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Please note that a faculty member’s research administrator will serve as the liaison on all aspects of the internal application process. If you are unsure of whom to talk to, your department contact can be found at the following link. If you pursue any grant opportunity featured in this report, please contact your research administrator first to formulate a submission plan and timeline.

The UMHS Corporate and Foundation Relations team can assist in this process, including providing direct communication with the funding entity to obtain guidance on project appeal/applicability to the funder, provide examples of previously funded UM proposals, and answer general faculty questions.

Internal Funding Opportunity:

Grantor: Michigan-Israel Partnership for Research and Education
Grant Opportunity: Research Grants
Keyword: Research Grant
Award Amount: $100,000
Deadline: March 1, 2018

Michigan-Israel Partnership for Research and Education Collaborative Research Grant Application Request for Applications


New Deadline: Extended to March 1, 2018
A message relayed by the U-M Office of Research on behalf of the Michigan-Israel Partnership for Research and Education.

In 2012, the University of Michigan (U-M) partnered with Technion Institute of Technology and the Weizmann Institute of Science to support meritorious research, foster innovation and spur collaboration in the areas of biomedical sciences.

The partnership awards funding to support collaborative research projects led by scientists from the three institutions. Projects are awarded based on their potential to lead to scientific advances in understanding pathways of disease, novel diagnostics or therapeutics, as well as to peer-reviewed publication, and potentially other extramural support.

Amount: Awards will be granted up to $100,000 US for two years for joint projects with an appropriate budget justification.

Purpose: The Michigan-Israel Partnership for Research and Education, requests applications for collaborative research. The purpose of this Request for Applications (RFA) is to support meritorious research, to foster innovation, and to spur collaboration between three great academic institutions in the areas of biomedical sciences.

Submit completed applications and all required material electronically in a single PDF format to CVC-Research@med.umich.edu by March 1, 2018 (extended deadline).

Questions?

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Grantor: American Cancer Society

Grant Opportunity: Research Grants

Keyword: Basic Science; Cancer; Career Development; Chronic Diseases; Health Policy & Research; Psychosocial; Research Grant

Award Amount: $2,000,000+

Deadline: April 2, 2018

American Cancer Society Research Scholar Grants

https://www.cancer.org/research/we-fund-cancer-research/apply-research-grant/grant-types/research-scholar-grants.html
The Research Scholar Grant (RSG) supports investigator-initiated projects across the cancer research continuum.

Who's Eligible: Independent investigators in the first 6 years of an independent research career or faculty appointment are eligible to apply. Eligibility is extended for 8 years for clinician scientists who remain active in clinical care.

Exception for Cancer Control and Prevention Research: RSG applicants to ONLY the Cancer Control and Prevention Research Program may be at any career stage provided that the focus of their project is either: 1) Healthy Policy/Health Services research or 2) Achieving Cancer Health Equity

Grant Term and Budget: Awards are for up to 4 years and for up to $165,000 a year for direct costs, plus 20% allowable indirect costs.

Exception for psychosocial/behavioral studies or health policy/health services: RSG applicants to the Cancer Control and Prevention Research Program for psychosocial and behavioral studies or health policy and health services research that are population based and focused on achieving health equity may be up to 5 years with a maximum budget of $400,000 a year for direct costs, plus 20% allowable indirect costs.

Application Deadline: April 2, 2018

Grantor: Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

Grant Opportunity: Career Development

Keyword: Career Development; Health Policy & Research; Public Health

Award Amount: $1,575,000

Deadline: March 14, 2018

Clinical Scholars 2018 Call for Applications


Purpose: The Clinical Scholars program is a three-year leadership program for health and health care providers and practitioners spanning a range of professions (see eligibility criteria for additional information). The program offers providers the opportunity to build and develop the unique skills they need to lead communities and organizations toward a Culture of Health. Strong applicants include a team of innovative providers that will bring a knowledge of and experience in the art and science of health care services; a unique perspective as providers in health and health care systems; and an understanding of the special professional status and relationship with patients and communities.
Total Awards: The total award to the applicant organization will be up to $105,000 per team member for the three-year fellowship program. Teams may be between two and five individuals. For example, the award for a three-member team would be up to $315,000 in total. The size of the team may not increase during the grant term. This amount includes grant funds to support the ongoing participation of all team members for all three years, including salary support, project funding, and project travel.

January 22, 2018 (3–4 p.m. ET): Webinar for potential applicants of the Clinical Scholars program.

January 23, 2018 (3–4 p.m. ET): Webinar for potential applicants of all four leadership programs.

March 14, 2018 (3 p.m. ET): Deadline for receipt of full applications, including video and references.

Grantor: Ono Pharma Foundation

Grant Opportunity: Research Grants

Keyword: Basic Science; Research Grant

Award Amount: $1,035,000

Deadline: February 28, 2018

Ono Pharma Foundation Ono Pharma Breakthrough Science Initiative Awards Program

http://www.onofound.org/initiative/

The purpose of the Ono Initiative is to support scientist Principal Investigators (“PIs”) with creative ideas in selected scientific research fields with the mission of seeking discoveries/solutions and development of high impact science.

The goals of the Ono Initiative are to:

• Identify and help develop innovative research proposals and results that could lead to the development of breakthrough treatment solutions for patients.

• Support academic research and the career development of promising young and established scientists.

• Build strong relationships within the community in order to lead to transformative research aligned with Ono Initiative's interest.

Annually, the Ono Pharma Foundation will consider proposals from PIs for research that could ultimately transform human health. Although additional areas of research may be addressed in
later years, in 2018 the Ono Pharma Foundation will only consider proposals for scientific research projects addressing one of the following two fields of science:

- **Chemical Biology Research**
  - Target research of Chemical Biology is not specified. The Chemical Biology is defined as research that deals with the interface between chemistry and biology.

