



Updates from Strategic Research Growth



Dear Colleagues,

Please find a list of upcoming research funding opportunities from private 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.

May (and beyond) 2025 Private Funding Opportunities Calendar

Sponsor	Mechanism	Area	Description	Amount	Deadline Sponsor	Deadline SPA	Notes
American Society of Hematology	ASH Bridge Grant	Hematology	Bridge funding for ASH members who applied for an NIH R01 grant or equivalent within the past 18 months.	\$150,000 over 1 year	5/1/2025	4/24/2025	Categories encouraged: Basic Research; Translational Research; Patient-Oriented Clinical Research; Outcomes-Based Research
Clin-Star	Clin-STAR Aging Research Development and Training Awards	Aging	This grant seeks to accelerate geriatrics and aging research efforts by offering activities and resources for the cultivation, connection, and synergy of clinician-scientists in aging research from different disciplines and from institutions across the US.	\$50,000 over 1 year	5/1/2025 *LOI	4/24/2025	Awards will be made to early-career clinician-scientists who work collaboratively with established (senior) investigator(s). A mentor with aging research expertise is required.
The Mark Foundation	Emerging Leader Award	Cancer	Support 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 that are distinct from their current research portfolio.	\$750,000 over 3 years	5/5/2025 *LOI	4/28/2025	Emerging Leader Awards are granted to a single investigator; co-investigators are not permitted. The award may be used to support projects carried out with collaborators, who may provide letters of support.

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	5/15/2025 *LOI	5/8/2025	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.
One Mind	One Mind Rising Star Awards	Mental Health and Psychiatric Disorders	Research grants designed to advance the understanding, detection, diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of mental health conditions and psychiatric disorders. Beyond funding innovative research, this award fosters the next generation of scientific leaders through personalized mentorship, executive coaching, leadership and communication training, and networking opportunities.	\$300,000 over 3 years	5/15/2025	5/8/2025	Applicants must be independent investigators already employed at the rank of Assistant or Associate Professor and be within 6 years of their initial independent appointment.
Craig H. Neilsen Foundation	Spinal Cord Injury Research on the Translational Spectrum	Spinal Cord Injury	Supports the development of new approaches to restore/enhance function and prevent or alleviate complications that arise after traumatic spinal cord injury. Research should be designed to demonstrate an improvement in function or clinical decision-making.	\$400,000 over 2 to 3 years	5/23/2025 *LOI	5/16/2025	The inclusion of individuals with SCI in the design of studies to aid the development of research that leads to an improved quality of life is encouraged.
The Donaghue Foundation	Greater Value Portfolio Research Grant Awards	Healthcare Access	Advance promising approaches to achieving a higher-value healthcare system. This program aims to test approaches and tools that organizations can readily use to improve the value of the healthcare they provide to their patients and communities.	\$500,000 over 2 years	5/29/2025 *LOI	5/21/2025	
March of Dimes	Basil O'Connor Starter Scholar Research Awards	OBGYN (Pregnancy and postpartum)	Impactful research studies that will advance our translational understanding of, or lead to improved clinical treatment of, any serious medical conditions that affect the health of a woman's pregnancy or the health of mothers and newborns in the first year postpartum.	\$150,000 over 2 years	5/30/2025	5/22/2025	
American Cancer Society	Discovery Boost Grants (DBG)	Cancer	Supports high-risk, high-reward exploratory cancer research 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	\$297,000 over 2 years	6/1/2025	5/23/2025	The next application deadline will be 12/1/2025.

completed DBG will have the potential to secure additional grant funding to further the research and open new and highly innovative areas for investigation.

American Cancer Society	Mission Boost Grants (MBG)	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. MBGs offer 2 stages of funding: Stage I requires the investigator to develop outcome-specific, unequivocal milestones that reduce the risks of studying a new drug, device, or procedure in patients. Stage II supports testing in cancer patients.	Stage I \$270,000 over 2 years, Stage II \$545,000 over 18 months	6/1/2025	5/23/2025	The next application deadline will be 12/1/2025.
American Cancer Society	Research Scholar Grants	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	5/23/2025	The next application deadline will be 12/1/2025.
American Cancer Society	Clinician Scientist Development Grant (CSDG)	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.	\$675,000 over 5 years (or \$405,000 over 3 years)	6/1/2025	5/23/2025	The next application deadline will be 12/1/2025.
Alex's Lemonade Stand	R Accelerated Grant	Pediatric Cancer	Applicants must have an original project that is not currently being funded that has a clear focus on accelerating the discovery of more effective, less toxic therapy for childhood cancers. Applicants must be a PI or co-PI of their first 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.
Alex's Lemonade Stand	'A' Award Grant	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	6/9/2025	Applicants must be within ten years of their terminal degree and five years of their first faculty appointment as an Assistant Professor.

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.
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	Leukemia Exploration and Prevention Grant Program (LEAP - Research Scholar Grant)	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	Leukemia Exploration and Prevention Grant Program (LEAP - Team Award)	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.
American Institute for Cancer Research	Investigator-Initiated Research 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	12/6/2025 *LOI	11/30/2025	A limited number of three-year term Investigator-Initiated Research Grants (maximum of \$225,000 plus 10 percent indirect costs) may be funded