



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, and would like to work with SRG on proposal development, 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. We have also included a list of upcoming Limited Submission Funding Opportunities and instructions for this process at the bottom of this email.

SURVEY REQUEST REMINDER: We value your perspective. Please take a brief, [three-minute survey](#) to help us refine this newsletter to better meet your needs.

May 2026 (and beyond) Foundation Funding Opportunities Calendar

Sponsor	Mechanism	Area	Description	Amount	Deadline Sponsor	Deadline SPA	Notes
The Mark Foundation for Cancer Research	Emerging Leader Award	Cancer	The Foundation supports 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.	\$750,000 over 3 years	4/30/2026 *LOI	4/23/2026	
Huo Family Foundation	Special Projects Grant	Neuroscience	Proposals should focus on the effect and impact of usage of digital technology on brain development, social behaviors and mental health in young people.	\$688,500 over 3 years	5/1/2026	4/24/2026	
THRIVE	2026 THRIVE Award Cycle	Cancer	The THRIVE grant program is designed to provide seed funding to investigators for the testing of initial hypotheses and collecting of preliminary data to help secure long-term funding by the NIH and/or other major granting institutions.	\$50,000 over 1 year	5/11/2026 *LOI	5/4/2026	
Gateway for Cancer Research	Multiple mechanisms available	Cancer	The foundation seeks to fund early phase clinical trials for cancers of all types.	Up to \$1,000,000 over 2 to 5 years	5/15/2026 *LOI (Anticipated)	5/8/2026	
One Mind	One Mind Rising Star Awards	Psychiatry	Supports research grants designed to advance the understanding, detection, diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of mental health conditions and psychiatric disorders. Awards will support grant proposals spanning basic/preclinical, translational, and clinical research for psychiatric disorders.	\$300,000 over 1 year	5/15/2026 (Anticipated)	5/8/2026	
The Children's Heart Foundation	Independent Research Awards	Pediatrics, Cardiology	This award mechanism is used to fund the most promising research that will advance the diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of congenital heart defects.	\$150,000 over 2 years	5/21/2026 *LOI (Anticipated)	5/14/2026	

Craig H Neilsen Foundation	Spinal Cord Injury Research on the Translational Spectrum (SCIRTS)	Neurology	The program advances studies aimed at improving function, testing new treatment strategies, and moving them forward to improve outcomes for individuals with spinal cord injury (SCI).	\$400,000 over 2 years	5/22/2026 *LOI	5/15/2026	
March of Dimes	Basil O'Connor Starter Scholar Research Awards	OBGYN; Pediatrics	This grants prioritizes investigators proposing to conduct impactful research studies that will advance our translational understanding of, or lead to improved clinical treatment of, serious medical conditions that affect the health of a woman's pregnancy or the health of moms and newborns in the first year postpartum.	\$150,000 over 2 years	5/29/2026	5/22/2026	
American Cancer Society	Multiple mechanisms available	Cancer	Leukemia Exploration and Prevention Grant Program: Grants should pursue questions specifically designed to enable the discovery of cancer interception or prevention therapies for <i>RUNX1</i> -FPD HMs. Discovery Boost Grants (DBG): Support high-risk, high-reward exploratory cancer research across the research continuum. Mission Boost Grants (MBG): Supports research projects that specifically focus on translation to human testing. Research Scholar Grants: Support for independent, self-directed researchers. Clinician Scientist Development Grant (CSDG): Supports full-time faculty members in becoming independent investigators as clinician scientists.	\$405,000 or \$1,720,000 over 3 to 5 years	6/1/2026	5/25/2026	Please see website links for full descriptions, funding amounts, and project periods.
Lung Cancer Research Foundation	OUCH-Int'l and LCRF Research Grant Program	Lung Cancer	Funds innovative projects that examine the impact of climate change and environmental pollution on lung cancer risk, diagnosis, treatment, and outcomes and identifies strategies to mitigate these effects.	\$200,000 over 2 years	6/2/2026	5/26/2026	
Cure Epilepsy	Rare Epilepsy Partnership Award	Neurology - Epilepsy	Supports the development of necessary research tools, techniques, model systems, and data collection platforms to stimulate and accelerate research on rare epilepsies.	\$100,000 over 1 year	6/9/2026 *LOI	6/2/2026	
Harrington Discovery Institute	Harrington Scholar-Innovator Research Grant	Care improvement	This scholar award recognizes outstanding physician-scientists whose work has potential to advance standard of care.	\$100,000 over 2 years	6/9/2026 *LOI (Anticipated)	6/2/2026	
WES Leukemia Research Foundation	2025 Michael F. Price Memorial Grant	Cancer	Supports laboratory, translational, or clinical research related to acute leukemia.	\$50,000 over 1 year	6/15/2026	6/8/2026	
DeGregorio Family Foundation	2025 Michael F. Price Memorial Grant	Cancer	The RFA is for existing or new drug development for an early phase clinical trial or for a late-stage research project ready for IND-enabling studies that may advance our understanding of gastroesophageal cancer and lead us to impacting patient care.	\$2,000,000 over 3 years	6/16/2026 *LOI (Anticipated)	6/9/2026	
Michelson Medical Research Foundation	Next Generation Grants	Immunology	The Michelson Prize supports research proposals on human immunology and vaccine research.	\$150,000 over 1 year	6/22/2026 (Anticipated)	6/15/2026	