- **Oligonucleotide Medicine Research**
  - Target research of Oligonucleotide Medicine is defined as "Groundbreaking work using synthetic oligonucleotides to gain broadly valuable insights into molecular mechanisms, delivery strategies, pharmacology, or physiologic targets".

Awards: Applications comprising laboratory investigation will be considered. Project duration may last up to three years with annual funding of $300,000/year, totaling a maximum of $900,000 for the normal term of a research project.

The Ono Pharma Foundation will provide up to a maximum of an additional 15% per year of the funding approved for the research to be used for indirect costs of the institution of the PI. The total amount of the grant for three year research will be up to $1,035,000.

Letter of intent submission due date: February 28, 2018

Grantor: American Cancer Society
Grant Opportunity: Research Grants
Keyword: Cancer; Chronic Diseases; Pain & Palliative Care; Research Grant
Award Amount: $1 Million
Deadline: April 2, 2018

Request for Applications: Pilot and Exploratory Projects in Palliative Care of Cancer Patients and Their Families


Purpose: The development of the specialty of palliative medicine is a critical step in addressing the unmet needs of patients with serious illness and their families

Pilot data are typically needed before funding agencies (e.g., NIH, VA or the American Cancer Society) will consider funding a research project. In an effort to support clinician investigators conducting patient-oriented research in palliative care, the American Cancer Society, in parallel with the National Palliative Care Research Center (NPCRC), is soliciting applications for
pilot/exploratory research grants in palliative care of cancer patients and their families. These grants will generate the pilot data necessary to maximize an investigator's chances of competing successfully for larger grants.

Focus of RFA: This RFA provides funding for investigators performing pilot and exploratory research studies whose purpose is to test interventions, develop research methodologies, and explore novel areas of research in palliative care of cancer patients and their families. A condition of funding is a clearly defined plan as to how the investigator will use the results of the project to develop larger, extramurally funded research projects.

This RFA is limited to applications that focus on palliative care research projects for seriously ill cancer patients and their families in three specific areas:

1. Exploring the relationship of pain and other distressing symptoms on quality and quantity of life, independence, function, and disability and developing interventions directed at their treatment in patients with advanced and chronic illnesses;

2. Studying methods of improving communication between adults living with serious illness, their families and their health care providers;

3. Evaluating models and systems of care for patients living with advanced illness and their families.

As a condition of accepting the award, each recipient of this grant, will agree to:

1. Attend the required meetings of the NPCRC in Fall during the award period.

2. Present results of the funded research at this required NPCRC meeting;

Length of Study: Awards may not exceed a period of one to two years duration.

Awards: A total of $500,000 per year is available for this mechanism.

Application Deadline: April 2, 2018

Grantor: American Cancer Society
Grant Opportunity: Career Development
Keyword: Cancer; Career Development; Chronic Diseases; Research Grant
Award Amount: $675,000+
Deadline: April 2, 2018

American Cancer Society Clinician Scientist Development Grant
The Clinician Scientist Development Grant (CSDG) fosters the development of clinicians to clinician scientists. Clinician scientists are investigators licensed to provide patient care and trained to conduct research. They pursue research questions across the cancer research continuum of relevance to improving health.

The CSDG provides support for protected time to allow junior faculty who see patients to be mentored and participate in research training to aid their development as independent clinician scientists.

Grant Term and Budget: Awards range from 3 to 5 years, for a maximum $135,000 Direct costs, plus 8% allowable indirect costs per year.

The mentor(s) receive a maximum of $10,000 per year (regardless of the number of mentors). That amount is included in the $135,000.

Application Deadline: April 2, 2018

Grantor: American Cancer Society

Grant Opportunity: Research Grants

Keyword: Basic Science; Cancer; Chronic Diseases; Research Grant

Award Amount: $600,000

Deadline: April 1, 2018

American Cancer Society New Initiative: Mission Boost Grant

To extend our previous focus, we are pleased to announce our new investment initiative: Mission Boost Grants. We designed these grants to support select current and past ACS grantees specifically for the translation of their research to human testing.

Mission Boost Grants support investigators who have received a grant from the American Cancer Society—recently or in the past.

Mission Boost Grants (MBG) are opportunities for ACS grantees to seek additional, or “boost,” resources for innovative, high-risk/high-reward projects. MBGs offer 2 stages of funding.

The Primary Boost requires the investigator to develop outcome-specific, unequivocal milestones that reduce the risks of studying a new drug, device, or procedure in patients. The
topic of study may be the same that was previously funded by the ACS grant, but it doesn’t have to be. Primary MBG studies can be preclinical or clinical in nature.

The Secondary Boost requires the investigator to have successfully completed the Primary Boost milestones and submitted them to the Extramural Council for permission to move forward with this grant. The investigator may apply for a Secondary Boost grant to receive support for an additional period for advancing the research to clinical testing in cancer patients. Secondary MBG studies must involve testing in cancer patients.

Focus of the Mission Boost Program

To be considered for an MBG, research projects must focus on studies in cancer patients, such as:

- **Treatment** – First Time in Humans (FTIH); clinical proof-of-concept (PoC); side effect reduction
- **Diagnostics/Prognostics/Medical Devices** – Clinical validation in humans
- **Prevention** – Including initial incidence or recurrence in humans (biomarker based/biomarker testing)

Grant Term and Budget

- **Primary Mission Boost** – A maximum $100,000 Direct plus 20% Indirect costs per year may be requested for up to 2 years (Total: $240,000).
- **Secondary Mission Boost** – A maximum of $300,000 Direct plus 20% Indirect costs (Total: $360,000) may be requested for up to 18 months.

