

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**Simons Foundation****Fellows-to-Faculty Award**

- Early career
- PhD and/or MD
- Seeking applications in the following scientific areas: **Autism Research** and/or **Plasticity & The Aging Brain**
- Each fellow is provided up to five (5) years of financial support, split into a faculty research award over three (3) years and an optional postdoctoral award for a maximum of two (2) years
- \$600K over 3 years
- 1/14/2026
- **Website**

AGING**American Aging Association****Denham Harman Award for Research**

- All members of the American Aging Association are eligible to nominate individuals
- 12/1/2025
- **Website**

Exceptional Mentor in Aging Award

- Nominee and nominator must be current members of the AAA
- The nominator must be greater than 5 years beyond training if trained in nominee's laboratory
- No time limit applies if the nominator has been trained independent of the nominee
- 12/1/2025
- **Website**

Fellows

- Five years of continuous membership, or three years if also serving on the Board of Directors or as an Officer of AGE (President, Secretary, Treasurer, EC member)
- A minimum of five first or senior authored primary papers in peer-reviewed journals describing original investigations relevant to biomedical aging
- Active engagement in the field of aging
- 12/1/2025
- **Website**

American Federation for Aging Research (AFAR)**Glenn Foundation for Medical Research Postdoctoral Fellowships in Aging Research**

- Postdoctoral Fellow
- MD and/or PhD degree or equivalent
- The applicant must be a postdoctoral fellow (MD and/or PhD degree or equivalent) by the deadline date of the LOI submission, January 27, 2026

- \$80K over 1 year; 12 awards
- 1/27/2026 LOI
- UMass Recipients: 2025 Nils Grotehans, PhD
- **Website**

Sagol Network Ger-Omic Award for Junior Faculty

- Faculty
- MD and PhD
- Requires a form completed by the Dean or Department Chair
- No more than 10 years beyond start of postdoctoral research training as of July 1, 2026
- \$160K over 1-2 years; 1 award
- 12/15/2025 LOI
- **Website**

AUDIOLOGY

Misophonia Research Fund

Misophonia Data Discovery Award

- Independent Investigator, Postdoctoral Fellow, Graduate Student
- PhD, MD, PsyD, AuD
- \$75K over 1-2 years; 4 awards
- 1/12/2026
- **Website**

Misophonia Impact Award - Investigator

- Independent Investigator
- PhD, MD, PsyD, AuD
- \$500K over 2-3 years; 1-5 awards
- 12/5/2025 LOI
- **Website**

Misophonia Impact Award - Postdoctoral

- Postdoctoral
- PhD, MD, PsyD, AuD
- These grants are intended to support postdoctoral researchers who will have earned their doctoral degree and are under the mentorship of a doctoral-level principal investigator at a qualifying research-based institution
- \$200K over 2-3 years; 1-5 awards
- 12/5/2025 LOI
- **Website**

Misophonia Research Consortium Award

- Independent Investigator
- PhD, MD, PsyD, AuD
- To fund up to two Misophonia Research Consortium Awards that bring together two or more independent investigators to pursue ambitious, multi-domain studies that cannot be achieved through individual projects alone
- \$1.5M over flexible years
- 12/5/2025 LOI
- **Website**

AUTISM & NEUROSCIENCE

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- \$600K over 3 years
- 1/14/2026
- **Website**

CARDIOLOGY

American Heart Association (AHA)

Rapid Impact Research Award

- Faculty, Full-time Faculty/Staff Scientist position equivalent
- Instructor, Assistant Professor, Associate Professor
- Early to mid career
- MD, PhD, DO, DVM, DDS, DNP, or equivalent post-baccalaureate doctoral degree
- AHA member
- \$100K over 2 years
- 1/22/2026
- **Website**

CARDIOVASCULAR**Society for Cardiovascular Angiography and Interventions (SCAI)****SCAI/Abbott Early Career Research Grant**

- Early career
- Within ten years of completing an interventional cardiology fellowship
- SCAI member
- \$62K over 1 year
- 1/20/2026
- **Website**

SCAI/Edwards Lifesciences Early Career Research Grant

- Early career
- Within ten years of completing an interventional cardiology fellowship
- SCAI member
- \$70K over 1 year
- 1/20/2026
- **Website**

