

**OFFICE OF ADVANCEMENT****New Private Funding Opportunities**

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*The Corporate and Foundation Relations (CFR) team within the Office of Advancement circulates this bi-weekly digest of private philanthropic funding opportunities. Please contact the CFR team to strategize on any of these requests for proposals (RFPs) or get additional information.*

**FEATURED OPPORTUNITY****Jane Coffin Childs Memorial Fund for Medical Research**

**Fellowship Awards** (funded by JCC, corporate and non-profit partners of JCC, including Merck and the Howard Hughes Medical Institute)

- Postdoctoral
- MD, PhD, MD/PhD
- Have no more than 12 months of postdoctoral research experience at the time of the application deadline
- PhD degree must not have been conferred more than 24 months prior to the application deadline of February 2, 2026 (i.e. applicant must not have received PhD before February 2, 2024)
- MD degree must not have been conferred more than three years prior to the application deadline of February 2, 2026 (i.e. applicant must not have received MD before February 2, 2023)
- PhD candidates that do not have their degree at time of the application deadline (February 2, 2026) are eligible to apply - If awarded, the applicant's PhD degree must be conferred prior to the start of the Fellowship and applicant must start their position in the lab prior to July 1, 2026
- \$216K over 3 years; 25-30 awards
- 2/2/2026
- **Website**

**AGING****Aging Biology Foundation** (European Union and the U.S.)**Grants in Human Aging Research or Epigenetics**

- Collaborative grants with different laboratories are possible
- €50.000-€8.000.000 over 6 months - 5 years
- Rolling LOI
- **Website**

**American Federation for Aging Research (AFAR)****AFAR Grants for Junior Faculty and Glenn Foundation for Medical Research (GFMR) Grants for Junior Faculty**

- Early career
- MD and PhD
- Requires a form completed by the Dean or Department Chair
- Must be no more than 10 years beyond the start of postdoctoral research training as of July 1, 2026
- For awards funded by the GFMR, preference will be given to investigators who are in the first 3 years of a faculty appointment
- \$160K over 1-2 years; 10 awards
- 12/15/2025 LOI
- UMass Recipients: 2025 Lina Marcela Carmona, PhD

- **Website**

## ANESTHESIOLOGY

### Society of Cardiovascular Anesthesiologists

#### SCA In-Training Grant

- MD, PhD, or equivalent
- In-Training grant is targeted toward residents with a strong interest in cardiac anesthesia and cardiac anesthesia fellows in eligible training programs
- \$15K over 1 year
- 2/9/2026
- **Website**

#### SCA Joyce Wahr Starter Grant

- Faculty
- Instructor or Assistant Professor
- MD, PhD, or equivalent
- The grant is open to PIs who are in biomedical and clinical research who are within ten years of finishing training (after terminal degree)
- SCA member
- \$75K over 2 years
- Optional LOI deadline 11/14/2025
- 2/9/2026
- **Website**

#### SCA Michael Cahalan Grant

- Faculty
- Assistant Professor or Associate Professor
- MD, PhD, or equivalent
- SCA member
- \$150K over 2 years
- 2/9/2026
- **Website**

#### SCA Starter Grant

- Faculty
- Instructor or Assistant Professor
- MD, PhD, or equivalent
- At the time of grant activation, PI must be within five years of finishing training (after terminal degree)
- PI must not be enrolled in a training program (residency, fellowship, PhD, postdoc) at the time of grant activation
- SCA member
- \$75K over 2 years
- Optional LOI deadline 11/14/2025
- 2/9/2026
- **Website**

## AUDIOLOGY

### Hearing Health Foundation

#### Emerging Research Grants - Elizabeth M. Keithley, Ph.D. Early Stage Investigator Awards (EMKESIA)

- Faculty, Postdoctoral Fellow, Clinical/Research Fellow, Otolaryngology Resident
- Early career
- AuD, MD, PhD, or equivalent
- Within 10 years of completing a terminal degree
- \$100K over 2 years; 1 award
- 12/5/2025 LOI
- **Website**

#### Emerging Research Grants - Expanded Discovery Awards (HHF-EDA)

- Faculty, Postdoctoral Fellow, Clinical/Research Fellow, Otolaryngology Resident
- Early to established career
- AuD, MD, PhD, or equivalent
- \$200K over 2 years; 1 award
- 12/5/2025 LOI
- **Website**

#### Emerging Research Grants - Focused Discovery Awards (HHF-FDA)

- Faculty, Postdoctoral Fellow, Clinical/Research Fellow, Otolaryngology Resident
- Early to established career
- AuD, MD, PhD, or equivalent
- \$100K over 2 years; 1 award
- 12/5/2025 LOI
- **Website**

