



Updates from  
**Strategic Research Growth**



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.

### November 2025 (and beyond) [Foundation](#) Funding Opportunities Calendar

Sponsor	Mechanism	Area	Description	Amount	Deadline Sponsor	Deadline SPA	Notes
Blood Cancer United	<a href="#">Scholar in Clinical Research</a>	Cancer, Blood	The program provides funding to a pool of dedicated researchers to advance the understanding and diagnosis of blood cancer, as well as the development of treatment and prevention options that will ultimately lead to a higher quality of life for blood cancer patients.	\$625,000 over 5 years	11/1/2025 *LOI	<b>10/24/2025</b>	<b>Eligibility Materials are due 10/17/25.</b> Scholar in Clinical Research applicants must have significant clinical duties. Their research must relate to their clinical activities and the research must involve direct patient contact.
The Lustgarten Foundation	<a href="#">Clinical Accelerator Initiative (CAI)</a>	Cancer, Pancreatic	The Lustgarten Foundation will provide academic, clinical researchers the opportunity to propose science-driven concepts seeking to advance the development of <b>new therapies for pancreatic cancer</b> patients while furthering our understanding of disease biology.	\$1.5M to \$2M over 1-3 years	11/3/2025 *LOI	<b>10/27/2025</b>	

World Cancer Research Fund International	<a href="#">Inspire Research Challenge</a>	Cancer	The INSPIRE Research Challenge will prioritize innovative, bold and creative proposals with the potential to catalyze rapid and impactful advances in <b>cancer prevention, treatment and survivorship</b> . This grant call is aimed at early career investigators.	£75,000 over 1 year	11/4/2025 *LOI	10/28/2025	
Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation for Childhood Cancer	<a href="#">Crazy 8 Brain Tumor</a>	Pediatric Cancer	ALSF Crazy 8 Initiative will focus on funding studies that uncover more efficacious and less toxic treatments for pediatric brain tumors. The focus of this award will be on the development of unprecedented <b>treatment options for brain and spinal cord tumors</b> .	\$3,000,000 - \$5,000,000 over 4 years	11/5/2025 *LOI	10/29/2025	
Breakthrough T1D	<a href="#">Strategic Research Agreement</a>	Diabetes	Breakthrough T1D's Strategic Research Agreements provide research funding for investigators to <b>address critical gaps and challenges and make breakthroughs in type 1 diabetes research</b> . The Strategic Research Agreement is a partnership between Investigator(s) and Breakthrough T1D scientists to accelerate Breakthrough T1D's mission through support of cutting-edge scientific investigation.	\$1,000,000 over 5 years	11/6/2025 *LOI	10/30/2025	<b>Please note that this is a cooperative agreement</b>
Melanoma Research Alliance	<a href="#">Pilot Award</a>	Cancer	Pilot Awards support senior investigators who propose <b>potentially transformative ideas that do not have extensive preliminary data</b> but articulate a clear hypothesis and translational goals. Resources for such " <b>high-risk, high-reward</b> " projects are important to establish proof-of-concept, which may then leverage additional funding through more traditional avenues.	\$100,000 over 2 years	11/6/2025	10/30/2025	
Gateway for Cancer Research	<a href="#">Gateway All Grant Programs</a>	Cancer	<b>Traditional grant:</b> Core grants funding early phase clinical trials for cancers of all types. <b>Joint NCI/SPORE:</b> Expanding a clinical trial by adding an additional arm, adding new patient cohorts to an existing clinical trial, generating new correlative analysis, and/or expanding the study sample size. <b>Integrative Research:</b> Integrative oncology research that pairs conventional therapies with evidence-based, complementary therapies to manage symptoms and side effects from treatment. <b>Joint SIO:</b> Supports integrative clinical trials conducted by principal investigators and institutions among members of the Society for Integrative Oncology. <b>Decentralized Clinical Trial:</b> Funds research leveraging site-less, technology-informed trials.	\$200,000 - \$1,500,000 over 2-5 years	11/7/2025 *LOI	10/31/2025	<i>Please see website links for full descriptions, funding amounts, and project periods.</i>

