

**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.*

**AGING****American Federation for Aging Research (AFAR)****Paul B. Beeson Emerging Leaders Career Development Award in Aging (K76)**

- Early career
- \$1.125M over 5 years; 7-10 awards
- Deadline 6/13/2026
- **Website**

**Point32Health Foundation****Equity in Aging**

- Amount and/or duration vary and/or are unpublicized
- Deadline 2/20/2026, 9/18/2026 LOI
- **Website**

**BIOMEDICAL****Burroughs Wellcome Fund****Career Guidance for Trainees**

- Graduate Student, Postdoctoral Fellow
- Graduate students or postdoctoral fellows at a research focused institution in the U.S. or Canada and who have been in this type of role for at least 3 years (36 months) but not more than 7 years (84 months)
- \$15K over 1 year; 8 awards
- Deadline 3/12/2026
- **Website**

**CARDIOLOGY****American Heart Association (AHA)****Identifying the Effects of GLP-1 Medications Among Individuals with Cardiovascular, Kidney and Metabolic Disease**

- Investigators can submit multiple proposals with each proposal requiring a separate letter of intent
- AHA member
- \$300K over 2 years; 5 awards
- Deadline 1/19/2026 LOI
- **Website**

**McGill University Health Centre****Louis and Artur Lucian Award for Research in Circulatory Diseases**

- \$75K over 1 year; 1 award
- Deadline 4/3/2026
- **Website**

**COMMUNITY PROGRAMS**

## Hanover Insurance Group Foundation, Inc.

### Charitable Foundation Grant Program - Health, Education, Workforce Development & Safety

- \$25K over 1 year
- Deadline 3/20/2026, 6/19/2026, 9/18/2026
- **Website**

## GENETICS

### Ionis Pharmaceuticals

#### Independent Medical Education Program

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

#### Investigator-Initiated Research (IIR) Program

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

## HEALTH CARE

### Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI)

#### Engagement Award: Capacity Building -- Spring 2026 Cycle

- \$300K over 2 years
- Deadline 3/30/2026 LOI
- **Website**

#### Engagement Award: Convening Support -- Spring 2026 Cycle

- \$125K over 1 year
- Deadline 3/30/2026 LOI
- **Website**

#### Engagement Award: Dissemination Initiative -- Spring 2026 Cycle

- \$300K over 2 years
- Deadline 3/30/2026 LOI
- **Website**

## HEPATOLOGY

### American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases Foundation (AASLD)

#### Bridge Award

- Junior Faculty, Faculty
- Up to and including Associate Professor
- Mid career
- AASLD member
- \$100K over 1 year
- Deadline 3/16/2026
- **Website**

## NEUROLOGY

### Alzheimer's Drug Discovery Foundation (ADDF)

#### Drug Development Grants

- Contact CFR for more information prior to contacting this sponsor as we have existing relationships
- \$5M over multiple years
- Deadline 2/23/2026, 9/14/2026 LOI
- UMass Recipients: 2017 Evgeny Rogaev, PhD; 2016 Paul Thompson, PhD
- **Website**

#### Neuroimaging and CSF Biomarker Grants

- Contact CFR for more information prior to contacting this sponsor as we have existing relationships
- \$600K over 1 year
- Deadline 2/23/2026, 9/14/2026 LOI
- **Website**

## **Prevention Grants**

- Contact CFR for more information prior to contacting this sponsor as we have existing relationships
- \$5M over multiple years
- Deadline 2/23/2026, 9/14/2026 LOI
- **Website**

## **American Headache Society**

### **Quality Improvement Competitive Grant Program** *(in collaboration with Pfizer)*

- Proposals with smaller budgets are also encouraged
- AHS member
- \$250K over 1 year
- Deadline 2/25/2026 LOI
- **Website**

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

### **Brain Health Medicines**

- Faculty
- MD, PhD (or equivalent)
- Rolling applications reviewed on a quarterly basis
- Opportunity to qualify for up to \$400K in additional funding and drug development support
- \$100K over 1 year
- Deadline 3/31/2026, 6/30/2026, 9/30/2026, 12/31/2026
- **Website**