## BIOMEDICAL

### Burroughs Wellcome Fund

#### Postdoctoral Diversity Enrichment Program

- Postdoctoral
- PhD
- Underrepresented in Medicine (URiM) groups
- Have no more than 48 months of postdoctoral research experience at the time of application and should not be more than five years from their PhD
- The mentor is expected to provide a letter of nomination and the mentor's commitment to the applicant's career is important
- \$60K over 3 years
- 1/20/2026
- UMass Recipients: 2025 Samara Vilca, PhD
- **Website**

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- \$216K over 3 years; 25-30 awards
- 2/2/2026
- **Website**

### Society in Science

#### Branco Weiss Fellowship

- Postdoctoral
- PhD
- You officially hold a PhD on January 15, 2026 - This means that you have at least successfully passed your PhD defense before January 15, 2026
- You have obtained your PhD a maximum of five years prior to January 15, 2026
- CHF 600,000 over 5 years
- 1/15/2026
- **Website**

## CARDIOLOGY

### American Heart Association (AHA)

**Cardiac Arrest Research Team (CART) Network** (*in coordination with the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada*)

- Faculty, Staff
- Early to mid career
- MD, PhD, DO, DDS, DVM, or equivalent
- An early-career researcher is within the first six (6) years of their first faculty appointment at the Assistant or Clinical Assistant Professor level, or equivalent, at the time of submission
- A mid-career researcher is between 6 and 15 years since their first faculty appointment at the Associate or Clinical Associate Professor level, or equivalent, at the time of submission
- AHA member

- \$1.7M over 4 years; 2 awards
- 12/16/2025 LOI
- **Website**

## Foundation for Sarcoidosis Research (FSR)

### FSR Established Investigator Grant

- Established career
- \$200K over 2 years
- 12/12/2025 LOI
- **Website**

## COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

### Clipper Ship Foundation

#### Grants for Youth

- For organizations offering human services to individuals living in Greater Boston (cities and towns lying on or within Route 128) and the cities of Lawrence and Brockton
- Amount and/or duration vary and are unpublicized
- Contact CFR to consult prior to submission
- 12/5/2025 LOI
- **Website**

## ENDOCRINOLOGY

### Breakthrough T1D

#### Development of Continuous CPeptide Monitoring Technologies

- Faculty position or equivalent
- MD, DO, DMD, DVM, PhD, or equivalent
- Note that the budget figure is a maximum, and Breakthrough T1D will also consider projects with substantially smaller budgets
- Contact CFR for more information prior to contacting this sponsor as we have existing relationships
- \$900K over 3 years
- 12/4/2025 LOI
- **Website**

#### Understanding the Foreign Body Response in Islet Cell Replacement: Accelerating Clinical Translation

- Faculty position or equivalent
- MD, DMD, DVM, DO, PhD, or equivalent degree
- For clinical studies, applicants must hold an appointment or joint appointment in a subspecialty of clinical medicine and conduct human clinical research
- Contact CFR for more information prior to contacting this sponsor as we have existing relationships
- \$900K over 3 years
- 11/17/2025 LOI
- **Website**

## GASTROENTEROLOGY

### Crohn's & Colitis Foundation

#### IBD Plexus

- Faculty
- Professor, Head of Research, Associate Professor, or equivalent
- Proposals are reviewed six times a year - the last day of February, April, June, August, October, December
- Contact CFR for more information prior to contacting this sponsor as we have existing relationships
- Rolling LOI
- **Website**

### International Foundation for Gastrointestinal Disorders

#### Research Grants

- MD, PhD, or equivalent
- Degree (or their equivalent) that was received not more than ten years prior to application
- \$40K over 1 year
- 1/11/2026

- **Website**

## Pfizer

### **Clostridioides difficile (C. difficile) Research Collaboration**

- The PI must have a medical or postdoctoral degree (MD, PhD, or equivalent), an advanced nursing degree (BSN with a MS/PhD), or a degree in Pharmacy, Physiotherapy, or Social Work
- \$500K over 1 year
- 12/11/2025 LOI
- **Website**

## HEALTH CARE

### Burroughs Wellcome Fund

#### **Climate Change and Human Health Seed Grants**

- \$50K over 1 year
- 1/22/2026, 4/23/2026, 7/23/2026
- Rolling with quarterly deadlines through July 2026
- **Website**