The Mark Foundation for Cancer Research	<a href="#">Drug Discovery Award</a>	Cancer	Through this program, The Mark Foundation aligns with investigators working to <b>discover and progress a new therapeutic agent into preclinical development</b> , providing not only resources to support post-target validation through early lead development but also the expertise of seasoned biopharma R&D scientists who will advise on activities on the critical path to developing a new therapeutic agent.	\$1,000,000 over 1-3 years	11/11/2025 <b>(Anticipated)</b> *LOI	11/4/2025	
Wellcome Trust	<a href="#">Mental Health Award</a>	Mental health	Funding for projects that robustly test the real-world effectiveness and assess implementation strategies of scalable transformative early interventions for anxiety, depression and psychosis in young people.	£200,000 over 1 year	11/11/2025	11/4/2025	
American Foundation for Suicide Prevention	<a href="#">Innovation Grants</a>	Mental Health	The foundation's research grants support studies that will increase our understanding of suicide or test treatments and other interventions that save lives:  Distinguished Investigator, Standard Research, Early Career Researcher, and Pilot Innovation Grants are available.	\$50,000 - \$150,000 over 2 years	11/15/2025	11/7/2025	<i>Please see website link for full descriptions, funding amounts, and project periods.</i>
Gerber Foundation	<a href="#">Major Research Awards</a>	Pediatrics	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 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	11/7/2025	Twice a year (Fall and Spring) – annual opportunity.
Breakthrough Discoveries for thriving with Bipolar Disorder	<a href="#">Discovery Research</a>	Mental health	The Discovery Research program aims to <b>delineate the etiology and biological mechanisms of bipolar disorder</b> , allowing the development of effective interventions. We fund multidisciplinary teams of scientists and clinicians who generate new hypotheses and drive innovation in the exploration of causal mechanisms of bipolar disorder with an eye toward novel treatments.	\$4,500,000 over 3 years	11/19/2025 <b>(Anticipated)</b> *LOI	11/12/2025	
American Society of Nephrology	<a href="#">Transition to Independence Grants</a>	Nephrology	The KidneyCure Transition to Independence Grants Program provides funding for early career faculty to foster an independent research career. This program seeks to fund research that examines any aspect of the <b>entire spectrum of kidney biology and disease</b> .	\$200,000 over 2 years	11/20/2025	11/13/2025	
Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Association	<a href="#">The Hoffman ALS Clinical Trial Awards Program</a>	Neurology	The Hoffman ALS Clinical Trial Awards Program helps <b>develop new and improved ALS therapies by supporting early-stage clinical trials</b> . These trials generally produce data on safety, dosing, and biomarkers that are essential for moving an investigational therapy one step closer to being evaluated by the FDA.	\$1,000,000 over 2 or 3 years	11/26/2025 <b>(Anticipated)</b> *LOI	11/19/2025	

