

OFFICE OF ADVANCEMENT**New Private Funding Opportunities**

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The Corporate and Foundation Relations (CFR) team within the Office of Advancement circulates this bi-weekly digest of private philanthropic funding opportunities. Please contact the CFR team to strategize on any of these requests for proposals (RFPs) or get additional information.

FEATURED OPPORTUNITY**Chan Zuckerberg Initiative****Implementation of Synthetic Biology Principles in Immunology**

- Faculty, Researcher
- Early career
- \$600K over 2 years
- 11/13/2025
- **Website**

AUTISM**Doug Flutie Jr. Foundation for Autism****Autism Community Impact Grant (Massachusetts, Vermont, New Hampshire, Maine, Rhode Island and Connecticut)**

- Contact CFR for more information prior to contacting this sponsor as we have existing relationships
- \$15K over 1 year
- 10/3/2025 LOI
- UMass Recipients: 2025 Amy Weinstock, BA, MArch; 2020 Autism Insurance Resource Center; 2014 Autism Insurance Resource Center; 2013 Clinical pediatric services; 2012 Autism Insurance Resource Center
- **Website**

BIOMEDICAL**Chan Zuckerberg Initiative****Advancing Technologies for Spatiotemporal Omics in Live Tissue - Focused & Expanded Projects**

- Faculty, Researcher
- Early to mid career
- Early- or mid-career status is not required to be eligible for this RFA, although they encourage participation and leadership from early-career researchers
- \$500K-\$1M over 2 years
- 11/13/2025
- **Website**

Charles A. King Trust**Postdoctoral Research Fellowship Program – Basic and Preclinical Science**

- Senior Postdoctoral Researcher, Mentored Clinician Scientist
- PhD, MD, DMD, MD/PhD, DO, DMD, PharmD, DPT, or equivalent
- Mentor may submit only one fellowship candidate per application cycle

- If you have any questions about this fellowship award program, please reach out to Dr. Megan Orzalli and CC Executive Director of Advancement Prescott Stewart
- \$194K-\$215K over 2 years
- 11/6/2025 LOI
- UMass Recipients: 2022 Khashayar Afshari, MD, MPH; 2022 Simona Ceglia, PhD; 2019 Karina Jouravleva, PhD; 2019 Leonid Yurkovetskiy, PhD; 2018 Yongzhi Chen, PhD; 2018 Enzhi Shen, PhD; 2017 Clare Smith, PhD; 2016 Saiyu Hang, PhD; 2016 Upasna Sharma, PhD; 2014 Katherine McJunkin, PhD; 2013 Ana Maldonado-Contreras, PhD; 2012 Lukas Neukomm, PhD; 2011 Christine Merlin, PhD; 2011 Guramrit Singh, PhD; 2010 Ryuya Fukunaga, PhD; 2010 Manas Santra, PhD; 2005 Anna Delprato, PhD; 2004 Michael A. Brehm, PhD; 2004 Norman J. Kennedy, PhD; 2004 Haihong Shen, PhD; 2003 Peter J. Horn, PhD; 2003 Ka-Ming Pang, PhD; 2003 Guiliang Tang, PhD
- **Website**

Postdoctoral Research Fellowship Program – Clinical and Implementation Research

- Senior Postdoctoral Researcher, Mentored Clinician Scientist
- PhD, MD, DMD, MD/PhD, DO, DMD, PharmD, DPT or equivalent
- Mentor may submit only one fellowship candidate per application cycle
- If you have any questions about this fellowship award program, please reach out to Dr. Neal Silverman and CC Executive Director of Advancement Prescott Stewart
- \$194K-\$215K over 2 years
- 11/6/2025 LOI
- **Website**

CIFAR (formerly the Canadian Institute for Advanced Research)

CIFAR Azrieli Global Scholars

- Junior Faculty
- Tenure-track Assistant Professor
- Early career
- PhD or equivalent
- 100,000 CAD over 2 years
- 11/5/2025
- **Website**

United States-Israel Binational Science Foundation (BSF)

Start-up Research Grants

- Faculty member or equivalent
- PhD, MD, or equivalent
- No more than 10 years may have passed since the completion of the junior PI's PhD/MD studies (earliest of the two)
- \$90K over 2 years
- 12/3/2025
- **Website**

World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA)