## **Huntington's Disease Society of America (HDSA)**

### **HDSA Berman/Topper HD Career Development Fellowship**

- Postdoctoral
- Early career
- PhD, MD/DO
- Applicants should be no more than 5 years removed from obtaining their PhD
- Applicants with an MD/DO should be no more than 5 years removed from completing their residency/fellowship at the time of application
- \$300K over 3 years
- Deadline 3/20/2026
- UMass Recipients: 2020 Yasaman Gholamalipour, PhD; 2018 Edith Pfister, PhD
- **Website**

## **Pfizer**

### **Headache & Migraine Competitive Grant Program: Quality Improvement Solutions for the Diagnosis and Management of Migraine and Headache Disorders** *(partnered with the American Headache Society)*

- AHS member
- \$250K over 2 years
- Deadline 2/25/2026
- **Website**

## **Restless Legs Syndrome Foundation**

### **Research Grant** *(partnered with the American Academy of Sleep Medicine Foundation)*

- Early to established career
- \$50K over 1-2 years; 2 awards
- Deadline 1/23/2026 LOI
- **Website**

## **OBSTETRICS / GYNECOLOGY**

## **Endometriosis Foundation of America**

### **Endometriosis Fellowship** *(in collaboration with the Society for Laparoscopic & Robotic Surgery and Seckin Endometriosis Center)*

- Fellow
- Amount and/or duration vary and/or are unpublicized
- Over 2 years
- Rolling basis
- **Website**

## **Society of Family Planning**

### **Researching the Implementation of Over-the-Counter Oral Contraception**

- \$175K over 2 years

- Deadline 3/17/2026
- **Website**

## ONCOLOGY

### American Association for Cancer Research (AACR)

#### AACR Career Development Awards to Foster Diversity & Inclusion

- Faculty
- Assistant Professor, Instructor, Research Assistant Professor, or equivalent
- PhD, MD, MD/PhD, or equivalent
- Have attained their first independent investigator position no earlier than September 1, 2020 and no later than September 1, 2026
- Applicants with a medical degree must have completed their most recent doctoral degree or medical residency (or equivalent)
- \$300K over 3 years
- Deadline 1/27/2026 LOI
- **Website**

#### AACR-EMD Serono “I’M IN” Oncodisparity Fellowships in Lung and Urothelial Cancers

- Postdoctoral Fellow, Clinical Research Fellow, or equivalent
- Early career
- PhD, MD, MD/PhD, or equivalent
- Completed their most recent doctoral degree within the past five years
- AACR member
- \$65K over 1 year
- Deadline 2/24/2026
- **Website**

### American Association of Endocrine Surgeons (AAES)

#### Paul LoGerfo Research Award (PLRA)

- Completed residency and fellowship training within 5 academic years previous to the year of application
- AAES member
- \$15K over 1 year; 2 awards
- Deadline 3/1/2026
- **Website**

#### ThyCa: Thyroid Cancer Survivors’ Association Award for Thyroid Cancer Research

- Faculty, Postdoctoral Non-clinical Fellows
- Instructor, Assistant Professor, Associate Professor
- PhD, MD
- Less than 10 years from the completion of their postdoctoral fellowship and have never had independent NIH funding
- AAES member
- \$20K over 1 year; 1 award
- Deadline 3/1/2026
- **Website**

### American Society for Radiation Oncology (ASTRO)

#### ASTRO-AAPM Physics Resident/Post-Doctoral Fellow Seed Grant DEADLINE UPDATED

- Medical Physics Resident, Postdoctoral Fellow
- PhD
- ASTRO and AAPM member
- \$50K over 1 year
- Deadline 3/18/2026
- **Website**

### American Society of Clinical Oncology Foundation (ASCO)/Conquer Cancer

#### Career Development Award in Triple Negative Breast Cancer

- Faculty, Physician
- Instructor/Lecturer, Assistant Professor, Assistant Member
- MD, DO, or international equivalent with explanation
- Be in the first to fourth year of a full-time primary faculty appointment in a clinical department at an academic medical institution at the time of grant submission
- ASCO member
- \$200K over 3 years
- Deadline 3/12/2026
- **Website**

### Cancer Research Institute (CRI)

### **CRI Immuno-Informatics Postdoctoral Fellowship Program**

- Postdoctoral
- Early career
- Applicants must have a doctoral degree by the date of award activation and must conduct their proposed research under a sponsor who holds a formal appointment as an assistant professor or higher rank at the host institution
- \$243K over 3 years
- Deadline 3/2/2026, 9/1/2026
- **Website**

