



Dear Colleagues,

I am pleased to share a list of upcoming research funding opportunities from private and industry sponsors. If you are planning to apply to any of the opportunities listed here, and would like to work with SRG on proposal development, please complete the External Funding Request form at <https://www.bmc.org/external-funding>. All applications must be submitted through Sponsored Programs Administration (SPA). LOIs and applications are due to SPA 5 business days prior to the sponsor deadline. We have also included a list of upcoming Limited Submission Funding Opportunities and instructions for this process at the bottom of this email.

April 2026 (and beyond) **Foundation** Funding Opportunities Calendar

| Sponsor | Mechanism | Area | Description | Amount | Deadline | Deadline | Notes |
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| The American Association of Obstetricians and Gynecologists Foundation (AAOGF) | Bridge Funding Award | OBGYN | Bridge funds are intended to enhance the likelihood of successful re-submission of a grant proposal or application for other funding opportunities by enabling ongoing research productivity, and by ensuring that essential research personnel are not lost due to lapses in funding. | \$75,000 over 1 year | 4/01/2026 (Anticipated) | 3/25/2026 | |
| Charles H. Hood Foundation | Child Health Research Awards Program | Pediatrics | Supports newly independent faculty. Grants support hypothesis-driven clinical, basic science, public health, health services research, and epidemiology projects focused on child health. | \$200,000 over 2 years | 4/01/2026 (Anticipated) | 3/25/2026 | Please note that research projects that focus on pregnant women and their fetuses will not be considered responsive to this RFA. |
| Foundation To Advance Vascular Cures | Wylie Scholar Award | Vascular | Supports outstanding young vascular surgeon-scientists dedicated to an academic career combining their clinical practice with original, innovative research that improves outcomes for patients. | \$50,000 over 1 year | 4/01/2026 *LOI (Anticipated) | 3/25/2026 | |
| amfAR | Target Grants | HIV | amfAR's research initiatives are aimed at finding a cure for HIV. The proposed research must be conducted and validated either in vivo (in PLWH, non-human primates, or humanized mice), or ex vivo (in cells isolated from PLWH or infected animals). | \$480,000 over 2 years | 4/01/2026 (Anticipated) | 3/25/2026 | |

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| PhRMA Foundation | Translational Medicine Faculty Starter Grant | Translational research | Focuses on novel research that uses the “bedside to bench” approach – seeks projects developing new diagnostic, experimental, and computational approaches and technologies to improve patient care and management. | \$100,000 over 1 year | 4/15/2026 *LOI (Anticipated) | 4/08/2026 |
| The Donaghue Foundation | Greater Value Portfolio | Healthcare system improvements | The grant focus is on fostering a healthcare system where quality, efficiency, and fairness are not just aspirations but achievements realized through the implementation of actionable solutions. | \$500,000 over 2 years | 4/29/2026 *LOI (Anticipated) | 4/22/2026 |
| The Elsa U. Pardee Foundation | Elsa U. Pardee Foundation Grant | Cancer | Funds research directed toward identifying new treatments or cures for cancer. | up to \$200,000 over 1 year | 4/30/2026 | 4/23/2026 |
| American Society of Hematology | ASH Bridge Grant | Hematology | The foundation is seeking to fund research on malignant and classical hematology, 'in place of what was formerly referred to as 'benign' or 'non-malignant'. | \$150,000 over 1 year | 5/01/2026 (Anticipated) | 4/24/2026 |
| Clinician – Scientist Transdisciplinary Aging Research Coordinating Center | Clin-STAR Aging Research Development and Training Awards | Aging | Supports the cultivation, connection, and synergy of clinician-scientists in aging research from different disciplines. | \$50,000 over 1 year | 5/01/2026 *LOI (Anticipated) | 4/30/2026 |
| The Mark Foundation for Cancer Research | Emerging Leader Award | Cancer | The Foundation supports innovative cancer research from the next generation of leaders. These grants are awarded to outstanding early career investigators to support high-impact, high-risk projects | \$750,000 over 3 years | 5/05/2026 *LOI (Anticipated) | 4/28/2026 |
| THRIVE | 2026 THRIVE Award Cycle | Cancer | The THRIVE grant program is designed to provide seed funding to investigators for the testing of initial hypotheses and collecting of preliminary data to help secure long-term funding by the National Institutes of Health and/or other major granting institutions. | \$50,000 over 1 year | 5/11/2026 *LOI | 5/04/2026 |
| One Mind | One Mind Rising Star Awards | Psychiatry | Supports research grants designed to advance the understanding, detection, diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of mental health conditions and psychiatric disorders. | \$300,000 over 1 year | 5/15/2026 *LOI (Anticipated) | 5/08/2026 |
| Craig H Neilsen Foundation | Spinal Cord Injury Research on the Translational Spectrum (SCIRTS) | Neurology | The grant is intend for studies that aim improving function, testing new treatment strategies, and moving them forward to improve outcomes for individuals with spinal cord injury (SCI). | \$400,000 over 2 years | 5/23/2026 *LOI (Anticipated) | 5/15/2026 |
| March of Dimes | Basil O’Connor Starter Scholar Research Awards | OBGYN | This grants prioritizes investigators proposing to conduct impactful research studies that will advance our translational understanding of, or lead to improved clinical treatment of, serious medical conditions that | \$150,000 over 2 years | 5/29/2026 | 5/22/2026 |