## MEDICINE

### Society of Bedside Medicine

#### **The Bedside Medicine Scholars Program** (*partnered with the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation and the Northwestern University Center for Bedside Medicine*)

- Junior Faculty, Fellow
- MD, DO, MBBS, or equivalent
- Junior faculty (within 5 years of their residency or fellowship training) or fellows in an ACGME-accredited academic program based in the U.S.
- \$40K over 1 year; 2 awards
- 12/17/2025 LOI
- **Website**

## MICROBIOME

### Microbiome Foundation

#### **Medical Research Projects**

- Amount and/or duration vary and/or are unpublicized
- Contact CFR first before applying
- Rolling
- **Website**

## NEUROLOGY

### ALS Association

#### **Hoffman ALS Clinical Trial Awards Program**

- Early to mid career
- \$1M over 2-3 years
- 11/18/2025 LOI \*\*Deadline Updated\*\*
- **Website**

### Alzheimer's Association

#### **Zenith Fellows Award Program**

- Faculty
- Associate Professor or above
- Established career
- \$450K over 3 years; 3 awards
- 12/1/2025 LOI
- **Website**

### American Federation for Aging Research (AFAR)

#### **Small Research Grant Program for the Next Generation of Researchers in Alzheimer's Disease (R03)**

- The expiration date for this award is March 17, 2026

- \$200K over 2 years; 12 awards
- 2/16/2026
- **Website**

### **American Headache Society**

#### **AHS Investigator-Initiated Research Awards**

- Faculty, Postdoctoral
- Early to established career
- MD, PhD, or equivalent
- AHS member
- \$50K over 1 year
- 12/15/2025
- **Website**

### **CurePSP**

#### **Biomarker Accelerator Program**

- Full-time Faculty
- \$500K over 3 years
- 12/15/2025 LOI
- **Website**

### **Friedreich's Ataxia Research Alliance (FARA)**

#### **Award for Innovative Mindset (AIM)**

- Contact CFR for more information prior to contacting this sponsor as we have existing relationships
- \$100K over 1 year
- 4/1/2026
- **Website**

#### **Bronya J. Keats International Research Collaboration Award**

- Contact CFR for more information prior to contacting this sponsor as we have existing relationships
- \$350K over 2 years
- 2/15/2026 LOI
- **Website**

#### **Clinician Scientist Development Award**

- Physician Faculty
- Early career
- MD or MD/PhD (or equivalent)
- Completed residency training no more than 7 years prior to the beginning of this award
- If the applicant completed a fellowship of any kind after residency, the eligibility is still based on the date residency was completed
- Contact CFR for more information prior to contacting this sponsor as we have existing relationships
- \$200K over 2 years
- 2/15/2026, 8/15/2026 LOI
- **Website**

#### **General Research Grant**

- Contact CFR for more information prior to contacting this sponsor as we have existing relationships
- \$250K over 2 years
- 2/15/2026, 8/15/2026 LOI
- **Website**

#### **Keith Michael Andrus Cardiac Research Award**

- Contact CFR for more information prior to contacting this sponsor as we have existing relationships
- \$250K over 2 years
- 2/15/2026 LOI
- **Website**

#### **Kyle Bryant Translational Research Award**

- Contact CFR for more information prior to contacting this sponsor as we have existing relationships
- \$400K over 2 years
- 2/15/2026 LOI
- **Website**

### **Postdoctoral Fellowship**

- Postdoctoral
- Eligible applicants are postdoctoral trainees with fewer than 6 years working as a postdoctoral trainee, accounting for career disruptions, and fewer than 4 years working in an FA lab as a postdoctoral trainee
- Contact CFR for more information prior to contacting this sponsor as we have existing relationships
- Trainee Salary over 2 years
- 2/15/2026, 8/15/2026 LOI
- **Website**

### **Postdoctoral Research Award**

- Postdoctoral
- Applicants must have completed at least 18 months of postdoctoral training
- Eligible applicants are postdoctoral trainees with fewer than 7 years working as a postdoctoral trainee, accounting for career disruptions
- Contact CFR for more information prior to contacting this sponsor as we have existing relationships
- \$200K over 2 years
- 2/15/2026, 8/15/2026 LOI
- **Website**

### **Request for Proposals and Ad-hoc Requests**

- FARA is willing to consider ad-hoc proposals off cycle that are high-value projects
- Contact CFR for more information prior to contacting this sponsor as we have existing relationships
- Rolling
- **Website**

