



Updates from
Strategic Research Growth



Dear Colleagues,

I am writing to share a list of upcoming research funding opportunities from private sponsors that may be of interest to you. The table below includes an overview of each opportunity – please refer to the full linked Request for Proposals/Applications (RFP/RFA) for additional details.

As a reminder, the institution has adopted a new process to request external funding. Please visit <https://www.bmc.org/external-funding> to complete the required form. In addition, all LOIs and applications are due to Sponsored Programs Administration (SPA) 5 business days prior to the sponsor deadline.

We are eager to learn more about how you would like to receive information about private funding opportunities. To that end, we would greatly appreciate if you could respond to this one question survey: <https://forms.office.com/r/VKeqptSm7j>

January and February 2025 Private Funding Opportunities Calendar

Sponsor	Mechanism	Area	Description	Amount	Deadline	Notes
American Association for Cancer Research	Victoria's Secret Global Fund for Women's Cancers Rising Innovator Research Grants	Cancer affecting women	The grants are intended to fund innovative research projects in breast and gynecologic cancers and to invest in female scientists at the Associate Professor level domestically and globally to foster innovation in the understanding, prevention, interception, early detection, diagnosis, and treatment of these cancers with the goal of eliminating cancer health disparities and improving patient outcomes.	\$700,000 over 3 years	Sponsor: 1/23 (LOI) SPA: 1/15	Applicants must also have received their first NIH R01 (or equivalent) award within the past 10 years. Applicants must devote at least 75% of their total research effort to breast or a gynecologic cancer. Proposals focused on research that aims to advance the science of cancer health disparities are especially encouraged.

Alzheimer's Association	Sleep Contributions to Neurodegeneration Grant Program	Neuro-degenerative Diseases	This funding call will focus on projects aimed to advance our understanding of the impact that sleep and related biology (including circadian rhythms) have as both a contributor to and a consequence of neurodegeneration. Projects funded through this program will aim to tackle the proposed question with a multidisciplinary team and projects that engage in team science approaches will be given preference.	Up to \$500,000 over 2 years	Sponsor: 1/29 (LOI) SPA: 1/22	4-6 projects will be funded, depending on budget size requested.
Pfizer	Health Services Research to Improve Management of mBC Patients Treated with Tucatinib	HER2+ Metastatic Breast Cancer	The intent of this RFP is to support Investigator Sponsored/General Research projects that will implement and assess the impact of therapy management approaches for patients with HER2+ Metastatic Breast Cancer (mBC) receiving tucatinib in combination with trastuzumab and capecitabine.	\$250,000 over 18 months	Sponsor: 1/30 SPA: 1/23	
Foundation Fighting Blindness	Career Development Award	Retinal Degeneration	The foundation invites applications for its Career Development Program, which seeks to help advance junior clinical research scientists in their professional endeavors to cure retinal degenerative disease by: facilitating advances in laboratory and clinical research; elucidating the mechanism for the cause and pathogenesis of retinal degenerative diseases; and developing innovative strategies to prevent, treat, and cure these diseases.	\$375,000 over 5 years	Sponsor: 1/30 SPA: 1/23	Individuals in their first, second, or third year of a junior faculty appointment are eligible.
National Psoriasis Foundation	Discovery Grants	Psoriasis	Discovery Grants fund researchers while they explore preliminary ideas and conduct proof-of-concept experiments. The goal is to stimulate the development of new research programs in the field of psoriatic disease capable of competing for long-term funding from the National Institutes of Health or similar agencies in the future.	\$75,000 over 1 year	Sponsor: 1/31 SPA: 1/24	
National Psoriasis Foundation	Translational Research Grant	Psoriasis	The foundation is seeking applications that encourage the advancement of innovative research into psoriasis and psoriatic arthritis. Translational Research Grants fund research projects that focus on the rapid translation of basic scientific discoveries into clinical applications with a clear benefit for patients with psoriatic disease.	\$200,000 over 2 years	Sponsor: 1/31 SPA: 1/24	
Klingenstein Philanthropies	Klingenstein Fellowship Awards in Neuroscience	Neuroscience	The research should have relevance for understanding the mechanisms underlying neurological and behavioral disorders , that may lead to improvements in the diagnosis and treatment of these disorders.	\$300,000 over 3 years	Sponsor: 2/1 SPA: 1/24	Priority is given to candidates who may not have received substantial funding from other private awards yet have highly promising scientific careers (early-career investigators). They encourage neuroscientists from underrepresented and minoritized groups to apply.