American Cancer Society	<a href="#">Multiple Mechanisms Available</a>	Cancer	<p><b>ASTRO-ACS CSDG:</b> Supports full-time faculty members in radiation oncology in becoming independent investigators as clinician scientists.</p> <p><b>DBG:</b> Supports high-risk, high-reward exploratory cancer research across the research continuum.</p> <p><b>MBG:</b> Designed to support research projects that specifically focus on translation to human testing.</p> <p><b>Research Scholar:</b> Provides support for independent, self-directed researchers pursuing questions within an ACS priority research area.</p> <p><b>Institutional Research Grants:</b> Provides seed money for newly independent investigators to initiate cancer research projects. The intent is to support these junior faculty in initiating cancer research projects so they can obtain preliminary results that will enable them to compete successfully for national research grants.</p>	\$270,000 - \$860,000 over 2-5 years	12/1/2025	11/21/2025	<p><i>Please see website links for full descriptions, funding amounts, and project periods.</i></p> <p><b>Institutional Research Grants:</b> Applicants may only apply for one of the two funding mechanisms: the LEAP-Research Scholar Grant or the LEAP-Team Award.</p>
Cystic Fibrosis Foundation	<a href="#">CFF/NIH R01-Unfunded Award</a>	Cystic Fibrosis	<p>The objective of this award is to support excellent cystic fibrosis-related research projects that have been approved by the National Institutes of Health but cannot be supported by available funds. Support from the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation is intended to provide for the development of preliminary data to make CF-related grant applications highly competitive at the NIH.</p>	\$250,000 over 2 years	12/1/2025	11/21/2025	<p>Applications must have been submitted to NIH as an R01 and fall within the upper 40th percentile.</p>
American Lung Association	<a href="#">Multiple Mechanisms Available</a>	Pulmonology	<p><b>Dalsemer Interstitial Research Award:</b> Seed money for junior investigators for researching the mechanisms and biology of interstitial lung disease.</p> <p><b>Public Health and Policy Research Award:</b> Supports research on and evaluation of existing public policy and programs, as well as pilot and demonstration projects.</p> <p><b>Catalyst Research Award:</b> Mentored award meant to support outstanding investigators on the path to independence for research into the mechanisms of lung disease and general lung biology.</p> <p><b>Allergic Respiratory Disease Award:</b> Aiming to increase research that ultimately leads to improved care and outcomes for patients with allergic respiratory disease.</p> <p><b>Hastings Innovation Award for Interstitial Lung Disease Award:</b> Supports highly promising investigators with stellar track records of</p>	\$100,000 - \$200,000 over 2 years	12/1/2025	11/21/2025	<p><i>Please see website links for full descriptions, funding amounts, and project periods.</i></p>

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American Heart Association	<a href="#">Career Development Award</a>	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	11/24/2025	
Chron's & Colitis Foundation	<a href="#">Multiple Mechanisms Available</a>	IBD, or Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis.	<p><b>CDA:</b> Mentored awards for those preparing for a career of independent basic research investigation in the area of inflammatory bowel disease (IBD).</p> <p><b>Senior Research Awards:</b> Funding for established researchers to generate sufficient preliminary data to become competitive for funds from other sources such as NIH.</p> <p><b>Clinical Research Awards:</b> Addressing an important clinical questions by studying people either through direct interaction and/or indirectly through large databases, such as claims data or administrative data.</p> <p><b>Litwin IBD:</b> Supports innovative clinical and translational research projects with the potential to impact the treatment of IBD patients.</p>	\$220,000-\$750,000 over 1-3 years	12/2/2025 *LOI	11/24/2025	Please see website links for full descriptions, funding amounts, and project periods.
American Gastroenterological Association (AGA)	<a href="#">AGA-Gastric Cancer Foundation Ben Feinstein Memorial Research Scholar Award in Gastric Cancer</a>	GI - Gastric Cancer	The objective of the AGA Research Foundation Research Scholar Award (RSA) is to support early-career investigators working toward independent and productive research careers in digestive diseases by ensuring that a major proportion of their time is protected for research. The award will support junior faculty (not fellows) who have demonstrated exceptional promise and have some record of accomplishment in research pertaining to <b>upper GI (gastric) cancer</b> .	\$300,000 over 3 years	12/3/2025	11/25/2025	
American Gastroenterological Association (AGA)	<a href="#">AGA Research Scholar Award (RSA)</a>	GI - Digestive Diseases	The objective of the AGA Research Foundation Research Scholar Award (RSA) is to support early-career investigators working toward independent and productive research careers in digestive diseases by ensuring that a major proportion of their time is protected for research (i.e., a minimum of 50 percent effort dedicated to the proposed project).	\$300,000 over 3 years	12/3/2025	11/25/2025	

