Applicants must have completed their MD, OD, PhD, MD/PhD, OD/PhD or clinical residency program within two (2) years of the onset of the proposed award.

**Amount Available:** $35,000 1 year

**DEADLINE:** March 11, 2016

American Sleep Medicine Foundation (ASMF)

Bridge to Success Award for Early Career Investigators
The American Sleep Medicine Foundation (ASMF) “Bridge to Success Awards” are designed to provide ‘bridge funding’ to promising sleep scientists who have applied for an entry level career development award such as a K grant from the NIH, a CDA-1 from the VA, or equivalent but whose applications are unlikely to be within the funding cutoff and who need additional time and resources to collect further data and respond to the funding institution’s critique, thereby increasing the chances of a successful grant resubmission.
Amount: $75,000
Deadlines: March **
http://www.discoversleep.org/focusedprojectsaward.aspx

Bridge to Success for Mid-Career/Senior Investigators
Obtaining federal funding to support basic, translational and clinical sleep research is challenging. In the current funding environment a significant number of established investigators are struggling to continue research programs that have been productive in the past. The ASMF Bridge to Success program now includes awards targeted for mid-level and senior investigators in sleep and biological rhythms who are in need of “bridge funding” while re-applying for research support. The Bridge to Success for Mid-Career/Senior Investigator Award is designed to assist established sleep investigators who have been independently supported by the NIH or other government research grants for at least five years, but whose current grant proposals are unlikely to be funded. A Bridge to Success Mid-Career/Senior Investigator Award will provide support for one year to help an independent investigator stay in the field of sleep research while reapplying for external funding
Amount: $75,000
Deadlines: March **
http://www.discoversleep.org/bridgetosleepmidlatecareer.aspx

American Society for Cell Biology (ASCB)

Overview of the mentoring program
The Faculty Research and Education Development (FRED) Program is a year-long program offered by the American Society for Cell Biology (ASCB) to promote grant funding success of junior faculty at institutions with a strong commitment to recruiting students from backgrounds underrepresented in STEM to the field of cell biology. Eligible scientists may submit applications to the Minorities Affairs Committee of the ASCB once the application opens in early 2016 and prior to the March 18, 2016 deadline.
Amount: unspecified
Application Deadline: March 18, 2016
http://www.ascb.org/the-faculty-research-and-education-development-fred-program/
ASTRO-American Society for Radiation Oncology

ASTRO Junior Faculty Career Research Training Award
The Junior Faculty Award provides $100,000 annually for two years to help develop the careers of promising junior faculty by allowing them dedicated time to work on research relevant to radiation oncology and cancer treatment.
Amount: $200,000 over 2 years
https://www.astro.org/Research/Funding-Opportunities/ASTRO-Supported-Grants/Index.aspx

ASTRO Residents/Fellows in Radiation Oncology Research Seed Grant
Seed Grants offer up to $25,000 to residents and fellows hoping to pursue careers in basic science or clinical research to support carrying out a pilot project related to radiation treatment.
Amount: $25,000
https://www.astro.org/Research/Funding-Opportunities/ASTRO-Supported-Grants/Index.aspx

ASTRO Minority Summer Fellowship Award
The purpose of the ASTRO Minority Summer Fellowship Award is to introduce medical students from backgrounds that are under-represented in medicine to the discipline of radiation oncology early in their medical education. Medical students in all years are encouraged to apply; preference will be given to first- and second-year students. In an effort to promote radiation oncology as a career choice, the fellowship will provide medical students with an experience designed to expose students to clinical, basic and translational research questions in radiation oncology.
Amount: $4,500
Application Deadline: March 6, 2016
https://www.astro.org/Research/Funding-Opportunities/ASTRO-Supported-Grants/Index.aspx

American Society for Reproductive Medicine

ASRM Research Grants
Proposals from junior faculty, particularly those in their first three years of faculty appointment, will receive priority. The ASRM Research Grants, which are funded by the ASRM, are reviewed by the ASRM Research Committee and awarded by the Board of Directors. Grants in amounts of $10,000 to $50,000 will be considered on an annual basis. A total of $200,000 is available for 2016. Funds are available for project expenses, technical assistance, patient expenses, research supplies and durable laboratory equipment. Up to ten percent (10%) of funds may be used for indirect costs or institutional overhead in circumstances deemed to be extraordinary by the Research Committee. Innovative projects or projects that have previously been funded by other sources and are in need of bridge funding are appropriate. Research grant funds may be expended over a 2-year time interval. If residual funds remain after 2 years, the principal investigator can apply for a no-cost extension. An individual is eligible to receive only one grant. Grants may be renewed under extraordinary circumstances, such as may be necessary to sustain an ongoing activity of importance to the Society.
Amount: $200,000 over 2 years
Deadlines: March **
KY Cha Award in Stem Cell Technology

This is a $20,000 grant awarded by ASRM and supported by an endowment from the Asia-Pacific Biomedical Research Foundation. The purpose of this award is to provide start-up funds to initiate an innovative research project in regenerative medicine and stem cell technology.

Amount: $20,000

Deadlines: March 2

https://www.asrm.org/ASRM_Research_Grants/

American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons-Research Foundation

Limited Project Grant (LPG)

Purpose: To provide investigator the opportunity to pursue research interest, specifically germane to the field of colon and rectal surgery. It is anticipated that successful research projects, initially funded through the American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons Research Foundation’s LPG mechanism, will ultimately secure funding from other national funding agencies.

Amount: Up to $50,000/year

Application Deadline: March 16th and October 1st

https://www.fascrs.org/educational-grants-and-awards

General Surgery Resident Research Initiation Grant

Purpose: To attract General Surgery Residents or recent graduates of such programs into the field of Colon and Rectal Surgery by providing opportunities to engage in clinical or laboratory-based research focused on diseases of the colon, rectum and anus.

Amount: $20,000

Proposal Deadline: March 16th

https://www.fascrs.org/educational-grants-and-awards

Medical Student Research Initiation Grant

Purpose: To provide opportunities for Medical Students to participate in clinical or laboratory-based research focused on diseases of the colon, rectum and anus.

Amount: $4,000

Proposal Deadline: March 16th

https://www.fascrs.org/educational-grants-and-awards

International Fellowship Grant

Purpose: To provide research support to residents and clinical investigators from outside the U.S. or Canada to travel to the U.S. or Canada to do research or residents and clinical investigators in the U.S. or Canada to travel outside the U.S. or Canada to do research.