Social Science Research Grant Program - Tier 1

- Faculty
- \$75K-\$150K over 1 year
- 11/24/2025
- **Website**

Social Science Research Grant Program - Tier 2

- Faculty
- \$20K-\$75K over 1 year
- 11/24/2025
- **Website**

Social Science Research Grant Program - Tier 3

- Faculty
- Early career
- <20K over 1 year
- 11/24/2025
- **Website**

DERMATOLOGY

Dermatology Foundation

Research Grant

- Faculty

- Early career
- MD, MD/PhD, PhD, DO
- MD, MD/PhD and DO applicants must be no greater than 12 years beyond their terminal degree, and PhD candidates must be no greater than 8 years beyond their terminal degree, as of January 1, 2026
- One new application accepted
- Potential applicants should consult with Dr. John Harris, MD, PhD for endorsement of applications
- \$25K over 1 year
- 10/15/2025
- **Website**

Hidradenitis Suppurativa Foundation

Danby Research Grant

- \$30K over 1 year; 4 awards
- 12/8/2025
- UMass Recipients: 2025 Carolyn Senneca; 2022 Sarah Whitley, MD, PhD
- **Website**

Translational Research Grant

- \$100K over 1 year; 2 awards
- 12/8/2025
- **Website**

Pediatric Dermatology Research Alliance (PeDRA)

Consensus Grant Program

- MD/DO or equivalent
- Applications must be submitted by teams of three or more individuals, including one Project Lead who will be responsible for accepting and managing grant funds and executing the project
- Project Leads must hold the degree of MD/DO (or equivalent), be a member of PeDRA or the Society for Pediatric Dermatology (SPD), and be eligible to apply for grants under the guidelines of their host institution
- \$25K over 1-2 years
- 12/4/2025
- **Website**

EDUCATION

Amgen Foundation

Independent Medical Education (IME) Funding

- Early to established career
- Amount and/or duration vary and/or are unpublicized
- Contact CFR to consult prior to submission
- Rolling
- **Website**

Weil Foundation

Weil Foundation Grants

- Faculty
- Amount and/or duration vary and are unpublicized
- Contact CFR for more information prior to contacting this sponsor as we have existing relationships
- Over 1 year
- 1/31/2026
- UMass Recipients: 2015 UMass Center for Mindfulness
- **Website**

ENDOCRINOLOGY

Pediatric Endocrine Society (PES)

Laureate Awards

- 10/10/2025
- **Website**

HEMATOLOGY

Sickle Cell Advocacy & Leadership Empowerment Grants

- \$150K over 12-18 months; 5-7 awards
- 10/15/2025
- **Website**

IMMUNOLOGY

Chan Zuckerberg Initiative

Implementation of Synthetic Biology Principles in Immunology

- Faculty, Researcher
- Early career
- \$600K over 2 years
- 11/13/2025
- **Website**

NEPHROLOGY

American Kidney Fund

Clinical Scientist in Nephrology (CSN) Fellowship Program

- Those qualified to sit for the American Board of Internal Medicine or Pediatrics
- Have completed a residency in internal medicine or pediatrics
- Are in the process of completing or have completed at least one year of training in clinical nephrology in an accredited U.S. program
- \$180K over 2 years
- 1/5/2026
- **Website**

Oxalosis and Hyperoxaluria Foundation (OHF)

Research Grants

- MD, PhD, or equivalent
- \$200K over 2 years
- 12/15/2025
- **Website**

NEUROLOGY

ALS Association

Hoffman ALS Clinical Trial Awards Program

- Early to mid career
- \$1M over 2-3 years
- 10/28/2025 LOI
- **Website**

Alzheimer's Association

Imaging Research in Alzheimer's and Other Neurodegenerative Diseases *(partnered with The Foundation of the American Society of Neuroradiology)*

- Faculty
- Instructor, Assistant Professor, Associate Professor, Full Professor
- Early to established career
- MD, MD/PhD, DO and scientists (PhD)
- Multidisciplinary teams are encouraged to apply
- \$200K over 1 year; 3 awards
- 10/30/2025 LOI
- **Website**

American Parkinson Disease Association (APDA)

APDA Diversity in Parkinson's Disease Research Grant

- Early to established career
- MD, MD/PhD, PhD
- \$75K over 1 year
- 1/30/2026 LOI
- **Website**

