



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.

### June (and beyond) 2025 **Foundation** Funding Opportunities Calendar

| Sponsor               | Mechanism  | Area             | Description  | Amount                             | Deadline Sponsor | Deadline SPA | Notes  |
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| Evidence for Action   | <a href="#">Rapid Response Research</a>                        | Health Equity    | Rapid Response Research awards are exclusively available to applicants who have already received federal funding for their health equity research but have since had their funding partially or fully rescinded. Reviewers will prioritize funding projects led by early- to mid-career Indigenous, Black, Latino and other researchers of color with a track-record of conducting racial and Indigenous health equity research. | \$50,000 to \$200,000 over 2 years | 5/28/2025        | 5/20/2025    | E4A primarily funds social science-oriented and applied research; i.e., biomedical, clinical, and bench science, are not eligible. |
| Alex's Lemonade Stand | <a href="#">Research Accelerating RUNX1 Exploration (RARE)</a> | Pediatric Cancer | Designed to fund research that will lead to the <b>development of therapies for patients with RUNX1-FPD</b> that will either intercept the transition from a precancer state to MDS/AML or prevention of cancer.   | \$250,000 over 2 years             | 6/1/2025         | 5/23/2025    |  |

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| American Cancer Society          | <a href="#">Discovery Boost Grants (DBG)</a>                      | Cancer       | Supports <b>high-risk, high-reward exploratory cancer research</b> across the research continuum. Investigators may focus on developing research methodologies, establishing feasibility, or leading pilot tests. It is expected that preliminary data generated from a completed DBG will have the potential to secure additional grant funding to further the research and open new and highly innovative areas for investigation.   | \$297,000 over 2 years   | 6/1/2025 | <b>5/23/2025</b> | The next application deadline will be 12/1/2025. |
| American Cancer Society          | <a href="#">Mission Boost Grants (MBG)</a>                        | Cancer       | Designed to support research projects that specifically focus on translation to human testing. MBGs are opportunities for independent investigators at all levels to apply for additional, or "boost," resources for innovative, clinical-enabling projects. <b>MBGs offer 2 stages of funding: Stage I</b> requires the investigator to develop outcome-specific, unequivocal milestones that reduce the risks of studying a new drug, device, or procedure in patients. <b>Stage II</b> supports testing in cancer patients. | Stage I<br>\$270,000 over 2 years,<br>Stage II<br>\$545,000 over 18 months | 6/1/2025 | <b>5/23/2025</b> | The next application deadline will be 12/1/2025. |
| American Cancer Society          | <a href="#">Research Scholar Grants</a>                           | Cancer       | Provides support for independent, self-directed researchers. Grant proposals are investigator-initiated and may pursue questions across the cancer research continuum, as long as they fit within an American Cancer Society priority research area.   | \$860,000 over 4 years   | 6/1/2025 | <b>5/23/2025</b> | The next application deadline will be 12/1/2025. |
| American Cancer Society          | <a href="#">Clinician Scientist Development Grant (CSDG)</a>      | Cancer       | Supports full-time faculty members in becoming independent investigators as clinician scientists. This grant is designed for people trained primarily as <b>clinicians who want to maintain clinical practice and conduct cancer research.</b>   | \$675,000 over 5 years (or \$405,000 over 3 years)                         | 6/1/2025 | <b>5/23/2025</b> | The next application deadline will be 12/1/2025. |
| Rheumatology Research Foundation | <a href="#">Career Development Bridge Funding Award: K Bridge</a> | Rheumatology | The purpose of this award is to provide <b>bridge funding</b> for promising investigators as they are revising outstanding individual career development award applications (i.e., applications for NIH K series awards, VA CDA-2 awards, or any equivalent career development awards). Through  | \$75,000 over 1 year   | 6/1/2025 | <b>5/23/2025</b> |  |

this bridge funding award, the Foundation will support junior faculty members so that they have the highest likelihood of achieving success in obtaining longer term career development awards.

