



Updates from
Strategic Research Growth



Dear Colleagues,

Please find a list of upcoming research funding opportunities from private and industry sponsors below. If you are planning to apply to any of the opportunities listed here, please complete the intake 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.

July (and beyond) 2025 **Foundation** Funding Opportunities Calendar

Sponsor	Mechanism	Area	Description	Amount	Deadline Sponsor	Deadline SPA	Notes
The Hope Foundation for Cancer Research	NCORP Pilot Grant Program	Cancer	Minority/Underserved Recruitment Initiative: A Pilot Grant Program for Improved Outreach & Accrual. Awards are made to foster improved representation of under-resourced populations in cancer clinical trial accrual . Establish infrastructure or test an intervention to improve access for underrepresented population(s); Strive to remove structural barriers (e.g., policies, protocol-specific); Be action-oriented and measurable (vs. descriptive).	\$50,000 over 1 or 2 years	6/3/2025	5/27/2025	
Rheumatology Research Foundation	Scientist Development Award (SDA)	Rheumatology	This award is designed for individuals in the early stages of their career, typically Fellows or those without significant research experience who plan to embark on careers in rheumatic diseases. The purpose of this award is to provide a structured research training program for rheumatologists or health professionals in the field of rheumatology.	\$225,000 over 2 years	7/1/2025 *LOI	6/24/2025	
The Hope Foundation for Cancer Research	SWOG Early Exploration & Development (SEED) Fund	Cancer	Awards are made from The Hope Foundation SEED Fund to encourage preliminary research that will potentially translate to future clinical trials or trial-associated projects (translational medicine studies) within SWOG and the National Clinical Trials Network (NCTN). These awards may assist investigators with projects that support the following types of studies: pre-clinical data, secondary data analysis from clinical trials, pilot and feasibility studies (including early-stage	\$50,000 over 1- or 2- years	7/1/2025	6/24/2025	

			clinical trials), small self-contained research projects, or development of research methodology/technology.			
Damon Runyon Cancer Research Foundation	Damon Runyon-Rachleff Innovation Award Stage 1	Cancer	Designed to provide support for the next generation of exceptionally creative thinkers with “high-risk/high-reward” ideas that have the potential to significantly impact our understanding of and/or approaches to the prevention, diagnosis or treatment of cancer. The Innovation Award is specifically designed to provide funding to extraordinary early career researchers who have an innovative new idea but lack sufficient preliminary data to obtain traditional funding.	\$400,000 over 2 years	7/1/2025	6/24/2025
Paralyzed Veterans of America	Research Grant Cycle	Paralysis	The Research Foundation is focused on funding projects grounded in basic laboratory science and the education of scientists working on breakthroughs directed toward a cure for paralysis, secondary health effects and technologies associated with spinal cord injury or disease (SCI/D). These projects should be designed to find better treatments and cures for paralysis and support efforts to improve the quality of life of individuals with SCI/D until improved clinical treatments, technologies or cures are discovered, as well as to train post-doctoral fellow investigators and encourage them to specialize in the area of spinal cord research. May apply to: Basic Sciences, Clinical Applications, and Design and Development/Assistive Technology.	\$200,000 over 2- or 3- years	7/1/2025	6/24/2025
American Heart Association	Merit Award	Cardiovascular and cerebrovascular	This award supports exceptional scientists with established track records of success, who propose novel approaches to major research challenges in the areas of cardiovascular disease and cerebrovascular disease that have the potential to produce unusually high impact. This competition will enable AHA to further develop and strengthen the community of cardiovascular and cerebrovascular researchers and bring innovative approaches to basic, clinical, population and translational studies through funding a variety of disciplines.	\$1,000,000 over 5 years	7/2/2025 *LOI	6/25/2025
The Skin Cancer Foundation	Research Grants Program	Cancer	The Foundation awards research grants to early career investigators to support pilot research projects related to prevention, detection and treatment of skin cancer.	\$25,000 or \$50,000 one time	7/13/2025	7/7/2025
Glaucoma Research Foundation	Shaffer Grants for Innovative Glaucoma Research	Glaucoma	There are now two focus areas for Shaffer Grants, one for the physiology of glaucoma and a second to advance the genetics of glaucoma . 1. The Physiology of Glaucoma which may include projects to: Protect and restore the optic nerve; Accurately detect glaucoma and monitor its progress; Provide better understanding and treatment for congenital/juvenile glaucoma; Understand the intraocular pressure system and develop better treatments; Determine the risk factors for glaucoma damage using systematic outcomes data 2. The Genetics of Glaucoma (Funded through the Zander Family Research Fund) which may include projects to: Identify the genes that cause glaucoma; Explore new approaches to gene therapy to preserve or restore vision.	\$55,000 over 1 year	7/15/2025 *LOI	7/8/2025