affect the health of a woman's pregnancy or the health of moms and newborns in the first year postpartum.

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| American Cancer Society | Multiple mechanisms available | Cancer | <p>Leukemia Exploration and Prevention Grant Program (LEAP - Research Scholar Grant): Supports an independent research project that aligns with one of the two LEAP program focus areas.</p> <p>Leukemia Exploration and Prevention Grant Program (LEAP - Team Award): Supports a team research project that aligns with one of the LEAP program research focus areas.</p> <p>Discovery Boost Grants (DBG): Support high-risk, high-reward exploratory cancer research across the research continuum.</p> <p>Mission Boost Grants (MBG): Supports research projects that specifically focus on translation to human testing.</p> <p>Research Scholar Grants: Support for independent, self-directed researchers.</p> <p>Clinician Scientist Development Grant (CSDG): Supports full-time faculty members in becoming independent investigators as clinician scientists.</p> | \$405,000 or \$1,720,000 over 3 to 5 years | 6/01/2026 | 5/25/2026 | <i>Please see website links for full descriptions, funding amounts, and project periods.</i> |
| Lung Cancer Research Foundation | OUCH-Int'l and LCRF Research Grant Program | Lung Cancer | Funds innovative projects that examine the impact of climate change and environmental pollution on lung cancer risk, diagnosis, treatment, and outcomes and identifies strategies to mitigate these effects. | \$200,000 over 2 years | 6/02/2026 | 5/26/2026 | |
| Cure Epilepsy | Rare Epilepsy Partnership Award | Neurology - Epilepsy | Supports the development of necessary research tools, techniques, model systems, and data collection platforms to stimulate and accelerate research on rare epilepsies. | \$100,000 over 1 year | 6/09/2026 *LOI | 6/02/2026 | |
| WES Leukemia Research Foundation | Research Grant | Cancer | Supports laboratory, translational, or clinical research related to acute leukemia. | \$50,000 over 1 year | 6/15/2026 | 6/08/2026 | |
| DeGregorio Family Foundation | 2025 Michael F. Price Memorial Grant | Gastroenterology, Cancer | The RFA is for existing or new drug development for an early phase clinical trial or for a late-stage research project ready for IND-enabling studies that may advance our understanding of gastroesophageal cancer and lead us to impacting patient care. | \$2,000,000 over 3 years | 6/16/2026 *LOI (Anticipated) | 6/09/2026 | |
| Richard and Susan Smith Family Foundation | Program for Excellence in Biomedical Research | Biomedical | Launches the careers of newly independent biomedical researchers with the ultimate goal of achieving medical breakthroughs. Applications focus on all fields of basic biomedical science. | \$400,000 over 3 years | 6/17/2026 *LOI (Anticipated) | 6/10/2026 | |
| Michelson Medical Research Foundation | Next Generation Grants | Immunology | The Michelson Prize supports research proposals on human immunology and vaccine research. | \$150,000 over 1 year | 6/22/2026 | 6/15/2026 | |