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| Rheumatology Research Foundation                        | <a href="#">Career Development Bridge Funding Award: R Bridge</a> | Rheumatology     | The purpose of this award is to provide funding to NIH R01, VA Research Career Scientist (RCS) or Merit Award applicants whose application received a priority score but was not funded, and who are at risk of running out of research support.   | \$200,000 over 2 years  | 6/1/2025          | 5/23/2025 |  |
| Alex's Lemonade Stand                                   | <a href="#">R Accelerated Grant</a>                               | Pediatric Cancer | Applicants must have an original project that is not currently being funded that has a clear focus on <b>accelerating the discovery of more effective, less toxic therapy for childhood cancers</b> . Applicants must be a PI or co-PI of their <b>first</b> independent award such as R01 and must be within five years of the notice of award.   | \$800,000 over 4 years  | 6/5/2025          | 5/29/2025 | Applicants must be within ten years of their first faculty appointment at the Assistant Professor level. |
| Cures Within Reach                                      | <a href="#">Meniere's Disease RFP</a>                             | Otolaryngology   | This grant seeks collaborative, multisite <b>clinical repurposing trials to address Meniere's disease, as well as other related vertigo and hearing loss-related diagnoses</b> , such as benign paroxysmal positional vertigo (BPPV), tinnitus, labyrinthitis and vestibular neuritis, to improve patient outcomes and quality of life. CWR may also accept translational preclinical repurposing studies that are designed to advance repurposed therapies to clinical trials or combination preclinical/clinical studies that together produce robust data for publications, presentations, follow on funding and potential off label use of repurposed therapies. | \$350,000 for collaborative studies over 2 years, or \$100,000 for translational studies over 2 years | 6/13/2025<br>*LOI | 6/6/2025  | Have a timeline of no longer than 48 months for clinical trials or 36 months for preclinical studies.    |
| Mendez National Institute of Transplantation Foundation | <a href="#">Research Grant Program</a>                            | Transplant       | Project must fit one of the following research priorities:<br><br>-Creating a comprehensive, multi-disciplinary program of research that advances scientific knowledge and will improve clinical outcomes in transplantation.  | \$150,000 over 2 years  | 6/15/2025<br>*LOI | 6/9/2025  |  |

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|                                       |   |                                 | <p>-Integrating the field of transplantation with the latest donor screening technologies, immunogenetics, post-transplant monitoring, and advances in regenerative medicine.</p> <p>-Making unique contributions to biology and medicine by developing new diagnostic and therapeutic paradigms.</p> <p>-Empowering patients with end-stage organ disease and transplant recipients by providing education on proactively managing their health to improve their long-term outcomes.</p> |   |                   |                  |   |
| Research to Prevent Blindness         | <a href="#">Career Advancement Award</a>    | Ophthalmology                   | The Career Advancement Awards assist outstanding early-career vision scientists in pursuit of ongoing research of unusual significance and promise. Available to candidates who <b>have already received their first NIH R01 and are collecting new data to secure a second R01.</b>  | \$150,000 over 2 years                    | 6/15/2025         | <b>6/09/2025</b> | Must be nominated   |
| Alex's Lemonade Stand                 | <a href="#">'A' Award Grant</a>             | Pediatric Cancer                | Career development award. Demonstration of a future commitment to pediatric cancer investigation as well as institutional support for the career development of the investigator are critical components of a successful application.   | \$800,000 over 4 years                    | 6/16/2025         | <b>6/9/2025</b>  | Applicants must be within ten years of their terminal degree and five years of their first faculty appointment as an Assistant Professor.   |
| Gateway for Cancer Research           | <a href="#">Gateway for Cancer Research</a> | Cancer                          | Gateway funds Phase I and II patient-centered cancer clinical trials that have the potential to shift the paradigm for standard of care. We strive to fund treatment-based studies at the bedside, including all types of cancers.  | \$200,000 to \$1.5 million over 2-5 years | 6/20/2025<br>*LOI | <b>6/12/2025</b> |   |
| Michelson Medical Research Foundation | <a href="#">Next Generation Grants</a>      | Immunology and Vaccine Research | The Michelson Medical Research Foundation seeks to unravel the complexity of the human immune system, accelerating the development of vaccines and therapies for some of the world's most threatening diseases. The committee will look for research that aims to <b>tackle the current roadblocks to human vaccine development and expand our limited</b>  | \$150,000 over 1 year                     | 6/22/2025         | <b>6/12/2025</b> | Applicants must be 35 or younger on June 22, 2025 (i.e., born June 23, 1989, or later). Early-career investigators, postdoctoral fellows, clinical fellows (including residents and interns), doctoral students and other researchers |

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|                                  |   |               | <b>understanding of key immune processes that are fundamental to successful vaccine and immunotherapy development.</b>   |                              |                   |           | currently in training positions are eligible for these awards.  |
| Rheumatology Research Foundation | <a href="#">Scientist Development Award (SDA)</a>                     | 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<br>*LOI  | 6/24/2025 |   |
| Rheumatology Research Foundation | <a href="#">Investigator Award (IA)</a>                               | Rheumatology  | The purpose is to provide support for basic science, translational, and clinical investigators engaged in research relevant to the rheumatic diseases for the period between the completion of post-doctorate fellowship training and establishment as an independent investigator.  | \$375,000 over 3 years       | 7/1/2025<br>*LOI  | 6/24/2025 |   |
| Evidence for Action              | <a href="#">New Research Support</a>                                  | Health Equity | New Research Support awards will support research that centers community priorities and expertise to advance upstream solutions to racial and indigenous health equity. Lead applicant organizations must be community-based organizations with a strong track record of racial and/or Indigenous health equity work.  | Up to \$500,000 over 3 years | 7/16/2025<br>*LOI | 7/9/2025  | Studies that develop or test solutions that encourage individuals to modify their personal behavior in the absence of greater environmental, structural, and/or systems level changes are <i>not</i> a fit and will not be considered. Research that aims to solely describe problems or document inequities is also not a fit. E4A primarily funds social science-oriented and applied research. |
| Rheumatology Research Foundation | <a href="#">Career Development Bridge Funding Award: K Supplement</a> | 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                         | \$100,000 over 2 years       | 8/1/2025          | 7/25/2025 |   |