SCAI/Medtronic Early Career Research Grant

- Early career
- Within ten years of completing an interventional cardiology fellowship
- SCAI member
- \$45K over 1 year
- 1/20/2026
- **Website**

DERMATOLOGY**National Psoriasis Foundation (NPF)****Bridge Grants K-Type**

- Faculty
- Applicant must be the principal investigator on an NIH K-type grant application
- \$50K over 1 year
- 1/30/2026
- **Website**

Bridge Grants R-Type

- Faculty
- Applicant must be the principal investigator on an NIH R-type grant application
- \$100K over 1 year
- 1/30/2026
- **Website**

Discovery Grants

- MD, PhD, or equivalent academic degree
- \$75K over 1 year
- 1/30/2026
- **Website**

Early Career Research Grants

- Postdoctoral, Fellow, Student, Trainee Level Position
- Early career
- \$50K over 1 year
- 1/30/2026
- **Website**

Psoriatic Disease Research Fellowships

- Fellow, Medical School Student
- Early career

- MD
- Fellowships are primarily intended for those who already hold an MD, however, applications to support exceptionally promising medical students will be accepted
- \$50K over 1 year
- 1/30/2026
- **Website**

Translational Research Grants

- MD, PhD, or equivalent academic degree
- \$200K over 2 years
- 1/30/2026
- **Website**

EDUCATION

The Spencer Foundation

Research Grants on Education: Small

- Principal Investigators (PIs) and Co-PIs applying for a Small Research Grant on Education must have an earned doctorate in an academic discipline or professional field
- While graduate students may be part of the research team, they may not be named the PI
- \$50K over 1-5 years
- 12/15/2025
- **Website**

ENDOCRINOLOGY

Pediatric Endocrine Society (PES)

Fima Lifshitz Junior Faculty Clinical Research Grant

- Faculty, Fellow
- If faculty, no higher than Assistant Professor
- Early career
- MD, DO, or equivalent degree
- Has completed a minimum of 2 years of pediatric endocrinology fellowship training and will have completed the training within 3 years of the start of grant funding (the following July 1st)
- PES member
- \$50K over 1 year
- 12/15/2025
- **Website**

PES Research Fellowship Grants

- Postdoctoral
- MD, DO, or equivalent degree
- Be in the final year of fellowship and will not have a faculty appointment at the time of funding (July 1 of the year following application and review)
- PES member
- \$30K over 1 year
- 12/15/2025
- **Website**

GENETICS

Progeria Research Foundation

Research Grants for Specific Projects

- The Foundation may have interest in specific projects
- Send an email with the title of the proposal, hypothesis, specific aims and planned methods with particular attention to experience with the proposed methods, impact statement explaining the importance of the proposed work to the PRF research priorities and mission, and preliminary data to Gina Incrovato, Director of Operations, at **gincrovato@progeriaresearch.org**
- Amount and/or duration vary and are unpublicized
- Rolling LOI
- **Website**

INFECTIOUS DISEASE

Pediatric Infectious Diseases Society (PIDS)

Pichichero Family Foundation Vaccines for Children Initiative Research Award in Pediatric

Infectious Diseases

- Early to established career
- MD and/or PhD
- PIDS member
- \$100K over 2 years
- Rolling LOI
- **Website**

NEUROLOGY

American Brain Tumor Association

Basic Research Fellowship

- Applicant/Principal Investigator must have a MD, PhD, DrPH, DO, or equivalent
- PhDs must be no more than five years post-completion of his/her doctoral degree as determined by date of degree confirmation (i.e. cannot have completed their doctoral degree prior to March 31, 2021)
- MDs must be no more than five years post-residency training at the time of full application submission
- \$100K over 2 years
- 12/10/2025 LOI
- **Website**

Discovery Grant

- Faculty
- Early career
- MD, PhD, DrPH, DO
- Applications must be no more than eight years from the start of the first faculty position at the start of the grant term (September 1, 2026)
- \$50K over 1 year
- 12/10/2025 LOI
- **Website**

Research Collaboration Grant

- Applicant/Lead Principal Investigator must have a doctoral degree, including MD, PhD, DrPH, DO, or equivalent at the time of Letter of Intent (LOI) submission
- At the time of LOI submission, Lead PI must hold a full-time faculty position and cannot have held a full-time faculty appointment before September 1, 2016
- \$200K over 2 years
- 12/10/2025 LOI
- **Website**