Cystic Fibrosis Foundation	<a href="#">Path to a Cure — Pioneer Award</a>	Cystic Fibrosis	The goal of this request for applications is to identify ambitious basic research projects aiming to utilize cutting-edge techniques and strategies that have the potential to discover new genetic-based therapies for cystic fibrosis. This award will focus on two core strategies to address the underlying cause of cystic fibrosis: Restoring CFTR protein, and targeting the Root Cause of Disease.	Flexible, over 1-3 years	12/5/2025 *LOI	11/28/2025	
Cystic Fibrosis Foundation	<a href="#">Multiple Mechanisms Available</a>	Cystic Fibrosis	<b>Pilot and Feasibility Award:</b> Supports research that will accelerate the discovery and development of therapies to restore cystic fibrosis transmembrane conductance regulator (CFTR) function.  <b>PTAC Pilot Award:</b> Developing and testing new hypotheses and/or methods, and supporting promising new investigators.  <b>PTAC Research Grant:</b> Supports basic science research at the subcellular, cellular, animal, or patient levels.	\$100,000-\$400,000 over 2-3 years	12/9/2025	12/2/2025	Please see website links for full descriptions, funding amounts, and project periods.
American Heart Association	<a href="#">Innovative Project Award</a>	Cardiovascular and cerebrovascular	The purpose of this award is to support highly innovative, high-impact research that could ultimately lead to critical discoveries or major advancements that will accelerate the field of cardiovascular and/or cerebrovascular research.	\$200,000 over 2 years	12/10/2025	12/3/2025	
Rita Allen Foundation	<a href="#">Rita Allen Scholars Program - Award in Pain</a>	Chronic Pain	This award is made to early-career leaders in basic pain research whose work holds high potential for uncovering new pathways to improve the treatment of chronic pain.	\$150,000 over 3 years	12/11/2025	12/4/2025	
The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research	<a href="#">Parkinson's Disease Therapeutics Pipeline Program</a>	Neurology, Parkinson	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. The program is set up to benefit therapeutics with clear potential to prevent, stop, or delay disease progression or to reduce the burden of daily symptoms.	\$250,000 to \$2,000,000 over 1-3 years	12/11/2025	12/4/2025	
The Klingenstein Third Generation Foundation	<a href="#">Transformation of Mental Health Care Program</a>	Mental health	This program focuses on improving access to <b>high quality mental health care for children and adolescents</b> , especially those from low-income families and under-resourced communities, or other minorities' populations that may have limited supports and resources.	\$200,000 over 2 years	12/15/2025	12/8/2025	
TMCity	<a href="#">TMCity Grant</a>	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	<a href="#">Causal Research on Community Safety and the Criminal Justice System</a>	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
Hop on a Cure	<a href="#">ALS Research</a>	ALS	The foundation is interested in funding research projects with the following focus area: ALS Prevention and Early Detection, Treatment and Therapies, and Cure Research.	\$500,000 over 1 year	Rolling	5 business days before submission
Healthy Eating Research	<a href="#">Call for Rapid-Response Projects</a>	Nutrition	This programs aims to fund solution-oriented research studies, strategic policy-relevant reports, and evaluations of time-sensitive programs and policy changes. The Funder is looking for research on how recent changes to nutrition policies and programs at the federal, state, and local levels impact nutrition, health, and economic outcomes among diverse families living with limited incomes.	\$50,000 over 10 months	Rolling	5 business days before submission

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

Sponsor	Mechanism	Area	Description	Amount	Deadline Sponsor	Deadline SPA	Notes
Gilead Sciences, Inc	<a href="#">RESONATE RFP Program</a>	HIV	Gilead is making a specific request for research study proposals in the disease area of HIV treatment, as further scientific data are needed on B/F/TAF and LEN to support medical management and decisions of clinicians and people with HIV.	\$400,000 over 1.5 years	11/3/2025 *LOI	10/27/2025	Both investigator-sponsored research study proposals and collaborative research study proposals (developed in conjunction with Gilead) will be considered.
Vertex Pharmaceuticals	<a href="#">Independent RIAs</a>	Cystic Fibrosis	Vertex CF Research Innovation Awards (RIA) are highly competitive grants created to inspire and support the next generation of M.D.s and Ph.Ds. who are working to advance the understanding of CF and establish their careers as CF researchers.	\$750,000 over 3 years	11/8/2025 (Anticipated)	10/31/2025	