Thrasher Research Fund	E.W. "Al" Thrasher Awards - 2026 Spring Cycle	Pediatric	Each award is a novel approach to problems plaguing pediatrics. The award is open to applications focusing on any disease or topic within the umbrella of pediatrics, both in and outside the United States. Ideal applications for the Thrasher Award address significant health problems, offering the potential for practical solutions to these problems. Typically, the primary outcome is a health outcome in children. Solutions should be innovative and have the potential for broad applicability with low barriers to implementation. Projects with a shorter distance to clinical applicability are given priority. Hypothesis-driven research is critical, exploratory, or hypothesis-generating research will not be competitive.	Max of \$550,000 over 3 years	7/15/2025	7/8/2025	Excluded: Behavioral science research including classes or counseling on health habits, treatments, stress coping, or mental health; Educational programs including training for patients, caregivers, or hospital staff; Projects focusing solely on disease mechanism or microbiome; Research on human fetal tissue; Research conducted in cell lines or animal models
Bright Focus Foundation	Macular Degeneration Research - New Investigator	Ophthalmology	We are committed to supporting scientists from diverse backgrounds to foster creativity and innovation in addressing complex scientific challenges. We strongly encourage applications from individuals who are from groups underrepresented in the field of age-related macular degeneration research. This research grant is intended to support investigators during their early years as an independent investigator involved in studies that have an impact on the causes and/or treatment of macular degeneration.	\$450,000 over 3 years	7/17/2025 *LOI	7/10/2025	
Bright Focus Foundation	Macular Degeneration Research - Innovative Research	Ophthalmology	This program is intended to provide support for high-risk/high-gain age-related macular degeneration research. We hope to attract established investigators to apply for this support, but the aims of the application must contain outside-the-box ideas that are novel in the field. Applicants who are experts in another field are encouraged to apply their talents to proposing innovative research in the macular degeneration field.	\$600,000 over 3 years	7/17/2025 *LOI	7/10/2025	
Rheumatology Research Foundation	Career Development Bridge Funding Award: K Supplement	Rheumatology	The NIH K Series and VA CDA awards provide limited resources to cover research costs, such as essential laboratory supplies or support staff, which are crucial to the successful transition of junior investigators to independent investigators. This award is designed to address the needs of these investigators and serve as a supplement to the NIH individual K series, VA CDA, or equivalent 4- or 5-year award mechanism. Applicants should propose a new project or expansion of their career development award that demonstrates growth of the aims of the initial award and an independent direction for the investigator leading to the submission of an R award or equivalent.	\$100,000 over 2 years	8/1/2025	7/25/2025	
National Eczema Association	NEA Catalyst Grant	Eczema	This award is intended to accelerate the careers of early-career scientists through hypothesis-driven research that lays the foundation for future breakthroughs, as they seek to become an independent research investigator with a commitment to this field.	\$50,000 over 1 year	8/15/2025	8/8/2025	
National Eczema Association	NEA Spotlight Grant	Eczema	This award is intended to promote research in topic areas of special interest that relate to NEA's advancement of our overall research priorities for eczema. For 2025, specific areas of research interest include: patient-centered outcomes research. Patient-centered outcomes research (PCOR) is crucial for eczema research because it focuses on the experiences, needs and preferences of patients living with the condition. PCOR helps identify	\$60,000 over 1 year	8/15/2025	8/8/2025	

			which treatments work best for diverse patient populations in real-world settings, improves shared decision-making and drives innovation.				
National Eczema Association	NEA Champion Grant	Eczema	This award provides funding support for experienced researchers with recognized productivity — either within or outside the eczema field — to conduct highly innovative, cutting-edge investigations related to eczema. Data from this award can then be used to seek additional, larger-scale funding from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) or other funding entities to build on these discoveries. Champion Grants facilitate trail-blazing research by established investigators who have built a life-long career in eczema research, as well as thought leaders from other areas of study that can bring additional new perspectives to the research forefront.	\$100,000 over 1 year	8/15/2025	8/8/2025	
National Eczema Association	Childhood Eczema Challenge Grant	Eczema	The National Eczema Association (NEA) and the Pediatric Dermatology Research Alliance (PeDRA) are collaborating to support targeted clinical research investigations focused on pediatric eczema with the Childhood Eczema Challenge Grant. Through this grant, NEA and PeDRA intend to accelerate research that improves the health and quality of life of pediatric eczema patients and their families.	\$50,000 over 1 year	8/15/2025	8/8/2025	
Alzheimer's Drug Discovery Foundation	Therapeutic Funding Programs	Alzheimer's Disease and Dementia	The ADDF seeks to support precision prevention studies, combination therapy studies, and comparative effectiveness research that probe whether the use or choice of interventions may reduce the risk of Alzheimer's disease or other dementias.	up to \$5,000,000	9/15/2025 *LOI	9/8/2025	Studies that are not in humans will not be considered.
Mendez National Institute of Transplantation Foundation	Research Grant Program	Transplant	Project must fit one of the following research priorities: -Creating a comprehensive, multi-disciplinary program of research that advances scientific knowledge and will improve clinical outcomes in transplantation. -Integrating the field of transplantation with the latest donor screening technologies, immunogenetics, post-transplant monitoring, and advances in regenerative medicine. -Making unique contributions to biology and medicine by developing new diagnostic and therapeutic paradigms. -Empowering patients with end-stage organ disease and transplant recipients by providing education on proactively managing their health to improve their long-term outcomes.	\$150,000 over 2 years	11/1/2025 *LOI	10/24/2025	
Gerber Foundation	Major Research Awards	Pediatrics	Projects should focus on issues faced by care providers that, when implemented, will improve the health, nutrition and/or developmental outcomes for infants and young children. The board is particularly looking for practical solutions that can be easily and rapidly implemented on a broad scale with a predictable time frame to clinical application.	\$350,000 over 3 years	11/15/2025 *LOI	11/6/2025	Twice a year (Fall and Spring) annual opportunity. The Foundation is looking for projects that will result in 'new' information, treatments or tools that will result in a change in practice.
American Cancer Society	ASTRO-ACS Clinician Scientist	Cancer	Supports full-time faculty members in becoming independent investigators as clinician scientists. This grant is designed for people trained primarily as clinicians who want to maintain clinical practice	\$675,000 over 5 years	12/1/2025	11/20/2025	