Sarcoma Foundation of America	Pre-Clinical, Translational, and Clinical Research on the Etiology, Molecular Biology, Pathogenesis, Diagnosis, and Treatment, of Human Sarcomas	Sarcoma	The Sarcoma Foundation of America is pleased to announce a Request for Proposals (RFP) for pre-clinical, translational, and clinical research on the etiology, molecular biology, pathogenesis, diagnosis, and treatment of human sarcomas . The goal of the SFA grant program is to encourage research that results in improved therapeutic options for sarcoma patients.	\$75,000 over 1 year	Sponsor: 2/3 SPA: 1/27	Each proposal must identify only one lead PI. Grant funds cannot be used for PI salaries.
American Heart Association	Implementation Science Award	Implementation Science	AHA's Implementation Science Award will support early and mid-career investigators proposing innovative implementation science studies that align with AHA's mission and provide optimal approaches to improving public health.	\$400,000 over 3 years	Sponsor: 2/5 SPA: 1/29	An applicant must hold a faculty/staff position up to and including the rank of associate professor (or equivalent). Full professors are not eligible to apply.
National Kidney Foundation	Kidney Health Equity Community Engagement Award	Nephrology	NKF seeks proposals that are primed to influence health equity related to kidney health at a community level . If successful, projects would have a measurable impact in preventing, reducing, or eliminating kidney health disparities and advancing health equity in local communities or populations at risk for and overburdened with kidney diseases.	\$75,000 over 1 year	Sponsor: 2/10 SPA: 2/3	A minimum or 25% FTE should be committed to the project.
American Heart Association	Transformational Project Award	Cardiovascular Science	The purpose of this award is to support highly innovative, high-impact projects that build on work in progress that could ultimately lead to critical discoveries or major advancements that will accelerate the field of cardiovascular and/or cerebrovascular research.	\$300,000 over 3 years	Sponsor: 2/13 SPA: 2/6	
American Federation for Aging Research	Glenn Foundation for Medical Research (GFMR) Discovery Award	Aging	This Award was created to support research projects with strong potential to develop pioneering discoveries for understanding the underlying biological mechanisms that govern normal human aging and its related physiological decline.	\$175,000 over 3 years	Sponsor: 2/18 (LOI) SPA: 2/10	Up to 2 projects will be funded. Must be a full-time faculty member at the rank of Assistant Professor or higher at the time of the LOI deadline. To be competitive at the Assistant Professor level, a candidate would be expected to have established R01 or equivalent funding. Investigators who may not have previously worked in the area of aging, but whose research interests and expertise are relevant and could lead to discoveries in understanding the biology of normal aging are encouraged to apply.

Bladder Cancer Advocacy Network	Young Investigator and Patient- Centered Clinical Research Awards	Bladder Cancer	The Patient-Centered Clinical Research Young Investigator Award (PCC-YIA) supports early-career scientists and clinical cancer researchers investigating transformational patient-oriented clinical bladder cancer and/or upper tract urothelial cancer research (e.g. studies of shared decision making, access to care, quality of care, quality of life, health disparities, comparative effectiveness research, patient-centered outcomes research, and survivorship).	\$75,000 over 1 year	Sponsor: Feb, official date TBA SPA: TBD	Applicant must be within 6 years of completion of a professional degree or clinical training and may not hold the title of Associate Professor or higher at the time of submission.
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