American Neuromuscular Foundation

Development Grants

- Early career
- MD, PhD, DSc, or equivalent degree (DO)
- Have a minimum of eighteen (18) months of post-degree research laboratory training at the time of application
- For PhD or DSc applicants: Be engaged in post-doctoral fellowship or be no more than 60 months from receiving their PhD
- For MD or DO applicants: Be engaged in a residency or fellowship, or be no more than 60 months from completion of their residency or fellowship
- \$100K over 2 years
- 1/10/2026 LOI
- **Website**

Mid-Career/Established Investigator Research Grant Award

- Mid career
- MD, PhD, DSc, or equivalent degree (DO)
- Have a minimum of eight years of post-degree experience at the time of application
- \$100K over 2 years
- 1/10/2026 LOI
- **Website**

The Foundation of the American Society of Neuroradiology

Grant Program in Neuroradiology

- MD, PhD, DO, or equivalent degree
- MD or DO candidates must be board-certified or board-eligible in Radiology by either the American Board of Radiology (ABR) or the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada (RSPSC)
- Physician candidates must have completed a residency in Diagnostic Radiology and

- completed at least 1 year of an ACGME-approved or equivalent fellowship in Neuroradiology or Pediatric Neuroradiology by the beginning of the award period
- PhD candidates should have an active or imminent academic appointment, such as faculty, instructor, research staff, or post-doctoral student, within a Radiology Department
- Preference will be given to early-stage investigators or those who have not previously performed funded research in the area relevant to their grant application
- \$120K over 1 year; 4 awards
- 1/20/2026
- **Website**

Myasthenia Gravis Foundation of America

Myasthenia Gravis Network (MGNet) Scholar Program

- Clinical Fellow, Postdoctoral Fellow, Junior Faculty
- Early to mid career
- MD or equivalent, PhD
- Applicants must identify a primary mentor with appropriate content expertise and experience mentoring young investigators
- Applicants with training outside the field of neurology are particularly encouraged to apply
- \$75K over 1 year
- 1/15/2026
- **Website**

Pilot Grant Program for Myasthenia Gravis

- Faculty
- MD, PhD, MD/PhD, RN or more advanced, PharmD, DDS, DVM, or equivalent
- \$75K over 1 year; 1 award
- 1/15/2026
- **Website**

Target ALS

Basic Biology Consortia

- Only collaborative projects will be considered
- \$130K per lab, per year maximum
- The total budget for a collaborative project cannot exceed a maximum of \$500K per year
- Over 2 years
- 12/17/2025 LOI
- **Website**

ONCOLOGY

American Association for Cancer Research (AACR)

AACR-Conquer Cancer, the ASCO Foundation Young Investigator Award for Translational Cancer Research

- Early career
- MD, DO, MD/PhD, or equivalent
- Be in the last two years of their final subspecialty training and within ten years of obtaining their medical degree
- AACR member
- \$50K over 1 year
- 12/17/2025
- **Website**

AACR-Mark Foundation Chemistry in Cancer Research Grants

- Early career
- PhD, MD, MD/PhD, or equivalent
- Not currently be a candidate for a further doctoral degree
- AACR member
- \$435K over 3 years
- 12/16/2025 LOI
- **Website**

Breast Cancer Research Foundation-AACR NextGen Grant for Transformative Cancer Research in Honor of Nancy E. Davidson, MD

- Faculty
- Assistant Professor
- Hold a tenure-eligible appointment (or equivalent, if institution does not follow a tenure system) at the rank of assistant professor
- Have held a tenure-eligible assistant professor appointment for no more than three years
- AACR member
- \$450K over 3 years

- 12/18/2025 LOI
- **Website**

Women in Cancer Research Scholars Award

- Graduate Student, Medical Student, Resident, Clinical Fellow or equivalent, Postdoctoral Fellow
- Early career
- Women only
- Women in Cancer Research (WICR) member
- 11/18/2025 LOI
- **Website**

Chordoma Foundation

General Chordoma Research Grant

- Amount and/or duration vary and/are unpublicized
- Rolling LOI
- **Website**

TBXT Challenge - Ligand Prize

- \$500K
- Rolling
- **Website**

Lymphatic Education & Research Network (LE&RN)