Vertex Pharmaceuticals	<a href="#">Mentored RIAs</a>	Cystic Fibrosis	Vertex CF Research Innovation Awards (RIA) are highly competitive grants created to inspire and support the next generation of M.D.s and Ph.Ds. who are working to advance the understanding of CF and establish their careers as CF researchers. Mentored RIAs provide grants of up to \$125,000 USD distributed over two years to support mentored projects with established CF researchers.	\$125,000 over 2 years	11/8/2025 (Anticipated)	10/31/2025
GenScript Life Science	<a href="#">Research Grant Program</a>	Gene and Cell Therapy Development, Antibody Drug Discovery, Vaccine Development Diagnostics	The GenScript Life Science Research Grant Program (LSRG Program), now in its second year, continues its mission to support breakthroughs in life science research. This initiative is dedicated to empowering researchers by providing <b>grant funding explicitly earmarked for purchasing GenScript reagents and services</b> . Researchers in diverse life science fields are encouraged to apply and benefit from this unique opportunity to advance their work.	\$100,000 over 1 year	11/15/2025	11/7/2025
Massachusetts Life Sciences Center	<a href="#">Women's Health Collaboration Program</a>	Women's health	The Women's Health Collaboration Program is part of the MLSC's Accelerating Research through Collaboration (ARC) Awards. This program supports <b>collaborative projects that aim to improve the discovery, technical innovation, and/or analysis of datasets to answer pressing life science questions around women's health</b> . It incentivizes translational projects that develop novel solutions to treat conditions that solely or disproportionately affect women or have a different presentation between genders.	\$750,000	11/21/2025	11/14/2025
Massachusetts Life Science Center	<a href="#">Frontiers Fund</a>	Health equity	This program aims to advance the commitment to health equity, scientific inclusivity, and public-private partnership by directing resources to drive innovation in these overlooked research domains, thereby accelerating scientific breakthroughs, attracting further investment, and ultimately delivering transformative solutions to patients who have long been underserved.	\$1,150,000 over 4 years	11/21/2025	11/14/2025
Massachusetts Life Sciences Center	<a href="#">Women's Health Innovation Grants</a>	Women's health	The Women's Health Innovation Grants are part of the MLSC's Women's Health Initiative. The Foundation is seeking projects focused on increasing our understanding of sex and gender differences in biology (that has translational potential) or developing solutions for diseases or conditions that affect women solely, disproportionately, or differently. Funding must be used to support an experiment or experiments that increase(s) the translational opportunity for the technology with a defined goal such as filing patents, securing sponsored research agreement, attracting other industry support, etc.	\$300,000 one time	11/21/2025	11/14/2025
Gilead Sciences, Inc.	<a href="#">Research Scholars Program</a>	Cancer, Solid Tumors	The program is designed to support innovative basic, translational and clinical scientific research related to Oncology Solid Tumors.	\$180,000 over 2 years	12/5/2025	11/28/2025

Alkermes	<a href="#">Alkermes Pathways Research Awards</a>	Neuroscience	The Alkermes Pathways Research Awards program is designed to support the next generation of researchers who are working on the front lines to advance our understanding of diseases in the field of neuroscience. <b>Proposed work should be focused on research relating to schizophrenia or bipolar disorder</b> and can translational or clinical in nature.	\$100,000 over 2 years	12/15/2025 *LOI	11/8/2025
Boston Scientific	<a href="#">Investigator Sponsored Research (ISR) Program</a>	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](mailto: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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St. Baldrick's Foundation	<a href="#">St. Baldrick's Scholars (Career Development)</a>	Cancer, Pediatric	The Scholar (Career Development) Award is meant to help develop the independent research of highly qualified individuals still early in their careers studying childhood cancer.	\$330,000 over 3 years	TBD	12/8/2025 *LOI	12/01/2025	
St. Baldrick's Foundation	<a href="#">Research Grant</a>	Cancer, Pediatric	These grants are for specific two-year research projects related to childhood cancer which are hypothesis driven and may be either laboratory, clinical, or epidemiological in nature.	\$200,000 over 2 years	TBD	12/8/2025 *LOI	12/01/2025	
Klingenstein Philanthropies	<a href="#">Klingenstein Third Generation Foundation</a>	Mental health	The Klingenstein Third Generation Foundation fellowship grants support candidates who are investigating the <b>causes, prevention, and treatment of children and adolescents with ADHD</b>	\$100,000 over 2 years	TBD	12/15/2025	12/8/2025	

or depression, especially those from low-income families and under-resourced communities, or other minorities' populations that may have limited supports and resources.

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