APDA Social Sciences in PD Research Grant

- Early to established career
- \$75K over 1 year
- 1/30/2026 LOI
- **Website**

George C. Cotzias, MD, Memorial Fellowship

- Faculty
- Instructor, Assistant Professor
- Early career
- MD
- No more than 10 years beyond completion of his/her clinical training at the time of submission and must be sponsored by a non-profit institution in the US or its territories
- \$375K over 3 years
- 1/30/2026 LOI
- **Website**

Post-Doctoral Research Fellowships

- Postdoctoral
- Early career
- MD, MD/PhD, PhD
- Must have completed their MD, PhD, MD/PhD or clinical residency program within two (2) years of the onset of the proposed award
- \$150K over 2 years
- 1/30/2026 LOI
- **Website**

Research Grants

- Early to established career
- MD, MD/PhD, PhD
- \$75K over 1 year
- 1/30/2026 LOI
- UMass Recipients: 2022 Michael Lodato, PhD
- **Website**

Association for Frontotemporal Degeneration (AFTD)

Well-Being in FTD Pilot Grant

- Faculty
- Early to established career
- \$110K over 1 year
- 11/17/2025
- **Website**

CHDI Foundation, Inc.

Academic Proposals for Huntington's Disease

- Contact CFR for more information prior to contacting this sponsor as we have existing relationships
- Rolling LOI
- UMass Recipients: 2022 Neil Aronin, MD; 2011 Neil Aronin, MD
- **Website**

Harrington Discovery Institute at University Hospitals Cleveland Medical Center

Brain Health Medicines

- Faculty
- MD, PhD
- Rolling applications reviewed on a quarterly basis
- Opportunity to qualify for up to \$400K in additional funding and drug development support
- \$100K over 1 year
- 12/31/2025
- **Website**

LGS Foundation

Cure LGS 365 Research Grants

- Early to established career
- \$25K-\$75K over 1-2 years
- Rolling LOI
- **Website**

The Mayday Fund

Grants Program

- Amount and/or duration vary and/are unpublicized
- Contact CFR to consult prior to submission
- Over 1 year
- Rolling
- **Website**

Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research (MJFF)

Parkinson's Disease Therapeutics Pipeline Program (Clinical & Pre-Clinical)

- Accepting LOI's on a rolling basis throughout the year with deadlines for invited full proposals on 10/9/25, 12/11/25, 2/22/26, 4/23/26, 6/25/26
- \$250K-\$2M over 1-3 years
- Rolling LOI
- **Website**

NUTRITION

California Table Grape Commission

Health Research Grants

- Faculty
- Early to established career
- Medical or doctoral degree
- \$50K over 1 year; 3 awards
- 10/28/2025 LOI
- **Website**

ONCOLOGY

American Association for Cancer Research (AACR)

AACR Anna D. Barker Fellowship in Basic Cancer Research Fellowship

- Postdoctoral Fellow, Clinical Research Fellow, or equivalent
- Early career
- Have completed their most recent doctoral degree within the past three years
- AACR member
- \$110K over 2 years
- 11/4/2025 LOI
- **Website**

American Cancer Society

Cancer Health Equity Research Centers - Clinician Scientist Development Grants (CSDGs) - Winter Cycle

- Faculty
- Mid to established career
- Only resubmissions of previously reviewed applications, including renewals, will be accepted
- No new applications accepted
- LOIs not accepted
- \$540K over 4 years
- 12/1/2025
- **Website**

Cancer Health Equity Research Centers - Research Scholar Grants (RSGs) - Winter Cycle

- Faculty
- Mid to established career
- Doctoral degree
- Only resubmissions of previously reviewed applications, including renewals, will be accepted
- No new applications accepted
- LOIs not accepted
- \$860K over 4 years
- 12/1/2025
- **Website**

Clinician Scientist Development Grant (CSDG)

- Faculty
- MD, MD/PhD, DO, DDS, DNP, DSW, PharmD, PhD, PsyD, DVM), or terminal degree for their field
- Active license (or equivalent certification for their field) to provide clinical care
- \$405K-\$675K over 3-5 years
- 12/1/2025

- **Website**

Discovery Boost Grants (DBG)

- Faculty
- Early to established career
- MD, PhD, DVM, or equivalent
- \$297K over 2 years
- 12/1/2025
- **Website**

Mission Boost Grant Stage I (MBG)

- Faculty
- Early to established career
- \$297K over 2 years
- 12/1/2025
- **Website**