LOI Deadline: April 1, 2018

Grantor: Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

Grant Opportunity: Career Development

Keyword: Career Development; Health Policy & Research; Public Health

Award Amount: $350,000

Deadline: March 14, 2018

Interdisciplinary Research Leaders 2018 Call for Applications


The Program: This call for applications (CFA) seeks teams of researchers and community members who are committed to working together to produce community-relevant, action-
oriented research to improve health and well-being. Funding to support the work of the team will go to one organization. This applicant organization will identify the team members on its application.

Program Goals: The broad goal of the Interdisciplinary Research Leaders program is to produce diverse interdisciplinary leaders who conduct and apply high-quality, community-engaged, action-oriented, equity-focused health research in order to drive improvements in the health of communities. Accordingly, the program will recruit and select applicant organizations represented by teams of three people (“IRL team”): two mid-career researchers and one community member to become IRL program fellows. IRL teams will join together as a diverse cohort of fellows that will participate in a three-year program. During this time, fellows will receive: leadership training; opportunities to learn and apply cutting-edge research methods; expert mentoring; networking opportunities; and both fellowship and research funds. With these experiences, IRL fellows will be better-equipped to effect change and become the next generation of leaders in population health and health equity research.

Total Awards: Total awards will be up to $350,000 per grantee organization for the duration of the three-year program. This amount includes grant funds to support the ongoing participation of all team members for all three years and a research project award. Note that additional resources, in the form of training, collaborative opportunities, and travel expenses, are also provided independent of this award.

January 23, 2018 (3–4 p.m. ET): Webinar for potential applicants of all four leadership programs.

February 8, 2018 (3–4 p.m. ET): Informational webinar for prospective Interdisciplinary Research Leaders applicants.

March 14, 2018 (3 p.m. ET): Deadline for receipt of fellowship applications from applicant organizations.

Grantor: American Cancer Society

Grant Opportunity: Career Development

Keyword: Cancer; Career Development; Chronic Diseases

Award Amount: $300,000

Deadline: April 2, 2018

Physician Training Awards in Cancer Prevention

https://www.cancer.org/research/we-fund-cancer-research/apply-research-grant/grant-types/physician-training-awards.html
Awarded to institutions to support physician training in accredited preventive medicine residency programs that provide cancer prevention and control research and practice opportunities. Awards are made for four years in the total amount of $300,000 based on an average of $50,000 per resident training year.

Application Deadline: April 2, 2018

Grantor: Bladder Cancer Advocacy Network

Grant Opportunity: Research Grants

Keyword: Basic Science; Bladder Cancer; Cancer; Chronic Diseases; Research Grant

Award Amount: $300,000

Deadline: February 21, 2018

2018 Bladder Cancer Research Innovation Award

https://www.bcan.org/2018-bcan-innovation-award/

BCAN is pleased to announce the 2018 Bladder Cancer Research Innovation Award to support the work of one investigator with an exceptionally novel and creative project with great potential to produce breakthroughs in our understanding or the management of bladder cancer. The proposed research may be basic, translational, clinical but must have direct applicability and relevance to bladder cancer and address one of these two questions of interest:

What are mechanisms by which the resident microbiota interacts with the biology of urothelial cancer?

What are the tumor cell autonomous or microenvironmental determinants of bladder cancer progression to metastasis?

Proposals for innovative projects that will develop preliminary data necessary to prepare and submit a competitive research grant application to a major funding agency are encouraged. The award is available to full time, independent investigators who are affiliated with a non-profit academic, medical or research institution within the United States or Canada. Candidates not currently performing bladder cancer research are encouraged to apply. Proposals that involve a multidisciplinary approach and/or multi-institutional collaboration are encouraged.

One proposal will be funded for $300,000 over two years ($150,000 per year).

Interested applicants must submit a Letter of Intent by Wednesday February 21, 2018.

Grantor: American Cancer Society
Grant Opportunity: Seed Money
Keyword: Cancer; Chronic Diseases; Research Grant
Award Amount: $270,000
Deadline: April 2, 2018

American Cancer Society Institutional Research Grants

https://www.cancer.org/research/we-fund-cancer-research/apply-research-grant/grant-types/institutional-research-grants.html

Institutional Research Grants are block grants averaging $90,000 per year for three years given to institutions as "seed money" for the initiation of projects by promising junior investigators.
Application Deadline: April 2, 2018

Grantors: American Association for Cancer Research and Kure It

Grant Opportunity: Research Grant
Keyword: Basic Science; Cancer; Chronic Diseases; Immuno-oncology; Research Grant
Award Amount: $250,000
Deadline: February 15, 2018

AACR-Kure It Research Grant for Immunotherapy in Kidney Cancer

http://www.aacr.org/Funding/Pages/Funding-Detail.aspx?ItemID=31#.Wk_artEvZDZ

The AACR-Kure It Research Grant for Immunotherapy in Kidney Cancer represents a joint effort to promote and support innovative cancer research. This grant is available to full time, independent junior and senior investigators to study immunological aspects of, or treatments for, kidney cancer. Research projects should advance the basic knowledge of tumor immunology mechanisms, or develop new concepts in the treatment, control, or prevention of kidney cancer by immunology-based therapeutic approaches. Proposed projects may be basic, translational, clinical, or epidemiological in nature and must focus on cancer immunology including, but not limited to: immune recognition, regulation, tumor escape, and therapeutic manipulation for kidney cancer.

Applications are invited from researchers currently in the field as well as investigators with experience in other areas of cancer or biomedical immunology research who have promising ideas and approaches that can be applied to kidney cancer research. A track record of research in this specific field is not a requirement for funding.
The grant provides $250,000 over two years ($125,000 per year) for expenses related to the research project, which may include salary and benefits of the grant recipient and any collaborators (grant recipient/collaborator salaries limited to 25% of the total grant), postdoctoral or clinical research fellows, graduate students and/or research assistants, research/laboratory supplies, equipment, travel, publication charges for manuscripts that pertain directly to the funded project, other research expenses, and indirect costs.