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|   |  |                                  | <p>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.</p>   |                        |                    |            |  |
| Alzheimer's Drug Discovery Foundation                   | <a href="#">Therapeutic Funding Programs</a> | Alzheimer's Disease and Dementia | <p>The ADDF seeks to support precision prevention studies, combination therapy studies, and comparative effectiveness research that probe <b>whether the use or choice of interventions may reduce the risk of Alzheimer's disease or other dementias.</b></p>  | up to \$5,000,000      | 9/15/2025<br>*LOI  | 9/8/2025   | Studies that are not in humans will not be considered.   |
| Mendez National Institute of Transplantation Foundation | <a href="#">Research Grant Program</a>       | Transplant                       | <p>Project must fit one of the following research priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Creating a comprehensive, multi-disciplinary program of research that advances scientific knowledge and will improve clinical outcomes in transplantation.</li> <li>-Integrating the field of transplantation with the latest donor screening technologies, immunogenetics, post-transplant monitoring, and advances in regenerative medicine.</li> <li>-Making unique contributions to biology and medicine by developing new diagnostic and therapeutic paradigms.</li> <li>-Empowering patients with end-stage organ disease and transplant recipients by providing education on proactively managing their health to improve their long-term outcomes.</li> </ul> | \$150,000 over 2 years | 11/1/2025<br>*LOI  | 10/24/2025 |  |
| Gerber Foundation                                       | <a href="#">Major Research Awards</a>        | Pediatrics                       | <p>Projects should focus on issues faced by care providers that, when implemented, <b>will improve the health, nutrition and/or developmental outcomes for infants and young children.</b> The board is particularly</p>  | \$350,000 over 3 years | 11/15/2025<br>*LOI | 11/6/2025  | Twice a year (Fall and Spring) annual opportunity. The Foundation is looking for projects that will result in 'new' information, |

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|                         |   |        | looking for practical solutions that can be easily and rapidly implemented on a broad scale with a predictable time frame to clinical application.  |  |           |            | treatments or tools that will result in a change in practice.  |
| American Cancer Society | <a href="#">ASTRO-ACS Clinician Scientist Development Grant (CSDG)</a>                            | 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 and conduct cancer research. Specifically, for this RFA in partnership with ASTRO, the applicant must be in the radiation oncology field.  | \$675,000 over 5 years (or \$405,000 over 3 years) | 12/1/2025 | 11/20/2025 |  |
| American Cancer Society | <a href="#">Leukemia Exploration and Prevention Grant Program (LEAP - Research Scholar Grant)</a> | Cancer | The RUNX1 Research Program and the American Cancer Society have partnered to make a demonstrable leap forward in the pursuit of cancer interception and prevention treatments for patients with RUNX1-FPD. Supports an independent research project that aligns with one of the two LEAP program focus areas. Research Scholar Grants provide support for independent, self-directed researchers.   | \$860,000 over 4 years                             | 12/1/2025 | 11/20/2025 | Applicants may only apply for one of the two funding mechanisms: the LEAP-Research Scholar Grant or the LEAP-Team Award. |
| American Cancer Society | <a href="#">Leukemia Exploration and Prevention Grant Program (LEAP - Team Award)</a>             | Cancer | The RUNX1 Research Program and the American Cancer Society have partnered to make a demonstrable leap forward in the pursuit of cancer interception and prevention treatments for patients with RUNX1-FPD. Supports a team research project that aligns with one of the LEAP program research focus areas. The application must clearly articulate how the team will synergize to accelerate scientific advancement and clinical benefit. | \$1,720,000 over 4 years                           | 12/1/2025 | 11/20/2025 | Applicants may only apply for one of the two funding mechanisms: the LEAP-Research Scholar Grant or the LEAP-Team Award. |

## June (and beyond) 2025 Industry Funding Opportunities Calendar

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| Gilead Sciences, Inc          | <a href="#">Research Scholars Program</a>                | 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  | 6/30/2025 |  |
| Merck KGaA                    | <a href="#">Multi-Purpose Microphysiological Systems</a> | 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) | <a href="#">The Global Grants for Gut Health</a>         | 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      | <a href="#">Oncomine Clinical Research Grant Program</a> | 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  |  |