



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, 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.

Please note that we have also included a list of upcoming **Limited Submission Funding Opportunities** and instructions for this process at the bottom of this email.

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

Sponsor	Mechanism	Area	Description	Amount	Deadline Sponsor	Deadline SPA	Notes
The Lustgarten Foundation	Multiple mechanisms available	Cancer, Pancreatic	<p>Lustgarten Equity, Accessibility, and Diversity (LEAD) Project: This grant aims to increase recruitment and retention of underrepresented groups in pancreatic cancer clinical trials by supporting institutions that make intentional efforts to address barriers to participation among underrepresented groups and develop and implement specific tools to increase clinical trial participation.</p> <p>Lustgarten Foundation Innovation & Collaboration Program: The intent of this program is to provide seed funding for highly innovative research with significant potential to accelerate the mission of the foundation.</p>	\$110,000-\$450,000 over 1 to 3 years	1/5/2026 *LOI	12/26/2025	<i>Please see website links for full descriptions, funding amounts, and project periods.</i>

American Heart Association	Redefining Women's Health: From Heart to Head to Hormones	Cardiovascular	<p>This call focuses on developing innovative technologies that disproportionately or exclusively impact women's health in four priority areas- Conditions that disproportionately impact women:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ischemia with Non-Obstructive Coronary Arteries (INOCA) and Cardiovascular Microvascular Disease (CMD) • Autoimmune Disease Screening, Predictors, and Care Models <p>Conditions that distinctly impact women:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next-Generation Treatments for Endometriosis • Classification and Care Models for Heavy Menstrual Bleeding (HMB) 	\$100,000 over 1 year	1/6/2026 *LOI	12/29/2025	Only proposals with a feasible path for implementation, scalability and potential commercialization will be considered.
Cure Epilepsy	Multiple mechanisms available	Neurology, Epilepsy	<p>Cure Epilepsy Award: Focus on scientific advances that have the potential to truly transform the lives of those affected by epilepsy, with prevention and disease modification as critical goals. Key priority areas for the award include: Basic mechanisms of epilepsy, Acquired epilepsies, Pediatric epilepsies, SUDEP, Treatment-resistant epilepsies, and Sleep & epilepsy.</p> <p>Taking Flight Award: Seeks to push the envelope and accelerate promising research leading to disease-modifying breakthroughs for people living with epilepsy. The Foundation prioritizes highly innovative, risky, paradigm-shifting projects that address our mission to cure epilepsy.</p>	\$125,000-\$250,00 over 1.5 to 2 years	1/6/2026 *LOI	12/29/2025	Please see website links for full descriptions, funding amounts, and project periods.
International Association for the Study of Lung Cancer	Young Investigator Grant	Cancer, Lung	The IASLC Young Investigator Grants Program funds the training of early-career researchers who wish to pursue careers in lung cancer diagnosis, treatment, or laboratory research as well as other aspects of the study of lung tumors.	\$50,000 over 1 year	1/8/2026	12/31/2025	
Arthritis National Research Foundation	Multiple mechanisms available	Arthritis	<p>Arthritis and Related Autoimmune Disease Research Grant: This grant aims to provide financial support to early career researchers studying arthritis and/or related autoimmune disease, who are within a few years of their transition to independence.</p> <p>Psoriatic Arthritis by Johnson & Johnson: This grant opportunity aims to support early career</p>	\$250,000 over 2 years	1/9/2026	1/2/2026	Please see website links for full descriptions, funding amounts, and project periods.