### **Rita Allen Foundation**

#### **Scholars Award in Pain**

- Faculty
- Early career
- Be within three years of the start date of a tenure track position or equivalent
- Amount and/or duration vary and are unpublicized
- Contact CFR to consult prior to submission
- \$150K over 3 years; 2 awards
- 12/10/2025
- **Website**

## **NUTRITION**

### **Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics Foundation**

#### **Diabetes (DDPG) DPG Karen Goldstein Memorial Grant for Diabetes**

- Faculty
- \$20K over 1 year
- 11/17/2025
- **Website**

### **Allen Foundation, Inc.**

#### **Nutritional Research Grants**

- Full-time Regular Faculty Member with Tenure or on Tenure Track
- Amount and/or duration vary and are unpublicized
- Contact CFR first before applying
- Over 1 year
- 1/15/2026, 7/15/2026
- **Website**

### **Gates Foundation**

#### **Global Grand Challenges - Accelerating Development of Innovative, Exceptionally Low-Cost Maternal and Child Nutrient Ingredients and Products**

- The Gates Foundation encourages applicants to identify and build collaborations with organizations that bring complementary expertise
- Where appropriate, the Foundation may facilitate connections among applicants working on related challenges
- \$200K-\$500K over 12-18 months
- 12/16/2025
- **Website**



**Adenoid Cystic Carcinoma Research Foundation (AACRF)****Large Grants**

- \$100K-\$300K over 1-3 years
- Rolling LOI
- **Website**

**Pilot Grants**

- \$50K over 1 year
- Rolling LOI
- **Website**

**American Association for Cancer Research (AACR)****AACR-Think Forward Foundation Career Development Award in Breast Cancer Research**

- Faculty
- Assistant Professor, Instructor, Research Assistant, Professor, or the equivalent
- PhD, MD, MD/PhD, or equivalent
- Started their first independent faculty position within the past 6 years from the grant start date
- AACR member
- \$300K over 3 years
- 12/18/2025 LOI
- **Website**

**Breast Cancer Research Foundation and Lobular Breast Cancer Alliance-AACR Career Development Award**

- Faculty
- Assistant Professor, Instructor, Research Assistant Professor, or the equivalent
- PhD, MD, MD/PhD, or equivalent
- Not currently be a candidate for a further doctoral or professional degree
- Have started their first independent faculty position within the past 6 years from the grant start date
- AACR member
- \$150K over 2 years
- 12/16/2025
- **Website**

**Breast Cancer Research Foundation-AACR Career Development Awards**

- Faculty
- Assistant Professor, Instructor, Research Assistant Professor, or the equivalent
- PhD, MD, MD/PhD, or equivalent
- If eligibility is based on a future position, the position must be confirmed at the time of application and CANNOT be contingent upon receiving this grant
- Have started their first independent faculty position within the past 6 years from the grant start date
- AACR member
- \$150K over 2 years
- 12/16/2025 LOI
- **Website**

**American Institute for Cancer Research****INSPIRE Research Challenge** (*partnered with World Cancer Research Fund International, World Cancer Research Fund in the UK, and Wereld Kanker Onderzoek Fonds in the Netherlands*)

- Faculty, Postdoctoral
- Early career
- PhD or equivalent higher research degree
- Within 2-7 years full-time equivalent working in research since the award date of their PhD or equivalent higher research degree
- £75,000 over 1 year
- 11/4/2025 LOI
- **Website**

**Blood Cancer United** (*formerly The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society*)**Physician Scientist Fellow Award**

- Early career
- MD
- Must have completed or be in their last year of their fellowship in hematology, oncology, hematopathology, pathology, or other related disciplines
- Must be enrolled in either a Master's or PhD program, or as a post-doctoral fellow at the time



- of application
- Must have a sponsor
- \$170K over 2 years
- 12/4/2025 LOI
- **Website**

### **Cancer Research Institute (CRI)**

#### **IGNITE Award**

- Postdoctoral
- Early career
- Phase 1: IGNITE Foundation Phase – Must be in a mentored postdoctoral position at time of application; No more than 5 years of postdoctoral experience at time of application; Candidates with more than 5 years postdoctoral experience may be granted an exception
- Phase 2: IGNITE Independence Phase – Have already received an IGNITE Foundation Phase (Phase 1) award; Tenure-track full-time assistant professor position (or equivalent) offered and accepted; Completed a minimum of 12 months of the Phase 1 award; Candidates achieving a tenure-track offer before 12 months should contact CRI for eligibility
- Phase 1: IGNITE Foundation Phase – Provides up to 2 years of mentored postdoctoral funding at \$150K per year
- Phase 2: IGNITE Independence Phase – Up to 3 years of independent faculty support at \$250K per year
- Over 5 years
- 1/9/2026
- **Website**