Amount: Up to $50,000/year

Application Deadline: March 16th

https://www.fascrs.org/educational-grants-and-awards
American Society of Hematology

The ASH Scholar Awards
Designed to support hematologists who have chosen a career in research by providing partial salary or other support during that critical period required for completion of training and achievement of status as an independent investigator. Basic/Translational or Clinical Research is supported. Awards are limited to a maximum of $100,000 for fellow scholars and $150,000 for junior faculty scholars over a two- to three-year period, with an annual maximum of $50,000 for fellows and $75,000 for junior faculty. Up to 15 percent of the award can be (but is not required to be) used for benefits, including medical and dental insurance, life insurance, and retirement benefits.

Amount: $100,000 to $150,000 over 2-3 years

Deadlines: LOI opens March 4 to May 1,
Application Deadline: August 3


ASH-AMFDP
The shortage of minority scholars in the field of hematology is an issue that affects not only hematologists, but the medical community at large. In keeping with the goals of ASH's strategic plan, the Society is pleased to announce the ASH-AMFDP - a partnership between the American Society of Hematology and the Harold Amos Medical Faculty Development Program (AMFDP) of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. The goal of the partnership is to increase the number of underrepresented minority scholars from the field of hematology with academic and research appointments. The ASH-AMFDP joins the Minority Medical Student Award Program (MMSAP) as the second component of the ASH Minority Recruitment Initiative.

Amount: $105,000 for 4 years

Application Deadline: Opens in Feb to Mid March


Anesthesia Patient Safety Foundation

The Anesthesia Patient Safety Foundation (APSF) Grant Program supports research directed towards enhancing anesthesia patient safety. The Program’s objective is to stimulate and fund studies that will clearly improve patient safety and lead to prevention of mortality and morbidity resulting from anesthesia mishaps. The APSF’s vision statement is that no patient shall be harmed by anesthesia and the mission is to improve the safety of patients during anesthesia care by encouraging and conducting: safety research and education; patient safety programs and campaigns; and national and international exchange of information and ideas.

Amount: Up to $150,000 for 1-2 years

LOI Deadline: March**
**A-T Children’s Project**

**Research Grants**

The A-T Children’s Project provides competitive awards for basic science, translational and clinical research grants related to ataxia-telangiectasia. In giving these grant awards, the Project strives to assist respected scientists in developing a clearer understanding of ataxia-telangiectasia. We are determined to find a timely cure, or life-improving treatments, for this serious disease.

The A-T Children's Project strives to assist respected scientists around the world in developing a clearer understanding of ataxia-telangiectasia. We are determined to find a timely cure, or life-improving treatments, for this serious disease. Grant awards are made through a careful and detailed selection process. The members of our Scientific Advisory Board examine each proposal and make their independent recommendations to our Board of Directors which then votes on each proposed project. Proposals from junior investigators, from scientists in related disciplines, and from individuals with innovative new ideas for A-T research are particularly encouraged, as are laboratories and teams working together from industry as well as teaching universities.

**Amount:** $75,000 per year up to 2 years

**Deadline:** Application March 1 & September 1

**URL:** [http://www.communityatcp.org/ResearchGrantProgram](http://www.communityatcp.org/ResearchGrantProgram)

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**Basser Center for BRCA**

Research grant applications in basic science, prevention, early detection, or targeted therapeutics and relevant to the study of BRCA1/2 will be considered. Grants that demonstrate a potential for translation into clinical practice will be prioritized for funding.

**Amount $100,000**

**Deadlines:** To be announced


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**Baxter Healthcare Corporation**

**Baxter BioScience Grants**

The Grants program was established to foster advances in scientific research and medical education. With an emphasis on the patient as a priority, the Grants program is designed to support novel therapeutic discoveries. The Grants Team oversees the review, award, and progress of investigator initiated research, medical education, and fellowship grants from around the world. The Grants Team works closely with the regional and global Medical Affairs teams and cross functional resources in Hematology, Immunology, and Oncology to critically assess each grant request. Grant proposals demonstrating exceptional scientific merit and therapeutic alignment are prioritized for funding and product awards.
Bladder Cancer Advocacy Network

Young Investigator Awards

Raising the bar on research, BCAN launched its Young Investigator Awards in 2013, comprised of three research awards of $100,000 each, over a two-year period. The goal of these grants is to support the development of outstanding research scientists and clinical cancer research investigators who have demonstrated a commitment to improving the understanding and treatment of bladder cancer. These grants fund researchers who work in basic, translational, clinical, epidemiologic, bioengineering or any other scientific or research field, but are also working in a research environment capable of supporting transformational bladder cancer research.

Amount: $100,000 over 2 years

Deadlines: March **

http://www.bcan.org/research/young-investigator-awards/

Boehringer Ingelheim Pharma GmbH & Co. KG / Boehringer Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (BIPI)Investigator-Initiated Study Program for Diabetes

The Investigator-Initiated Study (IIS) Program for Diabetes aims at advancing the delivery of quality healthcare by supporting investigator original research that will enhance the understanding of disease entities and their treatment. This program is open to all academic and community-based physicians and researchers worldwide who are interested in conducting their own research. The goal of this study program is to expedite the evaluation and approval of requests for unsolicited research support from physicians and other qualified researchers. Independent investigator original research will be supported to enhance the understanding of diabetes.

Amount: not specified

Deadline: March 1, 2016


Burroughs Wellcome Fund

Innovation in Regulatory Science

BWF’s Innovation in Regulatory Science Awards provide up to $500,000 over five years to academic investigators developing new methodologies or innovative approaches in regulatory science that will ultimately inform the regulatory decisions the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and others make.
Childhood Brain Tumor Foundation

Research
The Childhood Brain Tumor Foundation (CBTF) has funded state-of-the-art research and supported conferences for pediatric brain tumors over the past 20 years. Grant Applications submitted during our open Grant Application period are are reviewed thoroughly by our dedicated team of renown scientific advisors. CBTF selects only the highest quality research for pediatric brain tumors. Our process is based on National Institutes of Health review standards, led by Dr. Roger J. Packer, founding advisor and chairman of the advisory.

- Pediatric Brain Tumor Grant Awards
  Our standard grant request for pediatric brain tumor awards will continue as usual. We anticipate funding up to two (2) research proposals that are a maximum of two years in duration. Funding requests cannot exceed $30,000/year or a maximum of $60,000 over the course of the award.

- Astrocytoma Research Award
  We have specific funds for one, 1-year research proposal related to all grades of astrocytoma. The funding request for this award can be up to a maximum of $50,000.

- Glioblastoma (GBM) Research Award
  We have specific funds for one, 1-year research proposal related to Glioblastoma (GBM). The funding request for this award can be up to a maximum of $45,000.

- Diffuse Intrinsic Pontine Glioma Research Award
  We have specific funds for one, 1-year research proposal related to Diffuse Intrinsic Pontine Glioma. The funding request for this award can be up to a maximum of $50,000.