Grantor: American Cancer Society
Grant Opportunity: Postdoctoral Fellowships
Keyword: Basic Science; Cancer; Chronic Diseases; Health Policy & Research; Post-Doctoral Fellowship; Psychosocial
Award Amount: $163,500
Deadline: April 2, 2018

American Cancer Society Postdoctoral Fellowships

https://www.cancer.org/research/we-fund-cancer-research/apply-research-grant/grant-types/postdoctoral-fellowships.html

This award is to support the training of researchers who have received a doctoral degree to provide initial funding leading to an independent career in cancer research (including basic, preclinical, clinical, cancer control, psychosocial, behavioral, epidemiology, health services and health policy research). Awards may be for three years with progressive stipends of $48,000, $50,000, and $52,000 per year, plus a $4,000 per year fellowship allowance (an additional $1,500 is added to the fellowship allowance in the last year to attend the ACS Postdoctoral Fellows Symposium or a domestic scientific meeting). Depending on availability of special endowment funds, the Society annually selects one or more of the top-ranked fellowships to be supplemented above the standard stipend.

Application Deadline: April 2, 2018

Grantor: AstraZeneca HealthCare Foundation
Grant Opportunity: Program Funding
Keyword: Cardiovascular; Public Health
Award Amount: $150,000
Deadline: February 28, 2018

AstraZeneca HealthCare Foundation Connections for Cardiovascular Health Program


In support of its overall mission to improve health, the AstraZeneca HealthCare Foundation launched Connections for Cardiovascular Health (CCH), a program with the mission of improving cardiovascular health in the United States.

CCH provides grants to U.S.-based nonprofit organizations engaged in charitable work at the community level in the United States in support of the program’s mission. Since its inception in 2010, the Foundation’s CCH program has funded programs providing innovative, community-based approaches to improving cardiovascular health across the United States. CCH-funded programs use culturally appropriate approaches with measurable outcomes to address specific unmet needs of communities across the country, especially underserved communities.

To qualify for a Foundation Program Grant, nonprofit organizations based in the United States must be engaged in charitable work (at the community level or otherwise) that addresses the Foundation’s Connections for Cardiovascular Health (CCH) mission and meets five key criteria:

Addresses cardiovascular health issues within the United States and its territories

Recognizes and works to address an unmet need related to cardiovascular health in the community

Responds to the urgency around addressing cardiovascular health issues, including cardiovascular disease or conditions contributing to cardiovascular disease

Improves the quality of participants’ and non-professional caregivers’ lives in connection with the services provided and work done

Demonstrates a clear plan for long-term program sustainability, to further improve cardiovascular health after Foundation grants are expended.

Funding Criteria

The Foundation preference is to support new organizations with innovative programs to expand the reach of the Connections for Cardiovascular Health program. In addition, the Foundation maintains our commitment to support sustainability by providing reduced funding to support a limited number of previously-funded organizations with programs that demonstrate positive outcomes.

The Foundation will only accept one application per organization for a single year of funding.
Applicants who are approved for a Foundation grant award must meet program objectives and reapply annually for continued funding.

- The AstraZeneca HealthCare Foundation has two levels of grants to support program operations:
  
  o Level 1—Organizations with New or Existing Programs with 0-1 Year of CCH Funding:
    
    ▪ Organizations that have not received CCH funding in the past and organizations that have received one year of CCH funding may apply for funding between $125,000 and $150,000.
    
    ▪ Organizations that received one year of CCH funding must apply with their previously CCH-funded program to be considered.
  
  o Level 2—Previously-Funded Organizations with 2+ Years of CCH Funding for Established Programs:
    
    ▪ Previously-funded organizations that received two or more years of CCH funding may apply for up to $75,000 to sustain a previously CCH-funded program.

February 28, 2018, 5 p.m. ET 2018: online application closes (all applications must be submitted prior to this date and time)

Grant Opportunity: Pfizer

Grant Opportunity: Research Grants

Keyword: Basic Science; Chronic Diseases; Dermatology; Health Policy & Research; Research Grant

Award Amount: $150,000

Deadline: February 16, 2018

2018 ASPIRE Dermatology Research Awards

https://www.aspireresearch.org/dermatology/index.html

This ASPIRE program is part of Pfizer's commitment to supporting research in inflammatory and immune-mediated skin diseases.

Mission: To support basic science, translational, clinical and health services research through a competitive grant program that increases medical knowledge in inflammatory and immune-mediated skin diseases.
Background: Scientific research continues to advance our knowledge and understanding of inflammatory and immune-mediated skin diseases. The 2018 ASPIRE Dermatology Research Awards will fund meritorious research proposals that have the potential to improve patient care.

Areas of Focus: Pfizer is interested in supporting studies in the following areas. Applications comprising laboratory investigation, clinical, or health services research will be considered.