The Greenwall Foundation	Making a Difference	Bioethics	Supports research to help resolve important emerging or unanswered bioethics problems in clinical, biomedical, or public health decision-making, policy, or practice.	No formal limit on the budget or duration of a grant	6/23/2026 *LOI (Anticipated)	6/16/2026
Damon Runyon Cancer Research Foundation	Damon Runyon-Rachleff Innovation Award	Cancer	The Innovation Award is 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.	\$400,000 over 2 years	7/1/2026	6/24/2026
NASPGHAN Foundation for Children's Digestive Health & Nutrition	Young Investigator Development Awards	Pediatrics	This grant is awarded to support a translational or basic science research project related to diseases of the gastrointestinal tract, liver, pancreas, or nutritional disorders of children.	\$150,000 over 2 years	7/1/2026 (Anticipated)	6/24/2026
Breakthrough T1D	Multiple mechanisms available	Diabetes	Kellogg Family Early-Career Patient-Oriented Diabetes Research Award : Designed to provide crucial support to investigators who plan to pursue a career in diabetes related clinical investigation. Career Development Awards : Designed to attract qualified and promising scientists early in their faculty careers and to give them the opportunity to establish themselves in areas that reflect the Breakthrough T1D research emphasis areas.	\$1,000,000 over 5 years	7/1/2026 (Anticipated)	6/24/2026
Paralyzed Veterans of America	Research Grant Cycle	Paralysis	Funds projects grounded in basic laboratory science on breakthroughs directed toward a cure for paralysis, secondary health effects and technologies associated with spinal cord injury or disease (SCI/D).	\$200,000 over 2 or 3 years	7/1/2026 (Anticipated)	6/24/2026
The Hope Foundation for Cancer Research	SWOG Early Exploration & Development (SEED) Fund	Cancer	Awards 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).	\$50,000 over 1 or 2 years	7/1/2026 (Anticipated)	6/24/2026
American Urological Association	Rising Stars in Urology Research Awards	Urology	The Urology Care Foundation recognizes the need to enable physician-scientists with the training, tools, and resources to succeed as independent researchers in urology.	\$200,000 over 5 years	7/7/2026 *LOI (Anticipated)	6/29/2026
Society of Critical Care Medicine	Research Grants	Critical Care	Funding for projects that advance critical care via two mechanisms: SCCM-Weil Research Grant: Single-site clinical study Discovery Research Grant: Multi-institutional study	\$50,000-\$100,000 over 1 year	7/11/2026 (Anticipated)	7/2/2026
Thrasher Research Fund	E.W. "Al" Thrasher Awards	Pediatrics	The program intends to fund science that will make meaningful progress in the way diseases are diagnosed and treated. Competitive grants often, but are not required to, focus on severe or high incidence diseases.	\$550,000 over 3 years	7/14/2026 *LOI	7/7/2026
Prevent Cancer Foundation	Research Grants	Cancer	The goal of the Prevent Cancer Foundation's research program is to provide funding for innovative projects with the potential to make substantial contributions to cancer prevention or early detection.	\$100,000 over 2 years	7/15/2026 (Anticipated)	7/8/2026

The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research	Parkinson's Disease Therapeutics Pipeline Program	Neurology, Parkinson's	Seeks to advance therapeutic development through pre-clinical and/or clinical testing of approaches addressing unmet needs of people with Parkinson's disease (PD).	\$250,000 to \$2,000,000 over 1 to 3 years (pre-clinical or clinical)	Rolling *LOI	5 business days before submission	<i>The Therapeutics Pipeline Program is only open to industry and industry-academia collaborations.</i>
Food Allergy Fund	Innovators Research Grant	Immunology, Food Allergy	Funds researchers who demonstrate the most innovative approach to identifying what causes food allergies or an improved treatment.	\$250,000. over 2 years	Rolling *LOI	5 business days before submission	
Nuttall Women's Health	XXcelerate: Turning Existing Research Into Impact for Women	Women's Health	XXcelerate is committed to ensuring that clinical research findings are valid and relevant for women by funding existing and/or on-going clinical research that rigorously examines outcomes in women.	Budget limited to the project scope over 3 years	Rolling *LOI	5 business days before submission	
Jeffrey Modell Foundation	C.H.I.L.D.R.E.N!®	Pediatrics, Immunodeficiencies	The focus of this grant program is to investigate immunological disorders, infectious disease, initiatives to decrease infant mortality and ultimately improve the quality of life of children affected by Primary Immunodeficiency globally.	\$50,000 over 2 years	Rolling	5 business days before submission	