Deadline: March 18, 2016
http://www.childhoodbraintumor.org/opportunities-for-researchers

Craig H. Neilsen Foundation

SPINAL CORD INJURY MEDICINE FELLOWSHIP
The SCIMF program awards grants annually to selected training programs accredited by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME). The Foundation’s goal is to help increase the number of qualified physicians who are mentored and trained to practice in the field of spinal cord injury medicine.

- One-year SCIMF grants are available annually to qualified ACGME-accredited sites that offer spinal cord injury medicine training in the U.S.

Deadline: March 18, 2016
http://www.childhoodbraintumor.org/opportunities-for-researchers
CSL Behring
The Interlaken Leadership Awards
CSL Behring is pleased to welcome you to the Interlaken Leadership Awards program, a global initiative to support investigator-led research in the field of polyvalent immunoglobulin therapy. The Interlaken Leadership Awards support original research in the field of neuroimmunology. Investigators whose proposals are approved by the review committee will receive monetary grants and/or drug supply. The size of the individual grants is not predetermined, in order to accommodate a wide variety of investigator needs. However small innovative trials and pilot studies may be favoured over large confirmatory trials.
Amount: unspecified
Deadline: March 1, 2016
http://www.interlakenleadershipawards.com/applications.aspx

Cure Citizens United in Research for Epilepsy
2016 CURE Epilepsy Award
CURE’s investigator-initiated grants program seeks to boldly push the envelope and accelerate promising research leading to disease-modifying breakthroughs for people living with epilepsy. CURE prioritizes highly innovative, often risky, paradigm-shifting projects that address CURE’s mission to cure epilepsy, affirming our core belief that the only acceptable final goal is “no seizures, no side-effects.”
Amount: $250,000
Deadline: LOI 2nd cycle March 16, 2016 – Application deadline June 15, 2016
http://www.cureepilepsy.org/research/grant_cure.asp

2016 CURE Taking Flight Award
CURE seeks to promote the careers of young investigators to allow them to develop a research focus independent of their mentor(s). Researchers may propose basic or clinical studies, but this award mechanism is not intended to support clinical trials. Research that involves collaboration and a multidisciplinary approach is desirable. Applicant will be required to discuss how this avenue of research is independent from his or her mentor’s research, and will lead him or her to a path of independent epilepsy research. We encourage studies that will provide new directions for epilepsy therapy, prevention and, ultimately, a cure and that will allow applicants to collect the data necessary to support a National Institutes of Health grant application.
Amount: $100,000
Deadline: LOI 2nd cycle March 16, 2016
2016 CURE Innovator Award
The CURE Innovator Award supports the exploration of a highly innovative, often risky new concept or untested theory that addresses an important problem relevant to epilepsy. The Innovator Award proposed research must reflect ideas substantially different from those being pursued by anyone in the epilepsy research field. The program is not intended to support the logical progression of an already established research project but, instead, allows Principal Investigators (PIs) the opportunity to pursue radically unconventional, paradigm-shifting hypotheses. CURE Awards This award mechanism supports high-risk studies that have the potential to reveal entirely new areas of epilepsy research. Research completed through an Innovator Award must provide sufficient preliminary data to enable the PI to prove or disprove their groundbreaking, original, and/or unconventional hypothesis and have the potential, if the scope of work is successful, to move epilepsy research forward by leaps rather than by incremental steps.

Amount: $50,000
Deadline: LOI 2nd cycle March 16, 2016

CurePSP – Unlocking the Secrets of Brain Disease (Progressive supranuclear palsy (PSP))
Grants Program CurePSP has always believed that truly effective clinical interventions will follow good, solid basic scientific research. For this reason, CurePSP promotes research that helps generate an integrated picture of PSP and CBD at the molecular and cellular levels. CurePSP believes that in the long term, research of this nature will prove indispensable in developing a prevention or cure for PSP and CBD. CurePSP has carefully structured its research program and has identified the programs that have been the most successful and those that need strengthening. With an increased research budget made possible through improved donor support, CurePSP will be able to markedly intensify the efforts to cure the disease in a way that promises relief for those afflicted today as well as hope for those who may be afflicted tomorrow.

Amount: $100,000 over 3 years
Application Deadline: March 15, July 15 and December 15, 2016

Damon Runyon Cancer Research Foundation
Fellowship Award
The Foundation encourages all theoretical and experimental research relevant to the study of cancer and the search for cancer causes, mechanisms, therapies and prevention. Candidates must apply for the fellowship under the guidance of a Sponsor—a scientist (tenured, tenure-track or equivalent position) capable of providing mentorship to the Fellow. In addition to aiding in the planning, execution and supervision of the proposed research, the Sponsor’s role is to foster the development of the Fellow’s
overall knowledge, technical and analytical skills, and capacity for scientific inquiry. The Sponsor is also expected to assist the Fellow in attaining his/her career goals.

**Amount:** $240,000 over 4 years  
**Deadlines:** March 15, 2016 & August.  
http://www.damonrunyon.org/for_scientists/more/fellowship_award_overview

**Damon Runyon-Sohn Pediatric Cancer Fellowship Award**

The Damon Runyon Cancer Research Foundation has joined together with the Sohn Conference Foundation, dedicated to curing pediatric cancers, to establish the Damon Runyon-Sohn Pediatric Cancer Fellowship Award. This award provides funding to basic scientists and clinicians who conduct research with the potential to significantly impact the prevention, diagnosis or treatment of one or more pediatric cancers.

**Amount:** $240,000 over 4 years  
**Deadline:** March 15, 2016  
http://www.damonrunyon.org/for_scientists/more/pediatric_fellowship_award_application

**DEBRA International Organization**

**Epidermolysis Bullosa Research Project Grant**

DEBRA International is a worldwide network of national groups working on behalf of those affected by the genetic skin blistering condition epidermolysis bullosa (EB). One of DEBRA International's main activities is supporting research to gain a better understanding of the causes of all forms of epidermolysis bullosa (EB), with the aim of developing improved treatments and diagnostics and, ultimately, we hope, even cures.

**Amount:** $240,000  
**Deadline:** March 15, 2016  
URL: http://www.debra-international.org/research/funding.html

**Epilepsy Foundation**

**New Therapy Commercialization Grants Program**

The Epilepsy Foundation - New Therapy Commercialization Grants Program supports the development of more effective therapies by serving as a catalyst for moving innovative therapies from the laboratory to the patient. Investigators must hold a relevant advanced degree (M.D., and/or Ph.D.), and have completed all research training. For the New Therapy–Commercialization Grants, the Epilepsy Foundation encourages 1:1 matching grants to academic and commercial entities to support the commercialization of novel approaches to the treatment of epilepsy. These matching funds seek to leverage other resources, and accelerate the pace of therapeutic advances. Preference will be given to proposals that already have a commercial partner engaged to assist with development and to proposals that have committed or matched funding from the sponsoring institution, commercial partner or other third party source. For the New Therapy Commercialization Grants, applicants must demonstrate background work beyond the basic science discovery stage.