General

Clinical research related to inflammatory or immune-mediated skin diseases
Basic research in the etiology of inflammatory or immune-mediated skin diseases including clarification of the intracellular immune cascade in the skin

Atopic Dermatitis

Approaches to improving adherence to topical therapy for atopic dermatitis
Approaches to improving management of atopic dermatitis (e.g. early therapy, prevention of flares, long-term maintenance, sequential treatment, bimodal therapy, etc.)
Exploring patient/caregiver/parent satisfaction with therapy and factors affecting switching therapies or non-compliance
Exploring patient/caregiver/parent treatment preferences (e.g. different treatment classes or differences between oral, injectable, and topical therapies)
Exploring patient/caregiver/parent burden of mild to moderate atopic dermatitis
Exploring AD comorbidities and impact and/or prevalence

PDE4 & crisaborole

Exploring the impact of crisaborole on patient-reported outcomes (e.g. pruritus, sleep, QoL)
Evaluating compatibility of crisaborole with other topical agents used commonly by atopic dermatitis patients
Evaluating use of crisaborole in combination or in sequence with other agents
Exploration of the role of PDE4 inhibition in inflammatory or immune mediated skin disease
Exploration of the role of PDE4 inhibition in itch

Research related to, but not limited to, the use of crisaborole in the treatment of inflammatory or immune-mediated skin disorders with an unmet therapeutic need

Available Awards: The 2018 ASPIRE Dermatology Disease Research Awards are up to a maximum of $150,000 each. Research projects are expected to complete within 2 years of study start. Up to 5 awards may be given.

Applications must be received by Feb 16, 2018, 11:59 pm Eastern Time.

Grantor: Dravet Syndrome Foundation
Grant Opportunity: Research Grants
Keyword: Chronic Diseases; Epilepsy; Genetic Disorders; Neurological Disorders; Rare or Orphan Diseases; Research Grant
Award Amount: $150,000
Deadline: May 18, 2018

Dravet Syndrome Foundation Research Grant Program 2018 Funding Cycle

https://www.dravetfoundation.org/dsf-funded-research/research-grant-program/

DSF’s Research Grant Program offers funding for research directly related to Dravet syndrome and associated disorders. These grants fund initial research hypotheses that have not been fully explored. The results extracted from this type of research will help bring untested research to the point that it can qualify for larger governmental funding. Research applications are judged principally on novelty of the hypotheses, innovative approaches with a direct relevance and application to Dravet syndrome and related epilepsies, scientific quality, strength of approach, and likelihood of success.

Up to $150,000 for a two-year project--Research Grant requests may be made for up to $75,000 per year for two years.

Deadline for receipt of letter of intent: May 18, 2018

Grantor: Breast Cancer Alliance
Grant Opportunity: Career Development
Keyword: Breast Cancer; Cancer; Career Development; Chronic Diseases; Research Grant; Women’s Health
Award Amount: $125,000
Deadline: July 20, 2018

Breast Cancer Alliance Young Investigator Grant

http://breastcanceralliance.org/grants-2/

To encourage a commitment to breast cancer research, the Breast Cancer Alliance invites clinical doctors and research scientists who primary focus in breast cancer and who are in the early stages of their careers, to apply for funding for the Young Investigator Grant. This grant is open to applicants at institutions throughout the United States.

This grant is intended to help advance the careers of young researchers who not yet have their own major grant support.

This is a two-year grant for a total of $125,000, with half the grant being paid out each year.

Grant applications are due on or before July 20, 2018.

Grantor: Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

Grant Opportunity: Career Development
Keyword: Career Development; Health Policy & Research; Public Health

Award Amount: $120,000
Deadline: March 14, 2018

Health Policy Research Scholars 2018 Call for Applications


Purpose: The goal of Health Policy Research Scholars is to create a large cadre of diverse doctoral students from a wide variety of research-focused disciplines—students whose research, connections, and leadership will inform and influence policy toward a Culture of Health. Specifically, we aim to recruit doctoral students from a variety of fields/disciplines (e.g., urban planning, political science, economics, ethnography, education, social work, sociology) who are training to be researchers. For the 2018 cohort, the Health Policy Research Scholars program will enroll up to 40 scholars interested in learning to translate their research into health policy and who are from underrepresented populations and/or disadvantaged backgrounds. Examples of eligible individuals include, but are not limited to, first-generation college graduates; individuals from lower socioeconomic backgrounds; individuals from racial and ethnic groups underrepresented in doctoral programs; and individuals with disabilities. Scholars in this
program—which is designed to enhance and enrich the doctoral program—will complete the Health Policy Research Scholars program concurrently with their doctoral program.

Total Awards: The Health Policy Research Scholars program will award stipends for up to 40 scholars for the 2018 cohort. Each scholar will receive an annual stipend of $30,000 for up to four years. Participants may continue in the Health Policy Research Scholars program, without the annual stipend, for a fifth year, or until they complete their doctoral program, whichever occurs first. Scholars will also be eligible for dissertation grants of up to $10,000 if the proposed dissertation is related to health policy research.

January 23, 2018 (3–4 p.m. ET): Webinar for potential applicants of all four leadership programs.

February 1, 2018 (12–1pm ET): Webinar for interested applicants for the Health Policy Research Scholars program.

March 14, 2018 (3 p.m. ET): Deadline for receipt of full applications.

Grantor: Breast Cancer Alliance

Grant Opportunity: Research Grants

Keyword: Breast Cancer; Cancer; Chronic Diseases; Research Grant; Women’s Health

Award Amount: $100,000

Deadline: April 6, 2018

Breast Cancer Alliance Exceptional Project Grants

http://breastcanceralliance.org/grants-2/

The Breast Cancer Alliance invites clinical doctors and research scientists at any stage of their career whose primary focus is breast cancer to apply for an Exceptional Project Grant. This award recognizes creative, unique and innovative research and is open to applicants at institutions throughout the United States.

This is a one-year grant for a total of $100,000.

Letter of intent due April 6, 2018.

Grantor: Patty Brisben Foundation for Women’s Sexual Health

Grant Opportunity: Research Grants

Keyword: Cancer: Chronic Diseases; Pain & Palliative Care; Research Grant; Women’s Health
Award Amount: $100,000 (?)
Deadline: March 9, 2018

Patty Brisben Foundation for Women’s Sexual Health Grants Program

http://pattybrisbenfoundation.org/research-education/#funding

The Patty Brisben Foundation for Women’s Sexual Health (“PBF”) has served and continues to serve to enhance women’s sexual health and well-being through funding research, providing educational programs, partnering with community organizations and connecting individuals to resources.