			researchers in their pursuit of innovative and impactful research projects.				
American Neuromuscular Foundation	Multiple mechanisms available	Muscle and nerve disorder	<p>Development Grants: This grant is intended as seed money to help launch research into muscle and nerve disorders by promising new researchers. Research that addresses quality issues is encouraged.</p> <p>Mid-Career/Established Investigator Research Grant Award: This grant is intended as seed money to help launch exploratory and high-risk, high-reward research into muscle and nerve disorders by mid-career or established researchers.</p>	\$100,000 over 2 years	1/10/2026 *LOI	1/2/2026	Please see website links for full descriptions, funding amounts, and project periods.
Thrasher Research Fund	E.W. "Al" Thrasher Awards	Pediatric	The award is open to applications focusing on any disease or topic within the umbrella of pediatrics. Ideal applications address significant health problems, offering the potential for practical solutions to these problems.	\$550,000 over 3 years	1/14/2026 (Anticipated) *LOI	1/7/2026	<p>Excluded: Behavioral science research; Educational programs; Projects focusing solely on disease mechanism or microbiome; Research on human fetal tissue; Research conducted in cell lines or animal models</p> <p>Foundation research managers are willing to discuss project ideas and give an idea of what will be competitive.</p>
The Hope Foundation for Cancer Research	SWOG/Hope Foundation Impact Award	Cancer	The SWOG/Hope Foundation Impact Award program aims to advance SWOG research by funding the early and conceptual stages of projects. The work proposed should use resources from completed SWOG studies or be directly translatable to future clinical trials in SWOG and the National Clinical Trials Network (NCTN). Projects may involve scientific risk but potentially lead to a breakthrough in a particular area, or to the development of novel techniques, agents, methodologies, models, or applications that could have a major impact on cancer research.	\$250,000 over 2 years	1/15/2026 *LOI	1/8/2026	
Cancer Research Institute	CRI Lloyd J. Old STAR Program	Cancer	The CRI Lloyd J. Old STAR Program provides long-term, flexible funding to mid-career scientists, giving them the freedom to pursue high-risk, high-reward research at the leading edge of cancer immunotherapy.	\$1,250,000 over 5 years	1/15/2026 *LOI	1/8/2026	
Allen Foundation, Inc.	Allen Grant	Nutrition	The priorities for Allen Foundation, Inc. grants are the connections between diet and health remain a basic and primary priority, and consideration has always been given to projects	TBD	1/15/2026 *LOI	1/8/2026	Preference may be given to proposals that include matching funds from the institution or other partners including in-kind contribution.

			that benefit nutritional programs in the areas of education, training, and research.				
American Institute for Cancer Research	Investigator-Initiated Research Grant Program	Cancer	Funding research on cancer prevention, treatment, and survival related to modifiable lifestyle factors including diet, nutrition, body composition, and physical activity but also additional modifiable lifestyle exposures, such as sleep and stress.	\$150,000 over 2 years	1/16/2026 (Anticipated) *LOI	1/9/2026	
American Epilepsy Society	Multiple mechanisms available	Neurology, Epilepsy	Junior Investigator Research Awards: This grant supports epilepsy research by recently independent investigators and is intended to facilitate successful competition for subsequent longer-term support from the NIH or other sources Sergievsky Award: This grant provides support for physicians and scientists who are conducting clinical research that addresses issues affecting medically underserved individuals with epilepsy or seizures or other epilepsy related aspects of health equity	\$75,000-\$150,000 over 1 to 2 years	1/22/2026	1/14/2026	<i>Please see website links for full descriptions, funding amounts, and project periods.</i>
Foundation Fighting Blindness	Career Development Award	Ophthalmology	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.	\$375,000 over 5 years	1/29/2026	1/22/2026	
American Psychological Foundation	American Action Visionary Grants	Psychology	The APF Direct Action Visionary Grants seek to fund innovative interventions, based on psychological knowledge, that directly address pressing needs of communities.	\$60,000 over 1 year	1/31/2026 *LOI	1/23/2026	<i>The deadline for this LOI is quarterly.</i>
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. The application must seek to improve access to kidney care, kidney disease management, and patient outcomes.	\$75,000 over 1 year	2/9/2026	2/2/2026	
Beatson Foundation	Passion to Find a Cure	Diabetes	The Foundation seeks to fund innovative research to better understand and find a cure for Type 1 Diabetes.	\$250,000 over 2 years	2/13/2026	2/6/2026	
Leukemia Research Foundation	Research Grants	Cancer, Leukemia	Program supports early-career investigators of exceptional creativity who propose highly innovative research projects with the potential to impact broad, essential areas of leukemia research.	\$150,000 over 2 years	2/14/2026 *LOI	2/6/2026	