	Development Grant (CSDG)		and conduct cancer research. Specifically, for this RFA in partnership with ASTRO, the applicant must be in the radiation oncology field.	(or \$405,000 over 3 years)			
American Heart Association	Career Development Award	Cardiovascular and cerebrovascular	This grant supports highly promising healthcare and academic professionals, in the early years of one's first professional appointment, to explore innovative questions or pilot studies that will provide preliminary data and training necessary to assure the applicant's future success as a research scientist.	\$231,000 over 3 years	12/2/2025	11/21/2025	Investigators who have been awarded NIH K99/R00 or R01 grants are not eligible to apply.
FRAXA Research Foundation	Clinical Trial	Genetics - Fragile X syndrome	FRAXA Research Foundation focuses on research which is likely to lead to new and improved treatments — and ultimately a cure — for Fragile X syndrome, with an emphasis on disease-modifying therapeutics based on understanding of Fragile X disease mechanism	No limit	Rolling		Emphasis will be placed on clinical trials of potentially disease-modifying agents which have been previously validated in Fragile X animal models, especially in previous FRAXA-funded research. Other types of clinical research will also be considered, such as biomarker studies in Fragile X patients, or trials of symptomatic therapies, but this type of research is a lower priority.
FRAXA Research Foundation	Curative Therapies	Genetics - Fragile X syndrome	New grant program for 2025 designed to promote accelerated development of curative therapies for Fragile X , including – but not limited to – gene therapy, gene repair, gene reactivation, protein replacement, mRNA therapeutics and targeted ASO treatments.	\$100,000 per year	Rolling		Can also be submitted as part of our regular FRAXA Fellowship grant program (adhering to the standard \$50K/year for two years). These will receive special funding priority.

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Gilead Sciences, Inc	Research Scholars Program	HIV	The program is designed to support basic and clinical research in the field of HIV, in North America and globally. Areas of research may include, but are not limited to: Basic, clinical, behavioral, epidemiological, implementation science and community-based participatory research; Health inequities faced by certain population groups; Management of complications, comorbidities and/or co-infections e.g. HIV and aging; HIV Prevention; Digital Models and Artificial Intelligence (AI); and Health economics outcomes research.	\$180,000 over 2 years	7/7/2025	6/27/2025	
Merck KGaA	Multi-Purpose Microphysiological Systems	Drug Safety	We are working to develop world class human-based MicroPhysiological Systems (MPS) that can materially improve translatability and reduce the usage of animals in the testing of drug and chemical compounds. We invite innovative research proposals that will join us in this transformative journey to redefine the predictability of drug safety and efficacy to bring better life-changing drugs to patients. Novel development of Cardiac, Brain (including Blood-Brain Barrier), and Lung models.	€360,000 over 3 years	8/31/2025	8/22/2025	
Nature Publishing Group (NPG)	The Global Grants for Gut Health	GI	This call is seeking research proposals to advance understanding of the mechanisms by which gut microbiota have an impact on human health.	\$100,000 over 1 year	9/9/2025	9/1/2025	(Anticipated) 2025 cycle not yet announced

Thermo Fisher Scientific	Oncomine Clinical Research Grant Program	Cancer	The Oncomine Clinical Research Grant Program supports investigator- initiated studies (IIS) on molecular profiling in oncology, with the goal to increase high quality molecular profiling and help democratize the future of precision medicine.	\$200,000 over 1 year	10/3/2025	9/26/025
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