### **CRI Irvington Postdoctoral Fellowship**

- Postdoctoral
- Early career
- Applicants must have a doctoral degree by the date of award activation and must conduct their proposed research under a sponsor who holds a formal appointment as an assistant professor or higher rank at the host institution
- \$243K over 3 years
- Deadline 3/2/2026, 9/1/2026
- UMass Recipients: 2024 Anukriti Mathur, PhD; 2023 Ze Zhang, PhD; 2020 Natália Ketelut-Carneiro, PhD; 2012 Corrie Painter, PhD
- **Website**

### **Damon Runyon Cancer Research Foundation**

#### **Damon Runyon Fellowship Award** (*partnered with Cancer Prevention Initiative*)

- Postdoctoral
- MD, PhD, MD/PhD, DDS, DVM, DO
- Only one application will be accepted from a Sponsor or Fellow per review session (including Co-Sponsors), however, there is no limit to the number of applications from an institution
- \$300K over 4 years
- Deadline 3/16/2026
- UMass Recipients: 2015 Gina V. Caldas, PhD; 2013 Summer Thyme, PhD
- **Website**

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

#### **Dr. Charles A. Coltman, Jr. Fellowship**

- Faculty
- Assistant Professor, Clinical Instructor, Lecturer
- Early career
- Applicant must be a member of SWOG and at a SWOG member institution at the time of grant award
- \$100K over 2 years
- Deadline 3/15/2026
- **Website**

#### **SWOG Early Exploration and Development (SEED) Fund**

- SWOG member
- \$50K over 1-2 years
- Deadline 7/1/2026
- **Website**

### **LUNGeVity Foundation**

#### **ASTRO-LUNGeVity Residents/Fellows in Radiation Oncology Seed Grant**

- Resident, Fellow
- PhD, MD/PhD, MD, DO, or other equivalent degrees(s)
- Must be enrolled in a U.S. residency or fellowship at the time of application
- ASTRO member
- \$50K over 1 year; 1 award
- Deadline 1/26/2026
- **Website**

### **MPN Research Foundation**

#### **MPN Challenge**

- \$200K over 2 years
- Deadline 3/23/2026
- UMass Recipients: 2013 Shaoguang Li, MD, PhD
- **Website**

### **National Foundation for Cancer Research**

#### **Albert Szent-Györgyi Prize for Progress in Cancer Research**

- Early to established career

- Self-nominations are not accepted
- \$30K over 1 year; 1 award
- Deadline 2/28/2026
- **Website**

## ORTHOPEDICS

### [Pediatric Orthopaedic Society of North America \(POSNA\)](#)

#### **POSNA Peter Armstrong QSVI Grant DEADLINE UPDATED**

- Non-orthopaedic surgeon MDs, PhDs, or DVMs are eligible to apply if affiliated with an orthopaedic department and working with an orthopaedic surgeon/POSNA member who is the Co-PI
- POSNA member
- \$30K over 1 year
- Deadline 2/17/2026
- **Website**

#### **Roshen N. Irani Research Grant**

- Active, Associate, Candidate Active, and Candidate Associate POSNA members in good standing may apply
- \$20K over 1-2 years; 1 award
- Deadline 2/17/2026
- **Website**

#### **Roshen N. Irani Research Training Grant**

- Resident, Medical Student, or Pediatric Orthopaedic Fellow
- A POSNA Candidate Active or Active member in good standing must serve as a mentor
- \$10K over 1 year; 2 awards
- Deadline 2/17/2026
- **Website**

## PHYSICAL / OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

### [Foundation for Physical Therapy Research \(FPTR\)](#)

#### **Postdoctoral Fellowship**

- Physical Therapist, Physical Therapist Assistant
- Have received an academic research doctoral degree, e.g., DSc, EdD or PhD, since June 1, 2024
- APTA member
- \$75K over 1 year; 1 award
- Deadline 3/31/2026
- **Website**

### [Massage Therapy Foundation](#)

#### **Research Award**

- Applicants must demonstrate experience in the relevant field of research
- \$300K over 3 years
- Deadline 2/28/2026 LOI
- **Website**

#### **Research Support Grant**

- Applicants must demonstrate experience in the relevant field of research
- \$30K over 1 year
- Deadline 2/28/2026
- **Website**