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Bristol-Myers Squibb Foundation	Career Development Award (Winn CDA)	Cancer, cardiovascular disease and immunologic disorders - Clinical Trials	Supports the career development of early-stage investigator (as defined by NIH) physicians from diverse backgrounds, and physicians who have a demonstrated commitment to increasing diversity in clinical research, to become independent clinical trial investigators who are engaged in advancing health equity through their research and mentoring.	\$240,000 over 2 years	05/04/2026	04/27/2026	
AstraZeneca	Externally Sponsored Scientific Research	Multiple areas	Supports: -Interventional Clinical Research (Phase I-IV) -Observational Research -Non-clinical research involving compounds across all disease areas and phases of development	TBD	Rolling	5 business days before submission	
Boehringer Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (BIPI)	Investigator Initiated Studies (IIS)	Multiple areas	Supports clinical and health outcomes research focusing on cardio-renal-metabolic diseases, dermatology, and mental health, including schizophrenia, PTSD, digital therapeutics, and major depressive disorder, with an emphasis on under-represented populations. Exploratory and proof-of-concept studies are encouraged.	TBD	Rolling	5 business days before submission	

Boston Scientific	Investigator Sponsored Research (ISR) Program	Multiple areas	Supports research that addresses evidence gaps and unmet needs that are of interest to Boston Scientific and the medical community.	TBD	Rolling	5 business days before submission
Johnson & Johnson	Investigator Initiated Study	Multiple areas	The company supports unique, non-duplicative, independent clinical research studies of scientific and business merit with grants providing either funding and/or product(s).	TBD	Rolling	5 business days before submission
Lilly	Investigator Initiated Research	Multiple areas	Lilly has programs for considering external requests for Lilly provision of study drug and/or financial support for Investigator Initiated Research that is initiated, designed and sponsored by external researchers.	TBD	Rolling	5 business days before submission
Roche	Investigator Initiated Studies	Patient Care	Supports: -Clinical studies of approved and investigational uses of Roche drugs or diagnostic assays -Clinical observation studies -Studies allowing the use of biobanks -Health economics evaluations	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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Karen Toffler Charitable Trust	Toffler Scholar Grant	Neuroscience	This grant intends to be offered to individuals and organizations working to bring transformative medical research, education, and technology to rid the world of neurological diseases.	\$40,000- \$50,000	3/11/2026	04/13/2026	4/6/2026	
G. Harold and Leila Y. Mathers Foundation	Research Grant	Microbiology, genetics, infectious disease, neurology	The G. Harold and Leila Y. Mathers Foundation Research Grant supports innovative, high-risk high-reward basic science ideally with translational applications that will bring discoveries closer to clinical application.	\$700,000 over 3 years	3/20/2026	07/31/2026 *LOI	7/24/2026	
The American College of	2026 RFP	OBGYN	Topic Area 1: Programmatic Submissions The ACOG Foundation seeks proposals that implement	\$100,000 over 2 years	3/27/2026	06/13/2026 (Anticipated)	6/5/2026	Only one submission is permitted per applicant organization.

Obstetricians and Gynecologist			projects designed to: 1. Reduce preventable maternal mortality and severe maternal morbidity; 2. Transform the culture of the obstetrics and gynecology profession to advance health equity; 3. Increase data-driven understanding of ob-gyns in order to meet patient needs; 4. Advance public education initiatives in a post-Dobbs environment <u>Topic Area 2: Research Submissions:</u> The Foundation is interested in seeding clinical research projects that integrate clinical and population-based approaches, focus on quality of life, and contribute to the field of implementation science.					
The Pew Charitable Trusts	Pew-Stewart Scholars for Cancer Research	Cancer	The program is a national initiative designed to support promising early career scientists whose research will accelerate discovery and advance progress to a cure for cancer.	\$300,000 total over 4 years	4/1/2026*	08/27/2026	8/20/2026	<i>*The BU-BMC Cancer Center can submit one nomination. For this opportunity, all medical campus investigators, regardless of their Home Institution, must submit application materials via email to Diana Lehman by 4/1/26.</i>
Edward Mallinckrodt Jr. Foundation	Biomedical Research Grant	Biomedical	The grant supports early-stage investigators engaged in biomedical research that has the potential to significantly advance the understanding, diagnosis or treatment of disease.	\$500,000 over 4 years	4/3/2026	08/01/2026	7/24/2026	
The Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation	Career Transition Award (CTA)	Cancer, women	This grant aims to help outstanding senior postdoctoral and clinical research fellows launch their competitive, independent breast cancer research careers.	\$650,000 over 5 years	TBD	07/23/2026 *LOI (Anticipated)	7/16/2026	
The Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation	Career Catalyst Research (CCR)	Cancer, women	Grants foster promising breast cancer researchers who are in the early stages of their faculty careers by providing support for up to three years of “protected time” for research career development under the guidance of a Mentor Committee.	\$450,000 over 3 years	TBD	07/23/2026 *LOI (Anticipated)	7/16/2026	

Please contact Strategic Research Growth with any questions: Strategic.Research.Growth