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| The Greenwall Foundation | Making a Difference | Bioethics | Supports research to help resolve important emerging or unanswered bioethics problems in clinical, biomedical, or public health decision-making, policy, or practice. | No formal limit on the budget or duration of a grant | 6/23/2026 *LOI (Anticipated) | 6/16/2026 | |
| The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research | Parkinson's Disease Therapeutics Pipeline Program | Neurology, Parkinson's | Seeks to advance therapeutic development through pre-clinical and/or clinical testing of approaches addressing unmet needs of people with Parkinson's disease (PD). | \$250,000 to \$2,000,000 over 1 to 3 years (pre-clinical or clinical) | Rolling *LOI | 5 business days before submission | <i>The Therapeutics Pipeline Program is only open to industry and industry-academia collaborations.</i> |
| Arnold Ventures | Causal Research on Community Safety and the Criminal Justice System | Community Safety | Seeks letters of interest to conduct causal research projects of policies, practices, and interventions related to community safety and the criminal justice system. | \$500,000 over 3-4 years | Rolling | 5 business days before submission | |
| Colorectal Cancer Alliance | Multiple mechanisms available | Cancer, GI | <p>Young Investigator: Aims to attract early career faculty with original ideas into the field of colorectal cancer research, thereby recruiting and supporting the next generation of CRC research leaders.</p> <p>Senior Investigator Accelerator Award: Funds potentially transformative ideas that will accelerate the translation of new therapies and technologies to the bedside by the end of the proposed research.</p> <p>Pilot Accelerator Award: Supports investigators who propose potentially transformative ideas without extensive preliminary data but articulate a clear hypothesis and translational goals.</p> <p>Team Science Accelerator Award: Supports team science that brings together academia and industry to accelerate CRC research to curative science.</p> | \$200,000-\$500,000 over 2 years | Rolling *LOI | 5 business days before submission | <i>Please see website links for full descriptions, funding amounts, and project periods.</i> |
| Food Allergy Fund | Innovators Research Grant | Immunology, Food Allergy | Funds researchers who demonstrate the most innovative approach to identifying what causes food allergies or an improved treatment. | \$250,000. over 2 years | Rolling *LOI | 5 business days before submission | |
| Nuttall Women's Health | XXcelerate: Turning Existing Research Into Impact for Women | Women's Health | XXcelerate is committed to ensuring that clinical research findings are valid and relevant for women by funding existing and/or on-going clinical research that rigorously examines outcomes in women. | Budget limited to the project scope over 3 years | Rolling *LOI | 5 business days before submission | |
| Jeffrey Modell Foundation | C.H.I.L.D.R.E.N!® | Pediatrics, Immunodeficiencies | The focus of this grant program is to investigate immunological disorders, infectious disease, initiatives to decrease infant mortality and ultimately improve | \$50,000 over 2 years | Rolling | 5 business days before submission | |

the quality of life of children affected by Primary Immunodeficiency globally.