Career Achievement Award

- Presented to an individual with a career 20 years or fewer and who has demonstrated significant achievements in the field
- 12/8/2025
- **Website**

Lifetime Achievement Award

- Presented to an individual who has had a lifetime of outstanding achievements in the field of lymphatics and who must have a career spanning over 20 years
- 12/8/2025
- **Website**

Mesothelioma Applied Research Foundation

Research Grant

- Full-time Faculty or equivalent
- Early to mid career
- Doctoral-level degree
- \$250K over 2 years
- 12/15/2025 LOI
- **Website**

Pablove Foundation

Off-cycle Applications Relating to Opsoclonus Myoclonus Syndrome

- Clinical Fellow, Postdoctoral
- Early to established career
- MD or PhD, or equivalent degree
- \$100K over 2 years
- Rolling LOI
- **Website**

PEDIATRICS

Caplan Foundation for Early Childhood

Grants

- Amount and/or duration vary and/are unpublicized
- Over 1 year
- 1/31/2026 LOI
- **Website**

PSYCH

American Psychological Association (APA)

APF Direct Action Visionary Grants

- Submitted LOIs will be evaluated quarterly after the deadlines of January 30, April 30, July 31, and October 30, 2026
- \$60K over 1 year
- Rolling LOI
- **Website**

John and Polly Sparks Grant for Rural First-Responders Mental Health Interventions

(partnered with the John and Polly Sparks Foundation)

- Postdoctoral
- PsyD
- \$34K over 1 year; 2 awards
- 10/23/2026
- **Website**

Hilda and Preston Davis Foundation

Eating Disorders (Bulimia)

- \$50K over 1-3 years
- Rolling
- **Website**

Elevance Health Foundation

Behavior Health

- Amount and/or duration vary and are unpublicized
- Over 1-3 years
- 1/31/2026
- **Website**

MQ Mental Health Research

MQ Fellows Award

- Early career
- Must be a researcher with 3-7 years of postdoctoral experience
- MQ may, in exceptional cases, consider applicants with fewer than three years of postdoctoral experience
- £250,000 over 3 years
- 12/12/2025 LOI
- **Website**

National Alliance for Children's Grief (NACG)

Grief Reach Grants Cycle 1 – 2026 Changemaker Supported Community Expansion Cycle

(partnered with New York Life Foundation and Judi's House/JAG Institute)

- In order to receive the application, the eligibility form must be completed by November 21, 2025
- \$110K-\$160K over 3 years
- 12/1/2025
- **Website**

PULMONOLOGY

Cystic Fibrosis Foundation (CFF)

Path to a Cure - Postdoc-to-Faculty Transition Award

- Postdoctoral
- PhD, MD, DVM, or equivalent
- In their first four years of fellowship who are engaged in or planning CF-related basic science research projects are eligible
- Over 5 years
- 12/9/2025
- **Website**

Postdoc-to-Faculty Transition Awards

- Postdoctoral
- PhD, MD, DVM, or equivalent
- Over 5 years
- 12/9/2025
- **Website**

Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation

PFF Scholars

- Postdoctoral Trainee, Instructor, Assistant Professor
- MD, DO, RN, PhD, or other doctoral level or professional degree
- Licensed registered nurses with a PhD are eligible
- For those with a clinical degree (MD, DO, RN, etc.), candidates must have completed their clinical (e.g., ACGME) fellowship training as of the application deadline
- \$100K over 2 years
- 12/1/2025 LOI
- **Website**

RADIOLOGY

Society of Interventional Radiology (SIR) Foundation

Incubator Grant Supporting Projects in Clinical Research *(formerly the Funding Source Development Grant)*

- MD, DO, PhD or equivalent degree/accreditation
- SIR member
- \$25K over 1 year
- 1/15/2026
- **Website**

RARE DISEASE

FRAXA Research Foundation

Curative Therapies Grant

- Proposals must be discussed in advance with FRAXA's Chief Scientific Officer, Dr. Michael Tranfaglia at mtranfaglia@fraxa.org
- \$100K over 1 year
- Rolling
- UMass Recipients: 2025 Joel Richter, PhD
- **Website**