**Amount:** There is no specific limit for budgets.  
**Application deadline:** LOIs due March 7, 2016 Proposal is Due: April 22, 2016
Epilepsy Innovation Seal of Excellence
The Epilepsy Innovation Seal of Excellence award is similar to the Epilepsy Foundation - New Therapy Commercialization Grants (NTCG) Program above, designed to accelerate the advancement of research from the laboratory to the patient. SEALS are provided to academic and commercial groups worldwide. The program seeks to advance the development of new therapies including but not limited to medicines, biologics or devices. All proposals must demonstrate a clear path from the lab to the patient and are evaluated with consideration for their potential value to patients, likelihood of successful development including regulatory approval and the timeframe of development. Drug development may be stimulated at the early phases leading to an IND.

The Epilepsy Innovation Seal of Excellence award is not primarily a grant program. The program provides a competitive, in-depth review by the Scientific and Business Advisory Boards and an actual SEAL that may be used by the awardee to generate interest in the project. A one-time monetary award of $25,000 may be given in recognition of the potential significance of the project in addressing a significant need in epilepsy. The SEAL is awarded for one year, renewable upon application, for up to a total of four years; the funding for this award, if given, is only provided for the first year. The applicants will typically have a research budget of between $1 and $5M for the overall project—amounts that currently exceed the resources of the Epilepsy Foundation. The Epilepsy Foundation will assist the awardees in finding funds for the selected projects.

Amount: $25,000 per year up to 4 years.
Application deadline: LOIs due March 7, 2016 Proposal is Due: April 22, 2016

Foundation Fighting Blindness
Career Development Awards (CDA)
The Foundation Fighting Blindness (FFB) is soliciting applications for Career Development Awards (CDA) from clinical research scientists of superior dedication and talent. The award is for junior investigators to pursue vigorous research programs to drive the research to find the therapies and cures for retinal degenerative diseases (RDDs), i.e., inherited orphan retinal degenerative diseases and non-exudative age-related macular degeneration. The goal of this Program is to facilitate advances in laboratory and clinical research, to elucidate the mechanisms for the etiology and pathogenesis of RDDs and to develop innovative strategies to prevent, treat and cure these diseases.

Amount: $375,000 over 5 years
Application Deadline: March 1, 2016

Health Resources in Action, the Medical Foundation division
Taub Foundation Grants Program for Myelodysplastic Syndromes (MDS) Research
The Taub Foundation Grants Program for Myelodysplastic Syndromes (MDS) Research was created to support high-impact, innovative translational research to understand the underlying causes of MDS and to advance its treatment and prevention. The Program specifically focuses on MDS research, exclusive of AML and MPN. Studies focusing on molecular genetics, epigenetics, splicing factors, stem cells, the microenvironment and novel therapeutic targets relevant to MDS are encouraged.

**Amount:** $100,000 over 2 years  
**Initial Proposal Deadline:** March 1, 2016  
[http://hria.org/tmfservices/tmfgrants/taub.html](http://hria.org/tmfservices/tmfgrants/taub.html)

**Charles H. Hood Foundation Child Health Research Awards Program**

The intent of the Child Health Research Awards Program is to support newly independent faculty, provide the opportunity to demonstrate creativity, and assist in the transition to other sources of research funding. Two-year grants of $150,000 ($75,000 per year inclusive of 10% indirect costs) are awarded to researchers who have completed their fellowship training at the time of application and are within five years of their first faculty appointment by the funding start date. Applicants must be working in nonprofit academic, medical or research institutions within the six New England states. Grants support hypothesis-driven clinical, basic science, public health, health services research, and epidemiology projects focused on child health. Application deadlines occur in the spring and fall of each year. Funding begins every January 1st and July 1st.

**Amount:** $150,000 over 2 years  
**Deadline:** March 21, 2016  

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**Howard and Georgeanna Jones Foundation for Reproductive Medicine**

**Young Investigators Achievement Award**

This grant will foster the career development of a young research investigator working in an approved fellowship program of reproductive medicine or a young research investigator at the level of instructor through associate professor in the field of reproductive medicine in an accredited medical school in the United States. The applicant must have a strong career goal within the field of reproductive medicine and be dedicated to the furtherance of knowledge concerning assisted reproductive techniques and infertility. The research must be focused on new discoveries in basic and clinical sciences, which should have current or potential impact on the understanding and treatment of infertility. Preference will be given to investigations that target improvement in the efficiency of in vitro fertilization.

**Amount:** $60,000 for one year.  
**Deadline for receipt of nominations is March 15**  
[http://www.jonesfound.org/research-grant-guidelines](http://www.jonesfound.org/research-grant-guidelines)

**Dr. Howard W. Jones, Jr. Public Policy, Medical Education or Scientific Advancement Prize**

This prize is designed to recognize those whose contributions to public policy and/or medical education have significantly advanced the specialty of reproductive medicine.

**Amount:** $10,000.  
**Selection Process:** The Medical Executive Committee of the Howard and Georgeanna Jones Foundation will review the credentials of the nominees and the awardee will be notified.
Human Frontier Science Program

Young Investigators’ Grants and Program Research Grants
Recognizing the challenge of establishing an independent research group at an early stage of a career, a special consideration will take into account the overall level of interdisciplinary in Young Investigator applications. Newly appointed investigators will be expected to propose projects with team members having distinct expertise and coming from different areas of the life sciences (if not from outside the life sciences). Projects from more established investigators will preferably involve collaboration with scientists from outside the life sciences, as in the Program Grants.

Amount: $450,000 per year

LOI Application Deadline: March 31, 2016
Full Application Deadline: September
http://www.hfsp.org/funding/research-grants

Program Research Grants
Program Grants are meant to allow teams of independent researchers to develop new lines of research through the collaboration. Priority will be given to new, innovative research projects for which preliminary results might not necessarily be available. Applications including independent investigators early in their careers are encouraged.

Formal eligibility requirements: all members of a Program Grant team must be in a position to initiate and direct their own independent lines of research. They must have responsibility for their own laboratories and show evidence of independence. “Postdocs” are not eligible to apply.