### **Charlie Landers Foundation**

#### **CL7 Research Grant**

- Early to established career
- MD, PhD, or dual MD PhD
- \$20K-\$150K over 1 year
- 1/26/2026
- **Website**

### **Children's Cancer Research Fund**

#### **Accelerating Hope: Clinical Trials for Hard-to-Treat Cancers**

- Applicants must be PI-eligible at their sponsoring institution
- \$1M over 3 years
- 11/10/2025 LOI
- **Website**

### **CLL Society (Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia)**

#### **Clinical Scholar Award**

- Faculty
- Associate Professor
- Mid career
- MD, DO, or equivalent
- Within five years or less from acquiring full professorship as of the funding date of July 1, 2026
- \$300K over 3 years
- 11/7/2025 LOI \*\*Deadline Extended\*\*
- **Website**

#### **Young Investigator Award**

- Junior Faculty
- Instructor, Assistant Professor
- Early career
- MD, DO (or the equivalent), and/or PhD
- Within 7 years from achieving their terminal degree and/or within 7 years from completing specialty training
- \$150K over 3 years
- 11/7/2025 LOI \*\*Deadline Extended\*\*
- **Website**

### **Earlier.org - Friends For An Earlier Breast Cancer Test®**

#### **Pilot Research Grants**

- Early to established career
- \$50K over 1-3 years
- 2/1/2026

- **Website**

## **Gilead Sciences**

### **Research Scholars Program in Solid Tumors**

- Junior Faculty
- Early career
- MD, DO or PhD (or equivalent)
- Received your initial faculty appointment within the last 7 years in association with a research institution in the U.S. at the time of application submission
- \$180K over 2 years; 4 awards
- 12/5/2025
- **Website**

## **The Hope Foundation for Cancer Research**

### **SWOG/Hope Foundation Impact Award Program**

- SWOG member
- \$250K over 1-2 years
- 1/15/2026 LOI
- **Website**

## **International Association for the Study of Lung Cancer (IASLC)**

### **LCFA/IASLC Translational Research Grants in Thoracic Oncology**

- Faculty
- Instructor, Assistant Professor, Associate Professor, or equivalent
- Early career
- PhD, MD, DO, PharmD, ScD or equivalent
- For physicians: be within seven years of completion of residency or fellowship
- For laboratory scientists: be within seven years of completion of post-doctoral work
- IASLC member
- \$200K over 2 years
- 1/8/2026
- **Website**

## **International Waldenstrom's Macroglobulinemia Foundation**

### **Acceleration and Expansion Research Grants**

- Faculty, Independent Researcher
- Early to established career
- MD, PhD, or equivalent degree
- \$250K over 2 years
- 11/28/2025 LOI
- **Website**

### **Correlative Companion Research Grants**

- Faculty, Independent Researcher
- Early to established career
- MD, PhD, or equivalent degree
- \$250K over 2 years
- 11/28/2025 LOI
- **Website**

### **Pilot Clinical Trials Grant**

- Faculty, Independent Researcher
- Early to established career
- MD, PhD, or equivalent degree
- \$1M over 2-4 years
- 11/28/2025 LOI
- **Website**

### **Robert A. Kyle Career Development Award Program**

- Junior Faculty, Postdoctoral
- Early to established career
- MD, PhD, or equivalent degree
- \$160K over 2 years
- 2/27/2026
- **Website**

### **Translational Research Grants**

- Faculty, Independent Researcher
- Early to established career

- MD, PhD, or equivalent degree
- \$500K-\$750K over 3-5 years
- 11/28/2025 LOI
- **Website**

## Leukemia Research Foundation

### New Investigator Research Grant Program

- Faculty
- Early career
- Within seven years of first independent faculty-level position
- \$150K over 2 years
- 2/6/2026 LOI
- **Website**

## Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center

### Clinical Microbiology Fellowship

- Doctoral
- Early career
- PhD, MD, ScD, DO, DrPH in Biomedical Sciences or related field
- Over 2 years; 1 award
- 11/1/2025
- **Website**

## Stand Up To Cancer

### SU2C-Farrah Fawcett Foundation Early Detection, Screening, and Treatment for Anal and Oropharyngeal Cancers Innovation Summit

- See **Proposal Central** for more information
- Amount and/or duration vary and are unpublicized
- Contact CFR to consult prior to submission
- Over 2-3 years
- 11/24/2025 LOI
- **Website**