By focusing on the following four key areas that have a dramatic impact on women’s sexual health, PBF is able to provide support and fund research where it is needed most, to help improve the lives of the highest number of women:

Vulvovaginal Pain Disorders
Impact of Perimenopause and Menopause on Sexual Health
Intimacy-Related Sexual Dysfunction After Cancer Treatment
Libido and Sexual Desire

Application Process: The PBF grant application can be accessed online at pattybrisbenfoundation.org and submitted electronically by email or by mail.

All grant applicants must first take the Grant Eligibility Quiz to determine if your request aligns with PBF’s mission and funding guidelines. If the grant request passes the Grant Eligibility Quiz, then the grant applicant may apply for a grant.

Once received through the online system, each grant application is reviewed, researched and assessed by PBF’s Board of Directors within the annual funding cycle. The 2018 Patty Brisben Foundation grant cycle is now open thru March 9, 2018.

Grantor: Davis Phinney Foundation
Grant Opportunity: Research Grants
Keyword: Neurological Disorders; Neuromuscular Disorders; Research Grant
Award Amount: $100,000
Deadline: March 26, 2018

Davis Phinney Foundation 2018 Research Funding Program Call for Applications
An active commitment to support and fund research focused on improving the quality of life for people living with Parkinson’s disease is central to advancing the Davis Phinney Foundation’s mission of helping people with Parkinson’s to live well today. The Foundation is calling for Letters of Intent (LOI) from researchers and program directors during the period commencing January 8, 2018 and concluding March 26, 2018.

Funding Priorities: The Davis Phinney Foundation is committed to funding the most promising research aimed at therapeutics and lifestyle choices that promote living well with Parkinson’s disease today and every day. We tend to fund smaller, innovative studies designed to demonstrate proof of concept, paving the way for larger studies or clinical trials.

Research Funding Program investments tend to fall into two areas:

- Research- and science-based Programs that can have an immediate impact in the lives of people with Parkinson’s today; and
- Research that explores a range of factors that affect quality of life.

The Funding Priority identified by the Foundation for the 2018 funding cycle is broadly the topic of exercise related to living well with Parkinson’s. This topic can be interpreted to include a range of investigations such as type, duration, intensity, or effects including effects on speech, falls, non-motor symptoms, etc.

Note: The Foundation will consider innovative, impactful submissions, without an exercise focus, if the reviewers find them to have high potential to promote quality of live for people with Parkinson’s.

**Only one application per research study or program should be submitted.**

The total amount may be disbursed to a single proposal or multiple proposals, for duration of up to two (2) years is $100,000, limited to a maximum of $50,000 per year.

Letter of Intent (LOI) deadline: March 26, 2018, 5pm MST

Grantor: AARP

Grant Opportunity: Prize

Keyword: Geriatric; Prizes; Public Health

Award Amount: $60,000

Deadline: March 6, 2018

AARP Purpose Prize
https://purposeprize.aarp.org/?intcmp=AE-ABOUT-EOA

The AARP Purpose Prize is the only national award in the United States that celebrates people 50 and older who are using their life experience to make a difference. Through the Purpose Prize, AARP celebrates the creativity, innovation, and inspiration that life experience brings.

In 2018, to coincide with AARP’s 60th Anniversary, five winners will receive $60,000 each to celebrate their achievements and broaden the scope of their work. Applications go through a formal, structured review process, including review by a prestigious jury of national leaders who have used their life experience for good. Based on the jury’s recommendations, the AARP CEO selects the final winners.

Included within the AARP Purpose Prize is the Andrus Prize for Intergenerational Excellence. This award celebrates the legacy of AARP’s founder, Dr. Ethel Percy Andrus, who was an innovative educator and social change agent. It recognizes work that brings multiple generations together for a better community. Each year, one of the five AARP Purpose Prize awards will be designated for the Andrus Prize for Intergenerational Excellence.

If you are 50 or older and are using your life experience to make your community or world a better place, we encourage you to learn more about the AARP Purpose Prize.

We strongly consider applicants working in the following issue areas:

- Intergenerational work (opportunities for different generations to come together to share their experience, knowledge, and skills)
- Rethinking the workplace (jobs, work environments, alternative approaches)
- Caregiving and caregiver resources (support for vulnerable populations and the people who care for them)
- Healthy living (food and nutrition, brain health, physical fitness, etc.)
- Financial health (financial stability, resilience, economic opportunity, etc.)
- Hunger (food insecurity, waste, distribution, etc.)
- Affordable housing (safe, well-managed, and affordable housing and services)
- Social connections (isolation among vulnerable community members)
- Civic engagement and community development (helping people be active participants in building and strengthening their communities)
- Environmental issues (combatting the challenges facing the planet)
- Children and youth (helping kids and young people reach their full potential)
- Arts and culture (using art and culture as tools to engage communities in positive change)
- Peace and security rights (establishing or preserving justice and equality by peaceful means)
We are not looking for creative endeavors that do not improve people’s lives directly. Also, we cannot evaluate the merit of certain types of innovations. Here are some examples:

We cannot evaluate scientific or technological inventions, although of course these can be important social innovations. If you are an inventor, you must describe how you have spread the use of an independently recognized invention and demonstrate the social impact of that invention.

Similarly, if you are an academic researcher or a fine artist, you need to demonstrate that you have also been involved in using research or art to address a significant social problem and can demonstrate the social impact of your work.