Amount: $450,000

LOI Application Deadline: March 31, 2016
Full Application Deadline: September
http://www.hfsp.org/funding/research-grants

Huntington’s Disease Society of America (HDSA)

Berman/Topper HD Career Development Fellowship
A stagnant NIH budget and lack of career development mechanisms for young HD researchers has led to an environment where the funding opportunities for young HD researchers are limited. The Huntington’s Disease Society of America (HDSA) believes we must ensure that the pipeline of passionate and bright HD scientists and clinicians remains full, a vision that is shared by the Berman and Topper families. With that in mind and with their support, HDSA is committed to sponsoring innovative lines of scientific inquiry into HD biology by young researchers with a desire in making HD part of their career plan. The goal of this new program is to develop the next generation of passionate and innovative HD

• Applications are welcome from young scientists/clinicians who are interested in a career in Huntington’s disease research or care.
Applicants should be no more than 5 years removed from obtaining their PhD or completing their residency/fellowship.

Applicants cannot have their own laboratory and must identify an individual who will serve as his or her mentor and supervisor.

Open to researchers from around the world.

Amount: up to $80,000/year for 3 years

Deadline: March 14, 2016

http://hdsa.org/bermantopperfellowship/

Donald A. King Summer Research Fellowship program

The purpose of this fellowship program is two-fold: first, to attract the brightest young scientists into the field of Huntington’s disease research and secondly, to facilitate meaningful HD research to clarify the biological mechanisms underlying HD pathology. The Fellowship sponsors college students to pursue an HD research project during the summer months. Fellowship recipients, working under the supervision of senior HD scientists, will undertake a project that is focused and achievable in a short timeframe, yet helpful in guiding future HD research. Applications are accepted between December and March each year.

Amount: up to $4,500

Deadline: March 4, 2016

http://hdsa.org/hd-research/the-donald-a-king-summer-research-fellowship/

International Rett Syndrome Foundation

Translational Research Program

HeART (Help Accelerate RTT Therapeutics) grant awards are designed to promote the development and testing of therapeutics to treat and reverse Rett syndrome (RTT). Awards will be provided for cell-based assay development, early-stage drug discovery and development, early stage medicinal chemistry efforts on high value candidate therapeutics, cell-based screening of candidate therapeutics and follow-on early-stage in vivo testing. Grant applications for exploratory studies towards development of biomarkers or objective clinical outcome measures will also be considered. The goal of this award mechanism is to provide seed funding for early stage drug discovery and development efforts.

Amount: $150,000 for two years


Invitation of full applications by: June 13, 2016

Applications due: July 25, 2016

http://www.rettsyndrome.org/research/grant-programs

ANGEL (Advanced Neurotherapeutic Grant of Excellence) grant awards must be comprised of very specific programs that are focused on pre-clinical drug discovery and development or clinical testing of therapeutic candidates. The goal is to provide larger, multi-year awards with a strong emphasis placed on the later stages of translational research. ANGEL awards will be milestone-based and as such are subject to interim review of progress.
Basic Research Program
Rettsyndrome.org announces the availability of Regular Research grants for international biomedical research to promote the understanding of MeCP2 in the pathogenesis of the neurobehavioral phenotype of Rett syndrome (RTT). We seek to gain a better understanding of the underlying pathology of the disorder leading to an amelioration of the symptoms and a cure for RTT. The two year Regular research grant awards are meant to (1) provide seed money for research that encompasses innovative therapeutic approaches and cutting-edge diagnostic techniques, (2) design to assist investigators establish careers in fields relevant to Rett syndrome research, and (3) lead to follow-on funding from other agencies.

Amount: $150,000 for two years

DEADLINES:
Letters of Intent due: May 31, 2016
Invitation of full applications by: June 13, 2016
Applications due: July 25, 2016

Mentored Training Fellowship Program
Rettsyndrome.org announces the availability of Mentored Training Fellowships to support scientists early in their career to in both basic and clinical research in the field of Rett syndrome so that they become successful, independent basic research scientists and clinical investigators. The two year Mentored Training fellowships are designed to assist post-doctoral and clinical scientist researcher in training to establish careers in fields relevant to Rett syndrome research. The Fellowship applicant is considered the Principal Investigator (PI) for the application, and is required to identify a sponsoring mentor.

Amount: $100,000 for two years

DEADLINES:
Letters of Intent due: May 31, 2016
Invitation of full applications by: June 13, 2016
Applications due: July 25, 2016

Neuro-Habilitation Research Program

Neuro-Habilitation HeART (Help Accelerate RTT Therapeutics) grant awards are designed to provide funding for research aimed at maximizing function and abilities in the boys and girls with Rett syndrome. The program specifically targets research for cognitive therapies, physical therapies, occupational therapies and speech therapies, which will directly impact the quality of life for those affected by Rett syndrome.

Amount: $150,000 for two years

DEADLINES:
Letters of Intent due: May 31, 2016
Invitation of full applications by: June 13, 2016
Applications due: July 25, 2016
**James S. McDonnell Foundation (JSMF)**

**Scholar Award in Complex Systems (Scholar-CS)**
For Scholar Awards the program’s emphasis is furthering the science of complex systems via the continued development of the theory and tools used in the study of complex research questions and not on particular fields of research per se. JSMF is particularly interested in projects attempting to apply complex systems approaches to coherently articulated questions. JSMF supports research in the brain sciences through its topical program Understanding Human Cognition.

**Amount:** $450,000 for 6 years

**Deadline:** March 18, 2016

[https://www.jsmf.org/programs/cs/](https://www.jsmf.org/programs/cs/)

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**Kidney Foundation of Canada**

**Alport Syndrome Foundation (ASF)**
The ASF, Pedersen Family, and the Kidney Foundation of Canada have announced that funding is available for basic science and clinical research to enhance the understanding and treatment of Alport syndrome. The objective of this research funding program is to advance the knowledge of, develop effective treatment protocols for, and discover a cure for Alport Syndrome. Applications that address the repurposing of existing approved drugs for the treatment of Alport Syndrome, the hearing loss aspects of Alport Syndrome, and the development and testing of gene therapy approaches are encouraged.

**Amount:** $100,000 1 to 2 years

**DEADLINE:** Monday, March 21, 2016 (5:00 PM Arizona time/MST)

[www.alportsyndrome.org](http://www.alportsyndrome.org)
[www.kidney.ca](http://www.kidney.ca)

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**Klingenstein Fund and Simons Foundation**

**Klingenstein-Simons Fellowship**
Previously known as the Klingenstein Fellowship Awards in the Neurosciences, this year’s awards are the third from this joint project of the Klingenstein Fund and the Simons Foundation. The awards are among the nation’s oldest and most illustrious fellowships for young investigators in neuroscience research. Aimed at advancing cutting-edge investigations, the awards are presented to highly promising, early career scientists. At this critical juncture in young investigators’ careers, when funding can be a challenge, the fellowship awards promote higher-risk, and potentially higher-reward, projects.