### SU2C-Nina Nicolai Pancreatic Cancer Innovation in Collaboration Award

- At least one of the Co-leaders must be an Early Career Investigator
- Early Career Investigators are defined as junior faculty (e.g. independent investigators who have completed their training within the past seven years), postdoctoral fellows, clinical research fellows, or other researchers-in-training who are working under the direction of a scientific mentor
- \$225K over 1-2 years
- 1/6/2026
- **Website**

## ORTHOPEDICS

## Orthopaedic Trauma Association

### OTA Member Full Research Grant - Basic

- Either the principal investigator, or co-principal investigator must be an OTA Active, Clinical, or Research member in good standing, with no outstanding reporting requirements for currently active OTA-funded projects
- Residents and Fellows are not eligible to apply for a Full Member Grant as the PI
- The research must be conducted in North America
- \$50K over 2 years
- 1/11/2026
- **Website**

### OTA Member Full Research Grant - Clinical

- Either the principal investigator, or co-principal investigator must be an OTA Active, Clinical, or Research member in good standing, with no outstanding reporting requirements for currently active OTA-funded projects
- The research must be conducted in North America
- \$80K over 2 years
- 1/11/2026
- **Website**

### OTA Resident Research Grant

- The principal investigator must be an orthopaedic resident (the co-principal investigator does NOT have to be a resident)
- Either the principal investigator, or co-principal investigator, must be an OTA member (in good

- standing)
- The research must be conducted in North America
- \$20K over 1 year
- 1/11/2026
- **Website**

## OTOLARYNGOLOGY

### American Hearing Research Foundation

#### Discretionary Grants - Birtman Grant & Richard G. Muench Chairman's Grant

- MD, PhD, AuD, or equivalent degree(s)
- \$65K-\$75K over 1 year; 1-2 awards
- Rolling
- **Website**

## PALLIATIVE CARE

### Cunniff Dixon Foundation *(In partnership with The Hastings Center)*

#### Physician Awards (Palliative Care) - Early Career Award & Dr. Richard Payne Sr. Leadership Award

- \$15K-\$25K over 1 year; 4 awards
- 1/31/2026
- **Website**

## PHARMACEUTICAL

### Children's Tumor Foundation

#### Drug Discovery Initiative (DDI)

- MD, PhD, or equivalent
- \$200K over 2 years
- 2/2/2026
- **Website**

## PSYCH

### American Psychological Association (APA)

#### Jacquelin Goldman Congressional Fellowship

- Psychologist
- PsyD
- Carried out in Washington, D.C.
- Applicant must be a psychologist, a member of APA (or applicant for membership), and a U.S. citizen
- \$97,250 over 1 year
- 1/4/2026
- **Website**

### Sidney R. Baer, Jr. Foundation

#### Clinical Research Grants

- Faculty
- Amount and/or duration vary and/or are unpublicized
- Contact CFR for more information prior to contacting this sponsor as we have existing relationships
- 3/1/2026 LOI
- UMass Recipients: 2024 Xiaoduo Fan, MD, MPH; 2024 Emily Rubin, MA; 2021 Xiaoduo Fan, MD, MPH; 2020 Curtis Deutsch, PhD and Emily Rubin, MA; 2018 Curtis Deutsch, PhD; 2016 Xiaoduo Fan, MD, MPH; 2016, 2012 Emily Rubin, MA
- **Website**

## PULMONOLOGY

### Cystic Fibrosis Foundation (CFF)

#### Clinical Postdoctoral Research Fellowship Award

- Postdoctoral
- Preference will be given to recent graduates and those just beginning their research careers and those with a clear commitment to CF research

- Applicants can apply for this fellowship anytime during their postdoctoral period
- Each fellow must have a Mentor who will be responsible for the fellow's training and research activities
- Contact CFR for more information prior to contacting this sponsor as we have existing relationships
- \$151,500 over 2 years
- 12/9/2025
- **Website**

## RARE DISEASE

### Children's Tumor Foundation

#### Clinical Research Award (CRA)

- Early career
- MD or PhD or other advanced degree from a recognized U.S. or non-U.S. institution
- \$200K over 2 years
- 2/3/2026 LOI
- **Website**

#### Contract Award (CA)

- MD, PhD, or equivalent
- The Contract Award application is a one-stage process wherein applicants submit their full research proposal through **Proposal Central**
- A Letter of Intent is not required, however, prospective applicants are required to email **grants@ctf.org** to discuss their proposal before submitting an application
- Amount and/or duration vary and are unpublicized
- Contact CFR to consult prior to submission
- Rolling
- **Website**