## PSYCH

### [American Psychiatric Association \(APA\)](#)

#### **Jeanne Spurlock Congressional Fellowship**

- Carried out in Washington, DC
- Resident, Fellow, Psychiatrist
- Early career
- APA member
- \$100K over 1 year; 2 awards
- Deadline 3/16/2026
- **Website**

#### **Psychiatric Research Fellowship**

- Psychiatrist

- Early career
- MD, DO
- APA member
- \$90K over 2 years; 1 award
- Deadline 3/16/2026
- **Website**

## PULMONOLOGY

### Cystic Fibrosis Foundation (CFF)

#### Clinical Fellowship Awards – Education and Training

- Early career
- Must have completed at least three (3) years of training in an approved residency program (or equivalent) by the time the fellowship begins
- \$150K over 2 years
- Deadline 2/25/2026
- **Website**

#### Clinical Fellowship Awards – Research

- \$210K over 2 years
- Deadline 2/25/2026
- **Website**

#### Clinical Research Award

- \$150K-\$350K over 3 years
- Up to an additional \$50K may be available via supplemental funding
- Deadline 4/23/2026 LOI
- **Website**

#### Harry Shwachman Clinical Investigator Award

- Junior Faculty, Senior Faculty, Fellow
- Fellows may submit applications, however, funding will only be considered if they will hold a faculty-level appointment at the time of the award
- \$399K over 3 years
- Deadline 2/25/2026
- **Website**

#### LeRoy Matthews Physician-Scientist Award

- Faculty, Fellow
- Candidates for this award can be identified as early as their third year of residency training or at any time during their subspecialty training (Phases I and II)
- Individuals must possess an MD, DO, or equivalent
- Applicants that also have a PhD are encouraged to apply
- \$85K-\$133K over 1-7 years
- Deadline 2/25/2026
- **Website**

## RADIOLOGY

### American Association of Physicists in Medicine

#### 2026 ASTRO-AAPM Physics Resident/Post-Doctoral Fellow Seed Grant DEADLINE UPDATED

- Physics Resident, Postdoctoral Fellow
- Must be a current and active ASTRO and AAPM member at the time of application
- \$50K over 1 year; 2 awards
- Deadline 3/18/2026
- **Website**

## RARE DISEASE

### Foundation for Prader-Willi Research (FPWR)

#### Research Grant Program

- Faculty
- Instructor or higher
- Early to established career
- \$300K over 3 years
- Deadline 2/27/2026 LOI
- **Website**

### Vasculitis Foundation

#### Young Investigator Award

- Early career
- Within 10 years of terminal research degree or completion of clinical training, whichever is later
- Only one grant per year will be awarded to any institution or its major branches
- \$50K over 2 years
- Deadline 1/31/2026
- **Website**

## RHEUMATOLOGY

### American Fibromyalgia Syndrome Association (AFSA)

#### Research Grants

- MD, DO, PhD
- The PI must be a board-certified MD or DO, or a PhD with applicable basic science research experience
- All PhD applicants must team up with an experienced FM clinician (MD, DO, or NP) for assessment of human subjects
- Optional - An LOI should be submitted if you are uncertain whether your proposed project qualifies for AFSA funding before 12/15/2025 (Note: The optional LOI deadline has passed as of this publication)
- \$85K over 1-2 years; 3 awards
- Deadline 3/1/2026
- **Website**

## SPINE

### International Society for the Study of the Lumbar Spine

#### Basic Science Research Grant *(sponsored by Cerapedics)*

- Early career
- At least one investigator must be a current ISSLS member
- \$20K over 1 year
- Deadline 3/27/2026
- **Website**

#### Clinical Science Research Grant *(sponsored by Medtronic)*

- Early career
- At least one investigator must be a current ISSLS member
- \$20K over 1 year
- Deadline 3/27/2026
- **Website**

## SURGERY

### American College of Surgeons (ACS)

#### The Joan L. and Julius H. Jacobson II Promising Investigator Award (JPJA)

- Faculty
- Early career
- Candidate must be a Fellow or an Associate Fellow of the American College of Surgeons
- Must be board certified in a surgical specialty and must have completed surgical training including fellowship in the last six years
- Only one application per surgical department will be accepted
- \$30K over 1 year
- Deadline 2/16/2026
- **Website**