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

**Deadline:** March 1, 2016
Lupus Foundation of America

LIFELINE Grant Program
The purpose of the Foundation’s LIFELINE Grant Program is to provide temporary salary support for faculty who experience a gap in external funding for a specific, previously funded research project due to the decreased funding available from government sources. The award is intended to keep an investigator’s project on track while they reapply for funding. Applications focusing on basic, clinical and/or translational research will be considered.

Amount $135,000

Deadline: LOI March **

http://www.lupus.org/research/request-for-applications

Career Development Award
To facilitate the professional development of rheumatology, nephrology and dermatology fellows, in the U.S. and Canada, interested in lupus research towards a career as an independent clinician-scientist at an academic, medical, or research institution, with a research program having considerable focus on the investigation of basic, clinical, translational, behavioral or epidemiological lupus research.

Amount $70,000 per year for 2 years

Deadline: LOI March **

http://www.lupus.org/research/request-for-applications

Gina M. Finzi Memorial Student Summer Fellowship Program
To foster an interest, among students, in the areas of basic, clinical, translational, epidemiological, or behavioral research relevant to lupus under the sponsorship and supervision of an established, tenure-track Principal Investigator who directs a laboratory, dedicated at least in part to the investigation of lupus at an academic, medical, or research institution. The institution must be in the U.S., Canada, or Mexico.

Fellowship Award Amount: $4,000

Deadline: LOI March **

http://www.lupus.org/research/request-for-applications

Clinical and Translational Research on Health Outcomes in Pediatric Lupus
The Lupus Foundation of America seeks applications whose research results will significantly enhance the current understanding of the short or long-term, physical and/or mental health outcomes of children and adolescents with lupus, as well as the long-term outcomes/late effects of childhood-onset lupus and its associated treatment. The ultimate goal of this research is to improve the health outcomes of individuals

URL: http://www.klingfund.org/
who develop lupus during childhood. The Foundation is particularly interested in projects that utilize the lupus portion of the CARRA registry—the largest pediatric rheumatology registry in North America.

**Fellowship Award Amount: $100,000**

**Deadline: LOI March**

http://www.lupus.org/research/request-for-applications

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**March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation**

**BASIL O’CONNOR STARTER SCHOLAR RESEARCH AWARD**

This award is designed to support young scientists just embarking on their independent research careers. The applicants' research interests should be consonant with those of the March of Dimes' mission: The Mission of the March of Dimes is to improve the health of babies by preventing birth defects, premature birth and infant mortality. The March of Dimes defines a birth defect as any abnormality of structure or function, whether inherited, or acquired in utero and presenting in infancy or early childhood. Deviations from reproductive health of women and men as an underlying basis of birth defects, i.e. preconceptional events, perinatal course, and premature births, are appropriate subjects for research support. Relevance is interpreted broadly to include fundamental cell biology (embryogenesis, cell lineage, differentiation), genetics and genomics, fundamental cellular and clinical pathogenesis of disorders of importance to mothers and infants, biomedical engineering and imaging, and social and behavioral aspects.

**Amount:** $150,000 for 2 years

**Nomination Deadline:** MARCH 16, 2016

http://www.marchofdimes.org/research-grants.aspx


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**McKnight Endowment Fund for Neuroscience**

**McKnight Memory and Cognitive Disorders**

The McKnight Endowment Fund for Neuroscience supports innovative research designed to bring science closer to the day when diseases of the brain can be accurately diagnosed, prevented, and treated. To this end, the McKnight Memory and Cognitive Disorders Award assists scientists working to apply the knowledge achieved through basic research to human brain disorders that affect memory or cognition.

**Amount:** $300,000 over 3 years

**Application Deadline:** March 1, 2016

http://www.neuroscience.mcknight.org
Melanoma Research Foundation (MRF)

Career Development Awards (CDA)
The CDAs provide funding of up to $50,000 per year for two years to junior investigators. Researchers who are beginning a research career focused on melanoma and have not yet established strong federal funding for their research are eligible. The use of relevant genetic models and human derived tumor samples is highly encouraged.

Amount: $100,000 over 2 years
Application Deadline: March 1, 2016
http://www.melanoma.org/research-center/research-grants/types-of-funding

Established Investigator Awards (EIA)
The EIAs provide funding of up to $100,000 per year for two years to established melanoma researchers, or senior researchers working in closely related fields who wish to move into melanoma research. The use of relevant genetic models and human derived tumor samples is highly encouraged.

Amount: $200,000 over 2 years
Application Deadline: March 1, 2016
http://www.melanoma.org/research-center/research-grants/types-of-funding

Team Awards
Team Awards provide funding of up to $250,000 per year, for two years. Teams should consist of a PI and at least one co-PI, possibly from different institutions. Teams consisting of both basic scientists and clinicians to address an unmet clinical need are encouraged, as is the inclusion of a junior scientist. The use of relevant genetic models and human derived tumor samples is required. Use of clinically annotated samples, samples from clinical trials and trials conducted within the MRF Breakthrough Consortium (MRFBC) are particularly welcomed, but not required. All Team Awards must address one of the Specific Topic Proposals (STPs) identified below. Team applications should demonstrate how the proposal will answer the selected unmet need topic. Team applications need to establish the relative contribution of each member of the team for the proposed studies. A previous record of collaboration for the proposed team is advantageous.

Amount: $500,000 over 2 years
Application Deadline: March 1, 2016
http://www.melanoma.org/research-center/research-grants/types-of-funding

Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation (MMRF)

Senior Research Awards:
For established investigators who hold a Ph.D., M.D. or equivalent degree who have documented experience in blood cancer research or in research areas that are pertinent to multiple myeloma. The goal of this initiative is to accelerate the development of therapeutic approaches for myeloma and may include proposals in basic science, validation, or clinical research.

Applicants may request up to $100,000 per year for 2 years, or $200,000 total.
Application deadline: March **
http://www.themmrf.org/research-partners/mmrf-research-grants/
National Hemophilia Foundation

NHF-Baxter Clinical Fellowship

Individual nominations for the NHF-Baxalta Clinical Fellowship can only be made by institutions that have already received approval (or are in the process of applying) to participate in the program. The program is also designed to prepare fellows for careers in academic medicine, providing critical training in an environment that fosters research to develop better forms of therapy for hemophilia, as well as other bleeding and clotting disorders.