#### Young Investigator Award (YIA)

- Postdoctoral
- Early career
- MD, PhD, or equivalent degree
- No more than 7 years past completion of their first doctoral degree
- Year 3 funding available for a postdoctoral if approved
- \$124,464-\$151,128 over 2 years
- 12/2/2025 LOI
- **Website**

### FRAXA Research Foundation

#### FRAXA Fellowships

- Contact CFR for more information prior to contacting this sponsor as we have existing relationships
- \$100K over 2 years
- 2/1/2026
- UMass Recipients: 2023 Joel Richter, PhD; 2021 Joel Richter, PhD; 2019 Sneha H. Chinai, MD
- **Website**

### Harrington Discovery Institute at University Hospitals Cleveland Medical Center

#### Oxford-Harrington Rare Disease Scholar Award

- Faculty
- MD or PhD, or equivalent
- \$100K over 1 year
- 3/9/2026
- **Website**

### Pfizer

#### COLLABORATE Grant Program: Supporting Ageing Adults Living with Rare Diseases

- \$25K over 1 year; 4 awards
- 11/24/2025 LOI
- **Website**

### The TANGO2 Research Foundation

#### T2RF Research Grant Cycle 6

- Clinical, Basic, or Community Researcher
- MD, DO, PhD, NP, or international equivalent

- At least 3 years experience of initiating and leading (PD/PI or Co-I roles) rare disease research is preferred
- Postdoctoral researchers are not eligible to apply unless they can provide a letter of employment verifying they will begin a faculty position
- \$25K-\$50K over 1 year
- 11/7/2025 LOI
- **Website**

### Williams Syndrome Association

#### Early Investigator Award

- Postdoctoral Fellow, Clinical/Research Faculty
- Early career
- PhD, MD, or equivalent
- Within 5 years of first faculty appointment
- \$170K over 2 years
- Rolling
- **Website**

## RHEUMATOLOGY

### Bay Area Lyme Foundation

#### Emerging Leader Award

- Faculty, Postdoctoral
- Associate Professor or equivalent
- \$150K over 1 year
- 2/15/2026
- **Website**

### Childhood Arthritis and Rheumatology Research Alliance (CARRA)

#### CARRA-AF Advancing Biosample Collection Awards

- Faculty or equivalent government appointment
- MD or equivalent, PhD, or MD/PhD
- Grant applicants who intend to utilize the CARRA Registry or CARRA-related data and/or samples must receive approval from the CARRA Data, Sample, and Publications Committee (DSPC) via a data and sample request before submitting their grant applications
- The project principal investigator (PI) must be a CARRA member in good standing
- \$50K over 2 years; 2 awards
- 1/20/2026 LOI
- **Website**

#### CARRA-AF Bridge Award

- Pediatric Rheumatologists, Research Scientist, Fellow
- MD or equivalent, PhD, or MD/PhD
- All applications must be submitted by or include a pediatric rheumatologist named as a coinvestigator (Co-I)
- The project principal investigator (PI) must be a CARRA member in good standing
- \$125K over 1 year; 2 awards
- 1/20/2026 LOI
- **Website**

#### CARRA-AF Mentored Career Development Award

- Faculty, Fellow
- Assistant Professor
- Early career
- MD or equivalent, PhD, or MD/PhD
- MD applicants must be at the instructor or assistant professor or equivalent level
- Third-year fellows with offers of faculty positions are also eligible
- The project principal investigator (PI) must be a CARRA member in good standing
- \$366K over 3 years; 3 awards
- 1/20/2026 LOI
- **Website**

### Lupus Foundation of America

#### Gary S. Gilkeson Career Development Award

- Postdoctoral, Clinical Fellow
- Early career
- MD, PhD, or equivalent
- Be a clinical fellow (any year) or up to two years post-clinical fellowship in an adult or childhood fellowship program in rheumatology, nephrology, or dermatology that is accredited

by either the American Council on Graduate Medical Education (in the U.S.) or the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons (in Canada) with documented history of conducting lupus research

- OR, be a postdoctoral fellow doing lupus-related research with  $\geq 2$  years and  $\leq 4$  years of mentored, non-independent research training experience after the terminal non-medical doctorate at the time of application
- \$140K over 2 years; 2 awards
- 1/16/2026
- **Website**

#### **Pediatric Lupus Research Grant**

- Faculty
- MD, PhD, or equivalent
- Principal Investigators are permitted to submit up to a maximum of one application per competition
- \$45K over 1 year; 1 award
- 1/16/2026
- **Website**