### American Society for Surgery of the Hand (ASSH)

#### Basic Science Grants

- Faculty, Resident, Fellow
- ASSH membership not required, but an ASSH Active Member must be listed as one of the investigators or as a sponsor/adviser on the project
- \$60K over 2 years
- Deadline 2/16/2026 LOI
- **Website**

#### Clinical Grants

- Faculty, Resident, Fellow
- ASSH membership not required, but an ASSH Active Member must be listed as one of the investigators or as a sponsor/adviser on the project
- \$60K over 2 year
- Deadline 2/16/2026 LOI

- **Website**

## American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons (ASCRS), Research Foundation of ASCRS

### Career Development Award

- Faculty
- Assistant Professor
- Early career
- Applicants must be within 5 years of starting their first faculty position on the date the grant is submitted (e.g., start date as faculty needs to be 5 years before day the grant is due to the Research Foundation of the ASCRS)
- ASCRS member
- \$150K over 2 years
- Deadline 3/15/2026
- **Website**

### Limited Project Grants (LPG)

- ASCRS member
- \$25K over 1 year
- Deadline 3/15/2026
- **Website**

### Robotic Research Grant

- ASCRS member
- \$150K over 2 years
- Deadline 3/15/2026
- **Website**

### Special Emphasis Limited Project Grant: Colorectal Surgery and Health Equity

- ASCRS member
- \$20K over 1 year
- Deadline 3/15/2026
- **Website**

## American Society of Transplant Surgeons (ASTS)

### ASTS Collaborative Scientist Grant

- Faculty
- MD, PhD, DVM, or foreign equivalent
- ASTS member
- \$100K over 1 year; 1 award
- Deadline 2/9/2026
- **Website**

### ASTS Faculty Development Grant

- Junior Faculty
- Within 5 years of fellowship
- ASTS member
- \$100K over 1 year; 1 award
- Deadline 2/9/2026
- **Website**

### ASTS Socio Economic & Racial Disparity Grant

- Faculty
- ASTS member
- \$50K over 2 years
- Deadline 2/9/2026
- **Website**

### ASTS-Jon Fryer Resident Scientist Scholarship

- Resident, Postdoctoral
- PhD, DVM, or foreign equivalent
- Completed at least 2 years of clinical training or 1 year of post doctoral research in transplantation or transplant immunobiology
- \$40K over 1 year; 1 award
- Deadline 2/9/2026
- **Website**

### ASTS-Veloxis Fellowship in Transplantation Grant

- Clinical Trainee
- Completed surgical residency and demonstrated a career commitment to the area of transplant surgery
- \$85K over 2 years; 1 award
- Deadline 2/9/2026
- **Website**

## International Team for Implantology

### ITI Research Grants (Good for Bone Regeneration) - Preclinical & Clinical

- \$50-\$200K over 1 year
- Deadline 2/28/2026, 8/31/2026
- **Website**

## Society for Vascular Surgery (SVS)

### Clinical Research Seed Grant

- The Principal Investigator must be 1) an SVS Active Member within the first 10 years of practice, or 2) an SVS Early Active Member - a fellowship - or integrated residency-trained, board-eligible, vascular surgeon within the first 10 years of practice with a full-time faculty position with an SVS Active Member serving as mentor
- \$25K over 1 year
- Deadline 3/1/2026
- **Website**

## VISION

## Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology (ARVO)

### ARVO Achievement Awards

- Deadline 3/1/2026
- **Website**

## Research to Prevent Blindness

### RPB Challenge Grant

- Given the limited number of applications for the department, coordination with the Department Chair is critical
- \$380K over 4 years
- Deadline 1/10/2026, 7/1/2026
- **Website**

### RPB Unrestricted Grants

- Given the limited number of applications for the department, coordination with the Department Chair is critical
- \$150K over 1 year
- Deadline 1/10/2026 7/1/2026
- **Website**

## WOMEN'S HEALTH

## Foundation for Women's Wellness

### Fellowship Awards

- Applicants must currently be pursuing an MD and/or PhD or be engaged in post-doc, fellowship or similar specialty training at a U.S.-based academic institution for the calendar year she/he is applying
- \$5K over 1 year
- Deadline 3/14/2026
- **Website**

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