Nomination Submission Deadline March 6, 2018

Grantor: Childhood Brain Tumor Foundation
Grant Opportunity: Research Grants
Keyword: Basic Science; Brain Cancer; Cancer; Chronic Diseases; Pediatric Cancers; Research Grant
Award Amount: $60,000
Deadline: March 19, 2018

Request for Applications: Childhood Brain Tumor Foundation Research Grants

https://orit.research.bcm.edu/R5T80IF3WH2/CBTF/Default.aspx

The Childhood Brain Tumor Foundation (CBTF) is soliciting grant applications for the calendar year 2018.

There will be two categories of awards:

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.

Diffuse Intrinsic Pontine Glioma (DIPG) Research Award

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

Grant Submission Deadline: The deadline date is Friday, March 19, 2018, 6:00 PM.
Grantor: Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

Grant Opportunity: Career Development

Keyword: Career Development; Health Policy & Research; Public Health

Award Amount: $60,000

Deadline: February 21, 2018

Culture of Health Leaders 2018 Call for Applications


Purpose: This Culture of Health Leaders three-year program will develop a large group of leaders from diverse sectors (e.g., for-profit/business, government, nonprofit, social enterprise) to work with organizations, communities, health systems, and policymakers to build a Culture of Health in America. Within each of these sectors, leaders focused on technology, education, housing, transportation, business, the arts, and many other disciplines and focus areas play key roles in building a Culture of Health. We welcome applications from individuals who are highly motivated and ready to lead and collaborate within and across sectors.

Total Awards: The program will select up to 40 leaders for the 2018 cohort. Each leader will have access to a stipend of up to $20,000 per year for three years (total of up to $60,000). Additional tools and resources, including funding of up to $35,000, may be available for year 3 project-related activities. Leaders may also be eligible to receive additional support, if needed, to facilitate their participation in the program.

January 16, 2018 (3:30–4:30 p.m. ET): Optional webinar for applicants interested in Culture of Health Leaders

January 23, 2018 (3–4 p.m. ET): Webinar for potential applicants of all four leadership programs

February 21, 2018 (3 p.m. ET): Deadline for receipt of full applications, including video and references.

Grantor: Pfizer

Grant Opportunity: Research Grants

Keyword: Basic Science; Career Development; Chronic Diseases; Genetic Disorders; Hematology; Rare or Orphan Diseases; Research Grant

Award Amount: $55,000

Deadline: March 19, 2018
2018 ASPIRE US/Canadian Sickle Cell Disease Competitive, Peer-Reviewed, Research Awards Program

https://www.aspireresearch.org/ASPIRE-Sicklecell/index.html

As competition increases for limited research funding, the ASPIRE Sickle Cell Disease program offers a new opportunity for researchers in the United States and Canada, underscoring Pfizer’s commitment to supporting investigators with an interest in advancing innovation in Sickle Cell Disease.

Mission

To support basic science, translational and clinical research through a competitive grants program that advances medical knowledge in the pathogenesis and treatment of Sickle Cell Disease

To support innovative pilot studies focused on improving patient outcomes in Sickle Cell Disease

To support academic research as well as the career development of promising young and established scientists

Areas of Research Focus

Pfizer will consider applications for research projects which address laboratory investigation or clinical research in Sickle Cell Disease. Examples of research topics are listed for guidance; however, other applications will be considered.

Biomarkers of Sickle Cell Disease, including VOC

Novel potential drug targets in Sickle Cell Disease

Phenotypic differences in clinical course and/or response to therapy

Clinical trial endpoint validation in Sickle Cell Disease

Patient-Reported Outcomes (PRO), Health-Related Quality of Life (HRQOL)

Improving care of specific complications of Sickle Cell Disease

Improving care delivery models

Improving acute pain management

Proposals including PRO and/or HRQOL are encouraged.

Available Awards: The 2018 Sickle Cell Disease ASPIRE Program is open to investigators in the US and Canada. Review of applications will be performed by an independent, external panel of experts. Project duration should be 1 or 2 years, and the approximate total award will not exceed $55,000 US dollars total, inclusive of overhead costs (capped at 28%).
Applications must be received by Monday, March 19, 2018, 11:59 PM Pacific Daylight Time.

Grantor: Bladder Cancer Advocacy Network
Grant Opportunity: Career Development
Keyword: Bladder Cancer; Cancer; Career Development; Chronic Diseases; Research Grant
Award Amount: $50,000
Deadline: February 26, 2018

Bladder Cancer Advocacy Network 2018 Patient-Centered Clinical Research Young Investigator Award


BCAN is pleased to announce the offering of one 2018 Patient-Centered Clinical Research Young Investigator Award. This $50,000 one year award is intended to support the development of outstanding research scientists and clinical cancer research investigators who have demonstrated a commitment to improving the understanding, treatment, and experience of bladder cancer. Investigators must be working in a research environment capable of supporting transformational patient-oriented clinical bladder cancer research (e.g. studies of access to care, quality of care, quality of life, health disparities, and patient-centered outcomes research).

Interested applicants must submit a Research Proposal by 5:00 PM (EST) on Monday, February 26, 2018.

Grantor: Bladder Cancer Advocacy Network
Grant Opportunity: Career Development
Keyword: Basic Science; Bladder Cancer; Cancer; Career Development; Chronic Diseases; Research Grant
Award Amount: $50,000
Deadline: February 26, 2018

Bladder Cancer Advocacy Network 2018 Young Investigator Awards


BCAN is pleased to announce the offering of two 2018 Young Investigator Awards. This $50,000 one year award is intended 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. Investigators may be working in basic, translational, clinical, epidemiologic, bioengineering or any other field, but must be working in a research environment capable of supporting transformational bladder cancer research.