#### **Rheumatology Research Foundation**

#### **Community Practice Innovation Award**

- MD, DO, PhD, DNP, DPT, PsyD, EdD
- ACR or ARP membership at the time of submission and for the duration of the award
- \$80K over 1 year
- 1/15/2026 LOI
- **Website**

## **SURGERY**

#### **American Association for Thoracic Surgery (AATS)**

#### **D. Craig Miller Honoring Our Mentors Program**

- Resident
- Early career
- Completed their formal training in cardiothoracic surgery and be certified or in the process of obtaining certification by the appropriate Thoracic Surgery Board in the U.S., Canada or international equivalent
- Must have a current academic or hospital appointment at a U.S., Canadian, or international institution
- Candidates must have completed their cardiothoracic residency within 7 years of application
- \$100K over 2 years
- 12/2/2025
- **Website**

#### **Surgical Investigator Program**

- Early career
- Completed his/her formal training in cardiothoracic surgery and be certified or in the process of obtaining certification by the appropriate Thoracic Surgery Board in the U.S., Canada or international equivalent
- Must have a current academic or hospital appointment at a U.S. or Canadian institution
- Candidates must have completed their cardiothoracic residency within 7 years of application
- \$100K over 2 years
- 12/2/2025
- **Website**

#### **American Society for Laser Medicine and Surgery**

#### **A. Ward Ford Memorial Research Grant**

- Predoctoral, Postdoctoral
- Applicants must be enrolled in or have completed an MD residency or PhD post-doctoral training at the time of application
- Must be a member or applicant for membership in ASLMS at the time of the award
- \$70K over 1 year; 1 award
- 1/14/2026
- **Website**

#### **ASLMS Research Grant Program**

- Early career
- Must presently be enrolled in or have completed post-doctoral and/or residency training after January 1, 2019
- All non-ASLMS members will be required to apply for and be accepted into ASLMS membership



- \$70K over 1 year
- 1/14/2026 LOI
- **Website**

## VISION

### International Society for Eye Research

#### Ludwig von Sallmann Prize

- Early to established career
- ISER members may nominate individuals from the eye and vision research community at large that are also ISER members
- Over 1 year; 1 award
- 11/14/2025
- **Website**

### Research to Prevent Blindness

#### RPB Career Development Award

- Full-time Faculty
- Up to and including Assistant Professor
- Early career
- MD, PhD, MD/PhD
- The candidate's first full-time ophthalmology faculty appointment must have been within three (3) years of the application deadline
- Applicants must be nominated by their Ophthalmology Department Chair
- Applications received without a prior nomination form will not be accepted
- Nomination forms due no later than December 15
- Grantee chairs may nominate up to two (2) candidates per department -- one candidate for each award
- Given the limited number of applications for the department, coordination with the Department Chair is critical
- \$350K over 4 years
- 1/10/2026
- **Website**

#### RPB Stein Innovation Award

- Full-time Faculty
- Associate Professor through full Professor
- Mid to established career
- MD, PhD, MD/PhD, or equivalent doctoral degree
- Applications received without a prior nomination form will not be accepted
- Nomination forms due no later than December 15
- Department chairs (including interim or acting Chairs) can nominate multiple candidates per department
- Though multiple candidates can be nominated from one department, only one award per department can be approved
- Given the limited number of applications for the department, coordination with the Department Chair is critical
- \$300K over 3 years; 2 awards
- 1/10/2026
- **Website**

#### Walt and Lilly Disney Award For Amblyopia Research

- Full-time Faculty
- Assistant Professor to full Professor
- Established career
- MD, PhD, MD/PhD, or equivalent doctoral degree
- Nomination forms due no later than December 15
- Applications received without a prior nomination form will not be accepted
- Full-time Department Chairs can nominate one candidate per department
- Given the limited number of applications for the department, coordination with the Department Chair is critical
- \$150K over 2 years; 1-2 awards
- 1/10/2026
- **Website**

## WOMEN'S HEALTH

### Gates Foundation

**Global Grand Challenges - Accelerating Innovation in Vaginal Formulations in Support of**

**Women's Health** (jointly launched by several Grand Challenges funding partners, including Grand Challenges Africa (Science for Africa Foundation), Grand Challenges Brazil (Brazilian Ministry of Health and the National Council on Research), Grand Challenges India (Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council), Grand Challenges South Africa (South African Medical Research Council))

- The Gates Foundation particularly encourages applications from projects led by women and/or researchers at institutions based in LMICs and/or involving collaboration with women-led or LMIC-based organizations
- \$250K over 2 years
- 12/16/2025
- **Website**

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