Amount $200,000 over 2 years

Deadline: March 17

https://www.hemophilia.org/sites/default/files/basic-page/documents/Clinical-Fellowship-Candidate-Application.pdf

Noonan Research Fund

Deborah Munroe Noonan Memorial Research Fund

The Noonan Research Fund, established in 1947 by Frank M. Noonan in memory of his mother, continues its proud tradition of supporting non-profit organizations and academic institutions that serve children with physical or developmental disabilities within their geographic area of interest of Greater Boston. The Noonan Research Fund supports innovative clinical and service system research and demonstration projects designed to improve the quality of life for children with disabilities relevant to the Noonan focus. The Sara Elizabeth O'Brien Trust, Bank of America, N.A., Trustee, will support up to one additional research project submitted to the Noonan Research program focusing on medical research related to blindness (not other visual impairments, e.g., strabismus) in children and adolescents. The O'Brien Trust submissions are not restricted to the Noonan geographical area of interest.

New investigators are encouraged to submit proposals. Neither a faculty position nor an advanced degree is required. Senior investigators are also welcome to apply.

Eligibility Requirements:

• Applicants must hold a position within a non-profit organization or institution
• Project must address the target population age range of birth through 23 years old
• The majority of research subjects must be within the Fund’s geographic area of interest (See list of eligible cities and towns)

Amount $80,000

Deadline: March 22, 2016

www.tmfgrants.org/Noonan

Organization for Autism Research

Research Grant

OAR conducts open grant competitions to select pilot studies for funding in autism research each year. One is for researchers; the other is for graduate students conducting autism research in support of an advanced degree. Both competitions are intended to promote research in the analysis, evaluation, or comparison of
assessment or treatment models, focusing on aspects of early education, behavioral, or communication intervention and adult issues such as continuing education, employment, housing models and “later intervention.” In keeping with OAR’s mission, the goal of this sponsored research is to promote studies that yield practical and clearly objective results that contribute to enhanced quality of life for people with autism and provide evidence-based information for use by parents, families, and service providers.

Amount $30,000
Deadline for Pre-proposals: Mar. 28, 2016
http://www.researchautism.org/professionals/grants/index.asp

Pelvic Floor Disorders Research Foundation
PFD Research
The Foundation serves the medical profession by supporting promising, innovative research regarding the causes, prevention, cure and treatment of pelvic floor disorders. Foundation research funds are made available to qualified ob/gyn and urology fellows and junior faculty to pursue their research question. Goals of this research grant program are to support the completion of research projects which will lead to publication and presentation at future AUGS Annual Scientific Meetings and to support the development of junior researchers in the field who will go on to obtain additional funding for future research on pelvic floor disorders.

Amount: unspecified
Deadlines: March 1, 2016
http://www.pfdresearch.org/index.php?mo=cm&op=ld&fid=536

Pfizer, Inc

ASPIRE Breast Cancer Research program
The mission of this ASPIRE Awards program is to support clinical research of palbociclib in advanced breast cancer through a competitive grants program that advances knowledge of palbociclib in the treatment and disease management of ABC.

Amount: 2016 ASPIRE Breast Cancer Research Awards program intends to fund 4 to 6 clinical studies within research scope, for a total of approximately 4 million US dollars.
DEADLINE: March 31, 2016
http://www.aspireresearch.org/bc/index.html

Independent Grants for Learning & Change (IGLC) Track 2 - (CGA) Knowledge Gaps in Ulcerative Colitis (UC)
The mission of Pfizer Independent Grants for Learning & Change (IGL&C) is to partner with the global healthcare community to improve patient outcomes in areas of mutual interest through support of measurable learning and change strategies. “Independent” means that the projects funded by Pfizer are the full responsibility of the recipient organization. Pfizer has no influence over any aspect of the projects and only asks for reports about the results and the impact of the projects in order to share them publicly.
Programs designed to increase healthcare provider knowledge related to the current and emerging treatment paradigm as well as the overall management of UC will be considered. The intent of this CGA is to encourage organizations to submit applications for independent educational grants to provide programing targeted to healthcare providers caring for patients with UC. While programs do not need to be certified for continuing education credit, all programs must be independent in nature.

Through this CGA we encourage organizations to submit grant requests that, if funded, will support education in a specific disease state, therapeutic area, or broader area of educational need. The following may apply: medical, dental, nursing, allied health, and/or pharmacy professional schools; healthcare institutions (both large and small); professional associations and medical societies; medical education companies; and other entities with a mission related to healthcare professional education and/or healthcare improvement.

**Amount:** $250,000 - $500,000.

**DEADLINE:** March 4, 2016


**Independent Grants for Learning & Change (IGLC) Track 2 - From Paper to Practice: Updated Guidelines in Rheumatoid Arthritis**

The American College of Rheumatology Guideline for the Treatment of Rheumatoid Arthritis (RA) was published in November 2015. In an effort to support the dissemination of the guideline, it is our intent to support educational projects that relate to the understanding of the guideline and its incorporation into patient care.

Organizations are encouraged to submit applications for educational grants to provide programing related to the updated guidelines targeted to healthcare providers caring for patients with rheumatoid arthritis. While programs do not need to be certified for continuing education credit, all programs must be independent in nature.

The following may apply: medical, dental, nursing, allied health, and/or pharmacy professional schools; healthcare institutions (both large and small); professional associations and medical societies; medical education companies; and other entities with a mission related to healthcare professional education and/or healthcare improvement.

**Amount:** $250,000 - $500,000.

**DEADLINE:** March 29, 2016


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**Progeria Research Foundation**

**Medical Research Grant**

The Progeria Research Foundation (PRF) is the only organization in the world dedicated to discovering treatments and the cure for Progeria and its aging-related disorders. Progeria is a rare, fatal, “premature aging” disease that affects children, who die of heart disease (heart attacks or stroke) at an average age of 14 years - the same heart disease that affects millions of normal aging adults (atherosclerosis). Scientific
studies have solidified biological links between Progeria, heart disease and aging. Investigation of the disease mechanism Progeria will help not only children with Progeria, but has implications for heart attacks, strokes and other aging-related conditions.

**Innovator Awards:** The aim of the Innovator Award is to allow an investigator to embark on new lines of investigation, and to produce enough preliminary data to be competitive for longer-term funding by NIH and/or other agencies. Funding is for up to 2-years and up to $75,000 per year.

**Pfizer, Inc**

Amount: $150,000 over 2 years
http://www.progeriaresearch.org/grant_application.html

**Medical Research Grant**

Established Investigator Awards: These awards are designed for advanced investigations in areas critical to the goals of PRF by senior investigators established either in the field of Progeria or a field that can be directly applied to Progeria. Funding is for up to 3 years and up to $100,000 per year.