Interested applicants must submit a Research Proposal by 5:00 PM (EST) on Monday, February 26, 2018.

Grantor: Cholangiocarcinoma Foundation

Grant Opportunity: Research Fellowship Program

Keyword: Career Development; Chronic Diseases; Post-Doctoral Fellowship; Rare or Orphan Diseases; Research Grant

Award Amount: $50,000

Deadline: April 1, 2018

Cholangiocarcinoma Foundation Research Fellowship Program

https://cholangiocarcinoma.org/2018-research-fellowship-application/

The Cholangiocarcinoma Foundation established a Research Fellowship Program aimed at supporting early career researchers focusing on the study of cholangiocarcinoma. The goal is to raise awareness about cholangiocarcinoma and inspire innovative, quality research. Collaboration is essential to the success of any research program. The Cholangiocarcinoma Foundation chooses grant recipients carefully to ensure that they will build working relationships between researchers, institutions, and industry and share information, samples, and expertise with others in the field.

Academic Level

There will be two categories of awards, postdoctoral and junior faculty

Postdoctoral Fellows or Instructors who do not have faculty positions

Junior Faculty within first 4 years of appointment at the time of application; includes Instructors and Assistant Professors

Funding: The total award amount is up to $50,000 for one year

Application Deadline: April 1, 2018

Grantor: Dravet Syndrome Foundation
Grant Opportunity: Postdoctoral Fellowships

Keyword: Basic Science; Chronic Diseases; Epilepsy; Genetic Disorders; Neurological Disorders; Rare or Orphan Diseases; Post-Doctoral Fellowship

Award Amount: $50,000

Deadline: September 7, 2018

Dravet Syndrome Foundation Postdoctoral Research Fellowship Program 2018 Funding Cycle

https://www.dravetfoundation.org/dsf-funded-research/research-grant-program/

DSF’s Postdoctoral Research Fellowship Program develops academic physicians and scientists committed to research related to Dravet syndrome and associated ion channel epilepsies. The fellowship is intended to support a full-time research effort. Successful applicants receive a stipend of $50,000 over the 12 month award. The number of awards is contingent upon the availability of funds. Award funds are made to the institution in two payments for direct expenses of the fellow (salary and benefits). No indirect costs are provided. Submission of scientific and financial reports are due no later than 30 days after the completion of project.

Post-doctoral Fellowship Grants may be appropriate for either basic/translational research or clinical research:

Basic/Translational Research Grants support research projects that have significant potential to advance our understanding of Dravet syndrome; slow or halt the progression of the disease, characteristics, or comorbidities of the disease; and/or reduce mortality. Studies focusing on quality of life are not appropriate for this research focus area. These grants are appropriate for fellows with either a Ph.D or an M.D. who are proposing research projects that are laboratory- or field- based. A project involving clinical trial samples for a study in conjunction with a clinician that does not involve the Applicant having direct patient interaction would also be appropriate for the Basic/Translational Focus area.

Clinical Research Grants support hypothesis-driven clinical research projects that have significant potential to advance our understanding of Dravet syndrome; slow or halt the progression of the disease, characteristics, or comorbidities of the disease; and/or reduce mortality. This research will be patient-oriented research in which an investigator directly interacts with human subjects/patients. Such studies may be conducted in conjunction with laboratory-based research, as appropriate. This includes studies such as therapeutic interventions or clinical trials.

Deadline for Applications: September 7, 2018

Grantor: Cornelia de Lange Syndrome Foundation
Grant Opportunity: Research Grants
Keyword: Chronic Diseases; Genetic Disorders; Rare or Orphan Diseases; Research Grant
Award Amount: $25,000 (?)
Deadline: February 28, 2018

Cornelia de Lange Syndrome Foundation Research Grant Program

http://www.cdlsusa.org/research/grants.htm

The CdLS Foundation has a vision and researchers have the determination to find treatments to help individuals with CdLS overcome many of the challenges they face.

CdLS is a genetic condition causing a range of medical, developmental and physical challenges, including:

- Gastroesophageal reflux
- Craniofacial defects
- Heart defects
- Seizures
- Immunodeficiency
- Self-injurious behavior
- Communications issues (e.g., selective mutism, non-verbal, etc.)
- Developmental delays and intellectual disability
- Behavioral problems and autism
- Feeding problems

CdLS is a cohesinopathy caused by mutations in any one of the following genes: NIPBL, SMC1A, SMC3, HDAC8 and RAD21. Only 70 percent of individuals tested to date have a change in any of the mentioned genes, with the majority having an NIPBL mutation.

Timeline

Letters of Intent deadline: February 28, 2018*

Application deadline: March 30, 2018

*Once a Letter of Intent has been submitted, proceed with the remainder of the grant application. The purpose of the Letter of Intent is to help the Research Committee to obtain the appropriate reviewers for your grant application.
Grantor: Foundation for Surgical Fellowships
Grant Opportunity: Program Funding
Keyword: Acute Care; Post-Doctoral Fellowship; Surgery
Award Amount: $20,000+
Deadline: February 9, 2018

Foundation for Surgical Fellowships Grants Program

https://www.surgicalfellowships.org/grant-application/#

Applicants must be institutions that have programs accredited for post-graduate level surgeons seeking clinical training in the surgical disciplines of MIS General, Bariatric, MIS General/Bariatric, Colorectal, Thoracic, and HPB. Applicants may apply specifically for a robotic-focused fellowship within one of these six disciplines.

*Fellowship programs are able to apply for multiple awards in a given specialty in one application. If a program director is applying for fellowships in different disciplines, s/he must submit a separate application for each discipline.*

In recent years, the awarded amount has been $20,000 per fellowship position.

2019-20 Application cycle closes: February 9th, 2018 at 11:59 PM PST.