April 2026 (and beyond) Industry Funding Opportunities Calendar

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| Gilead Sciences, Inc | Research Scholars Program | Hepatology | Supports any basic, translational, or clinical research that addresses an unmet medical need and closes scientific gaps in the field of Primary Biliary Cholangitis (PBC). | \$180,000 over 2 years | 4/06/2026 | 3/30/2026 | |
| Bristol-Myers Squibb Foundation | Career Development Award (Winn CDA) | Cancer, cardiovascular disease and immunologic disorders - Clinical Trials | Supports the career development of early-stage investigator (as defined by NIH) physicians from diverse backgrounds, and physicians who have a demonstrated commitment to increasing diversity in clinical research, to become independent clinical trial investigators who are engaged in advancing health equity through their research and mentoring. Clinical research areas include cancer, cardiovascular disease and immunologic disorders. | \$240,000 over 2 years | 5/04/2026 | 4/27/2026 | |
| Boehringer Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (BIPI) | Investigator Initiated Studies (IIS) | Cardio-renal-metabolic diseases, dermatology, and mental health | Supports clinical and health outcomes research focusing on cardio-renal-metabolic diseases, dermatology, and mental health, including schizophrenia, PTSD, digital therapeutics, and major depressive disorder, with an emphasis on under-represented populations. Exploratory and proof-of-concept studies are encouraged. | TBD | Rolling | 5 business days before submission | |
| Boston Scientific | Investigator Sponsored Research (ISR) Program | Multiple areas: GI, Cardiology, Oncology, Neurology, and Urology | Open to qualified researchers who are interested in conducting research that addresses evidence gaps and unmet needs. Areas of interest: Endoscopy, Interventional Cardiology /Structural Heart, Interventional Oncology, Peripheral Interventions, | TBD | Rolling | 5 business days before submission | |

Upcoming *Anticipated* Limited Submission Funding Opportunities Calendar

Limited submission refers to external funding opportunities for which the sponsor restricts the number of applications an institution may submit. Some of the opportunities listed below are anticipated, and official sponsor deadlines may not have been announced yet. The BMC internal limited submission process will take place in advance of the sponsor deadlines once BU widely disseminates each opportunity.

BMC investigators who are interested in any of these opportunities should contact the program manager of Strategic Research Growth, Carolina Giudice, at carolina.giudice@bmc.org to express their interest and receive instructions on potential next steps. Please note that expressing interest does not guarantee that an application will be selected to move forward. If you are unsure whether your grants are managed by BU or BMC, please consult the [BUMC Home Institution Finder](#).

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| William T. Grant Foundation | William T. Grant Scholars Program | Inequalities in youth outcomes | Supports career development for promising early-career researchers studying ways to reduce inequality in youth (5-25) outcomes. | \$425,000 over 5 years | 2/13/2026 | 6/30/2026 | 6/23/2026 | |
| American Diabetes Association | Initiator Award (INI) | Diabetes | This two-phased award is designed to support the transition of scientists from mentored training to independent research faculty. | \$1,625,000 over 7 years | 2/20/2026 | 5/19/2026 | 5/12/2026 | |
| American Diabetes Association | Accelerator Award (ACE) | Diabetes | This award is designed to support exceptional, independent early-career researchers who have distinguished themselves as promising investigators and are in the beginning stages of establishing successful, sustainable diabetes research programs | \$325,000 over 5 years | 2/20/2026 | 5/19/2026 | 5/12/2026 | |
| Foundation for Aging (RRF) | Responsive Grants | Aging | Funds research that seeks to identify interventions, policies and practices to improve the well-being of older adults and/or their caregivers. | Up to \$300,000 | 2/27/2026 | 5/01/2026 *LOI | 4/24/2026 | <i>RRF is interested in projects generating practical knowledge and guidance that can be used by advocates, policy-makers, providers, and the aging network.</i> |
| The Pew Charitable Trusts | Pew-Stewart Scholars for Cancer Research | Cancer | The program is a national initiative designed to support promising early career scientists whose research will accelerate discovery and advance progress to a cure for cancer. | \$300,000 total over 4 years | 4/1/2026 | 8/27/2026 | 8/20/2026 | |
| W.M. Keck Foundation | Keck Foundation Research Program - December cycle | Biological, engineering | The W. M. Keck Research Program seeks to benefit humanity by supporting Medical Research and Science & Engineering projects that are distinctive and novel in their approach, question | \$1,000,000 to \$1,500,000 over 3 years | TBD | 5/01/2026 *LOI | 4/24/2026 | |

the prevailing paradigm, or have the potential to
break open new territory in their field.

Please contact Strategic Research Growth with any questions: [Strategic.Research.Growth](#)