FRAXA Clinical Trial Grants

- Rolling
- **Website**

Rare Diseases Clinical Research Network (RDCRN)

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- Clinical Fellow, Postdoc Fellow, Junior Faculty
- Mid career
- MD or equivalent, PhD
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- \$75K over 1 year
- 1/15/2026
- **Website**

Pilot Grant Program for Myasthenia Gravis

- Faculty
- Early career
- MD, PhD, MD/PhD, RN, or more advanced, PharmD, DDS, DVM, or equivalent
- \$75K over 1 year
- 1/15/2026
- **Website**

REPRODUCTIVE SCIENCE

Society of Family Planning

Bridging Investments in Abortion and Contraception Research

- \$100K over 2 years
- Rolling
- **Website**

SLEEP

American Academy of Sleep Medicine (AASM Foundation)

Bridge to Success Grant for Early Career Investigators

- Early career
- MD, DO, DDS, DMD, DNP, DNSc, PharmD, PhD, or equivalent professional degree
- Individuals who have applied for a multi-year career development grant from the NIH, VA, or another granting body in the field of sleep or circadian science that was scored in the peer-review process but fell below (or is likely to fall below) the funding
- \$100K over 1 year
- 1/5/2026
- **Website**

Bridge to Success Grant for Mid-Career/Senior Investigators

- Mid to established career
- MD, DO, DDS, DMD, DNP, DNSc, PharmD, PhD, or equivalent professional degree
- Individuals who have applied for a multi-year investigator-initiated grant from a federal funding agency in the field of sleep or circadian science that was scored in the peer-review process but fell below (or is likely to fall below) the funding agency's pay line and plan to resubmit a revised investigator-initiated grant application
- \$100K over 1 year
- 1/5/2026
- **Website**

Focused Projects Grants for Junior Investigators

- Early career
- MD, DO, DDS, DMD, DNP, DNSc, PharmD, PhD, or equivalent professional degree
- Individuals within 10 years of their terminal degree, post-doctoral training, or clinical training
- \$50K over 1 year
- 1/5/2026
- **Website**

Physician Scientist Training Grant

- Faculty
- Early career
- MD, DO, or equivalent medical degree
- Within 10 years of their post-doctoral or clinical training or within 10 years of beginning their first faculty appointment
- \$100K over 2 years
- 1/5/2026
- **Website**

SURGERY

American Association for Thoracic Surgery (AATS)

Cardiac Surgical Resident Investigator Award

- Resident
- Early career
- MD
- Cardiac surgical resident who is currently enrolled in an accredited I6 program or general surgery residents intending to follow either a traditional 5-2 training pathway or a 4-3 Early Specialization Program in cardiothoracic surgery in the U.S. or Canada
- Must be engaged in cardiac research in the laboratory of an established cardiac surgical investigator who is an active AATS member in good-standing who will serve as their mentor for the duration of the project
- \$80K over 2 years
- 12/2/2025
- **Website**

AO North America (AONA)

AO CMF North America Fellowships

- Applicants for the fellowship position will be chosen solely by the institution
- The Fellowship Program Director and teaching staff are responsible for the general administration of the program, including activities related to the recruitment, selection, instruction, supervision, counseling, and evaluation/advancement of the fellow
- \$8K-\$25K over 1 year
- 1/31/2026
- **Website**

International Society for Heart and Lung Transplantation (ISHLT)

ISHLT Utilization of Non-Invasive Biomarkers in Combination with Artificial Intelligence/Machine Learning in the Care of Heart Transplant Candidates or Recipients

Grant

- Faculty, Clinical
- An individual who applies for a research grant while still in training must have been offered and accepted a faculty position that will begin on or before initiation of the grant or submit a letter of institutional commitment from a division or department
- \$40K over 1 year; 1 award in the U.S.
- 1/20/2026
- **Website**

VISION

Research to Prevent Blindness

RPB International Research Collaborators Award

- Full-time Faculty
- Assistant Professor, Associate Professor, Full Professor
- Early 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 for the January 2026 deadline
- Full-time department Chairs at any institution of higher education in the U.S. may nominate one candidate
- Given the limited number of applications for the department, coordination with the Department Chair is critical
- \$75K over 2 years
- 1/10/2026, 7/1/2026
- **Website**

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