Amount: $300,000 over 3 years
http://www.progeriaresearch.org/grant_application.html

**Prostate Cancer Foundation**

**2016 PCF Young Investigator Award**

The award funds may be used flexibly to advance the career and research efforts of the awardee. Every PCF Young Investigator is required to be under the direct supervision of a mentor. Applicants should be within six-years following completion of a professional degree or clinical training such as MD, PhD, MD-PhD, DSc, ScD, DDM, DDS, DMD, MBBS or equivalent and hold the title of Postdoctoral Fellow, Instructor, Research Associate, Assistant Professor, or equivalent. Applicants should have received no more than $200,000 in current direct research funding from all sources including institutional funds. Investigators who have specifically received young investigator research support from the NCI, NIH, or DoD are still qualified and very much encouraged to apply. Young Investigator awardees are required to attend the Annual PCF Scientific Retreat and Young Investigator Day, typically held in October, throughout the duration of their award and beyond.

Amount: $75,000 per year for 3 years
Deadline: March 11, 2016
http://www.pcf.org/site/c.leJRIROrEpH/b.5849007/k.F70A/Open_RFAs.htm

**Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF)**

**Harold Amos Medical Faculty Development Program (AMFDP)**
The Harold Amos Medical Faculty Development Program (AMFDP) was developed as a result of more than 20 years of experience with RWJF’s Minority Medical Faculty Development Program, which sought to increase the number of underrepresented minorities on medical faculties. The program was renamed in 2003 in honor of Harold Amos, PhD, who was the first African American to chair a department at Harvard Medical School - now the Department of Microbiology and Medical Genetics. Dr. Amos worked tirelessly to recruit and mentor countless minority and disadvantaged students to careers in academic medicine and science.

Amount: $105,000 per year for 4 years

Deadlines: March **


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**Society for Surgery of the Alimentary Tract (SSAT)**

**Mentored Research Award**

This one-year research fellowship award will be provided to up to two residents or fellows to support the second or third year of research being conducted in the research program of SSAT members.

Amount: $25,000

Application Deadline: March 11, 2016

http://ssat.com/awards/Mentored-Research.cgi

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**Society for Vascular Surgery Foundation**

**Clinical Research Seed Grants**

The Clinical Research Seed Grant program has the following goals:

- Encourage the interest and development of clinical investigators among the SVS membership, particularly junior members or those with limited prior experience as Principal Investigators
- Provide direct support for pilot clinical projects that have potential to develop into larger studies fundable by industry or governmental sources.

Amount $15,000

Application Deadline: March 11, 2016

http://www.vascularweb.org/about/SVSFoundation/Pages/clinical-research-seed-grant.aspx

**Multicenter Clinical Studies Planning Grant**

Prospective multi-center studies are particularly challenging; yet these studies may be the only practical approach to recruit the large numbers of patients required to achieve statistical power to provide practicing surgeons clear guidance. A major hurdle for investigators preparing grant applications for multicenter studies are the costs of developing compelling preliminary data, recruiting and training collaborators, and creating tools in support of a competitive proposal.

Amount $100,000

Application Deadline: To be announced **

http://www.vascularweb.org/about/SVSFoundation/Pages/Multicenter-Clinical-Studies-Planning-Grant.aspx
Sontag Foundation’s
Distinguished Scientist Awards
We’re looking for early career scientists with the potential to create new waves across the brain cancer field. We’re looking for increased survival rates and improved recovery for patients. We’re looking for a cure or at the very least, treatments to make brain cancer a manageable chronic disease. Each Award included a four-year grant totaling a maximum of $600,000.
**Amount:** $600,000 over 4 years
**Deadlines:** March 16, 2016

The Hope Foundation
SWOG/Hope Rare Cancer Fellowship
The objective of the SWOG/Hope Rare Cancers Fellowship is to provide protected time via salary support for a clinical investigator who is committed to strengthening SWOG’s progress and trial portfolio in rare cancer. The Rare Cancer Fellow will develop familiarity with NCI programs that have potential to facilitate SWOG rare cancer research, including, but not limited to, the International Rare Cancer Initiative and the NCI-MATCH trial. The Rare Cancer Fellow will also explore opportunities to develop CTEP-IND drugs in rare cancer, either through the Investigational Drug Branch’s Early Experimental Therapeutics Drug Project Teams, or through unsolicited letters of intent (LOIs). Utilizing these or similar mechanisms, the Rare Cancer Fellow is expected to activate at least one rare cancer clinical trial in SWOG within the two year period. The ET/RC Committee is well positioned to coordinate the initiation and movement of rare cancer clinical research ideas from concept to activation, and it is anticipated that this Fellowship will support that trajectory.
**Amount:** $100,000 over 2 years
**Application Deadline:** March **
[https://thehopefoundation.org/research-funding/juried-programs/rare-cancer-fellowship-program/](https://thehopefoundation.org/research-funding/juried-programs/rare-cancer-fellowship-program/)

The SWOG/Hope Foundation Impact Award
SWOG’s mission is to improve the practice of cancer medicine in preventing, detecting, and treating cancer, and to enhance the quality of life for cancer survivors, primarily through design and conduct of clinical trials. SWOG is a National Cancer Institute-supported network of more than 4,000 cancer researchers at more than 500 institutions in the U.S., Canada, and beyond. Additional educational and cancer research support is provided by SWOG’s non-profit, philanthropic partner, The Hope Foundation.
The SWOG/Hope Foundation Impact Award is a funding program from The Hope Foundation that encourages novel and innovative SWOG research by supporting early and conceptual stages of these projects. The work proposed should use resources from completed SWOG trials or be directly translatable to clinical trials in SWOG and the NCTN in the foreseeable future.
**Amount:** $250,000 over 2 years
**Deadlines:** March 1 and September 1.
Dr. Charles A. Coltman, Jr., Fellowship Program
The primary purpose of the Dr. Charles A. Coltman, Jr., Fellowship is to engage outstanding junior investigators from SWOG-affiliated institutions in learning clinical trial methodology within an academic and cooperative group environment that will lead to independent clinical research, while honoring the legacy of long-time SWOG Chair and leader, Dr. Charles Coltman.
Amount: $100,000 over 2 years
Deadline: March 1 **
https://thehopefoundation.org/research-funding/juried-programs/dr-charles-a-coltman-jr-fellowship-program/

Thrasher Research Fund
Early Career Awards (Pediatric Research)
The Fund recognizes that young investigators may find it difficult to remain in pediatric research because of a lack of funding. Therefore, the purpose of this program is to encourage the development of medical research in child health by awarding small grants to new researchers, helping them gain a foothold in this important area.
Amount $25,000
Deadline for Concept Submission: Mar. 15, 2016 & September
https://www.thrasherresearch.org/SitePages/early-career-award.aspx

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