Lungevity Transforming Lung Cancer	Multiple mechanisms available	Lung, Cancer	<p>Mid-Career “Bridge to Breathe” Research Award: The foundation is looking to support mid-career physician-scientists with a successful track record who are seeking bridge funding to sustain their research program while resubmitting a grant application for major federal funding or its equivalent.</p> <p>Career Development Award: The foundation is looking to support researchers investigating direct impact on the early detection of lung cancer and/or individualized lung cancer treatment, including through targeted therapy and immunotherapy</p>	\$150,000-\$300,000 over 2 years	2/14/2026 (Anticipated) *LOI	2/6/2026	Please see website links for full descriptions, funding amounts, and project periods.
Anesthesia Patient Safety Foundation	Investigator Initiated Research (IIR) Grants	Anesthesiology	This program’s objective is to stimulate and fund studies that will clearly improve patient safety and lead to prevention of mortality and morbidity resulting from anesthesia mishaps. Potential areas of research include a wide variety of safety topics.	\$200,000 over 2 years	2/15/2026 *LOI	2/6/2026	
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. Relevant proposals from any branch of biology are eligible.	\$525,000 over 3 years	2/18/2026 *LOI	2/10/2026	
The Rita Hillman and Alex Foundation	Multiple mechanisms available	Nursing	<p>Hillman Emergent Innovation: Provides grants to accelerate the development of bold, nursing-driven interventions that improve the health and healthcare of all people, especially marginalized populations.</p> <p>Hillman Emergent Innovation: Serious Illness and End of Life: Provides grants to accelerate the development of bold, nursing-driven interventions that improve the health and healthcare of all people, especially marginalized populations.</p> <p>Hillman Innovations in Care: Provides grants to advance leading edge, nursing-driven interventions that improve the health and healthcare of marginalized populations.</p>	\$50,000-\$600,000 over 1.5 years	2/18/2026 (Anticipated) *LOI	2/10/2026	Please see website links for full descriptions, funding amounts, and project periods.
The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research	Parkinson's Disease Therapeutics Pipeline Program	Neurology, Parkinson’s	This program seeks to advance therapeutic development through pre-clinical and/or clinical testing of approaches addressing unmet needs of people with Parkinson’s disease (PD). The program is set up to benefit therapeutics with	\$250,000-\$2,000,000 over 1 to 3 years	2/22/2026	2/13/2026	

			clear potential to prevent, stop, or delay disease progression or to reduce the burden of daily symptoms.				
TMCity	TMCity Grant	Neurology	The Foundation seeks to support research in neurocognitive healthcare and treatments for brain-related ailments.	up to \$250,000 over 1-2 years	Rolling *LOI	5 business days before submission	
Arnold Ventures	Causal Research on Community Safety and the Criminal Justice System	Community Safety	This program 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	GI, Cancer	<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. Resources for such "high-risk, high-reward" projects are important to establish proof-of-concept, which may then leverage additional funding through more traditional avenues.</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>

January 2026 (and beyond) Industry Funding Opportunities Calendar

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Commonwealth Serum Laboratories (CSL Limited)	CSL Research Acceleration Initiative	Biotherapy - Hematology, Cardiovascular and Renal, Transplant and Immunology, Vaccine	This initiative supports research on novel biotherapies targeting unmet medical needs in immunology, hematology, respiratory, cardiovascular, metabolic, transplant, and vaccine fields. It emphasizes plasma protein, recombinant, cell and gene therapy, and vaccine technologies through global collaborations.	\$400,000 over 2 years	2/10/2026	2/3/2026	
Boston Scientific	Investigator Sponsored Research (ISR) Program	Multiple areas: GI, Cardiology, Oncology, Neurology, and Urology	This global ISR grant program is 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, Neuromodulation, Urology, Rhythm and Electrophysiology.	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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U.S. National Science Foundation	NSF Accelerating Research Translation Program	Technology	The program aims to advance U.S. scientific and economic leadership by building capacity and increasing the number of robust translational research ecosystems in Institutions of Higher	\$6,000,000-\$8,000,000 over 4 years	11/6/2025	1/15/2026	1/9/2026	

Education (IHEs) that span across the full geography of our nation.

Damon Runyon Cancer Research Foundation	Damon Runyon Clinical Investigator Award	Cancer	The Damon Runyon Clinical Investigator Award supports independent young physician-scientists conducting disease-oriented research that demonstrates a high level of innovation and creativity. The goal is to support the best young physician-scientists doing work aimed at improving the practice of cancer medicine.	\$600,000 over 3 years	11/12/2025	1/20/2026	1/12/2026
The G. Harold and Leila Y. Mathers Foundation	Mathers Grant Awards Program	Microbiology, genetics, infectious disease, neurology	The Mathers Foundation Research Grant supports innovative, high-risk, high-reward basic science research that ideally has translational applications. Areas of interest include immunology, microbiome, structural biology, cellular physiology, cancer biology, genetics, genomics, microbiology and infectious diseases, stem cell biology and neuroscience.	\$700,000 over 3 years	11/14/2025	2/13/2026 *LOI	2/6/2026
Association of American Medical College	Herbert W. Nickens Faculty Fellowship	Health care equity	This award recognizes an outstanding assistant-level faculty member who demonstrates leadership potential in their efforts to promote equal opportunity in medical education and access to quality health care; demonstrates efforts in addressing educational, societal, and health care needs of underserved populations in the United States; and is committed to a career in academic medicine.	\$25,000 one time	TBD	1/23/2026	1/15/2026

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