Mission Boost Grant Stage II (MBG)

- Faculty
- Early to established career
- It requires the investigator to have successfully completed the Stage I milestones
- Investigators can apply for Stage II grants after 18 months of Stage I, provided they have completed the milestones
- Stage I MBG recipients may apply for Stage II funding
- \$599,500 over 18 months
- 12/1/2025
- **Website**

Postdoctoral Fellowships (PF)

- Postdoctoral
- Early career
- Have had a terminal doctoral degree for 4 years or less
- Time spent in clinical-only training is not counted
- \$204K over 3 years
- 12/1/2025
- UMass Recipients: 2022 Joshua Pajak, PhD; 2019 Amelia Luciano, PhD; 2018 Tessa Simone, PhD; 2017 Caitlin Brown, PhD; 2017 Amanda Monahan, PhD; 2017 Tess Simone, PhD; 2016 Gregoriy Dokshin, PhD; 2014 Jaeda Coutinho-Budd, PhD; 2014 Yuefeng Tang, PhD
- **Website**

Research Scholar Grants (RSG)

- Faculty
- Early career
- Investigators within the first 10 years of an initial independent research career or full-time faculty appointment
- \$946K over 4 years
- 12/1/2025
- UMass Recipients: 2023 Marcus Ruscetti, PhD; 2019 Jonathan Watts, PhD; 2017 Michael Lee, PhD; 2016 Brian Kelch, PhD; 2016 Wen Xue, PhD; 2014 Thomas Fazzio, PhD
- **Website**

American Society for Radiation Oncology (ASTRO)

ASTRO-BCRF Emerging Investigator Award

- Radiation Oncologist, Radiation or Cancer Biologist, Radiation Physicist
- Early career
- PhD, MD, MD/PhD, or other equivalent degrees in medicine or the sciences
- \$100K over 1 year; 1 award
- 1/12/2026
- **Website**

ASTRO-LUNGeity Residents/Fellows in Radiation Oncology Seed Grant

- PhD, MD/PhD, MD, DO, or other equivalent degrees(s)
- Must be enrolled in a U.S. residency or fellowship at the time of application
- ASTRO member
- \$50K over 1 year; 1 award
- 1/26/2026
- **Website**

Innovation Awards

- Applicants enrolled in residency programs or post-doctoral fellowships require a faculty mentor

- \$50K-\$100K over 2 years
- 11/17/2025 LOI
- **Website**

DKMS (Deutsche Knochenmarkspenderdatei)

John Hansen Research Grant

- Fellow, Postdoctoral Fellow, Junior Faculty
- PhD, MD, or equivalent achievements
- Degree received within the last 10 years from the grant call start date
- €240,000 over 3 years; 4 awards
- 11/20/2025
- **Website**

Gateway for Cancer Research

Decentralized Clinical Trial Initiative (DCTI)

- Amount and/or duration vary and/are unpublicized
- Contact CFR to consult prior to submission
- 11/14/2025 LOI
- **Website**

Gateway Traditional Grant Program

- \$200K-\$1.5M over 2-5 years
- 11/14/2025 LOI
- **Website**

Joint NCI/SPORE/P20 Program

- Amount and/or duration vary and/are unpublicized
- Contact CFR to consult prior to submission
- 11/14/2025 LOI
- **Website**

Joint Society for Integrative Oncology (SIO)

- LOIs will be accepted year-round, however, FGA invitations will only be sent out once yearly in correspondence with the Spring Gateway/SIO peer review meeting
- Amount and/or duration vary and/are unpublicized
- Contact CFR to consult prior to submission
- 11/14/2025 LOI
- **Website**

The Elsa U. Pardee Foundation

Cancer Research Grants

- Amount and/or duration vary and/are unpublicized
- Contact CFR to consult prior to submission
- Over 1 year
- 12/15/2025
- **Website**

Radiation Oncology Institute

Innovation Award - Optimizing Combination Radiation Therapy and Immunotherapy

- Applicants enrolled in residency programs or post-doctoral fellowships require a faculty mentor
- Larger budgets will be considered with the firm limit that costs may not exceed \$100K
- \$50K over 2 years
- 11/17/2025 LOI
- **Website**

Stand Up To Cancer

Data for Children's and Young People's Cancer Programme Award

- Be based at a research institution appropriately accredited or registered in the country in which it is based (the UK, the US, or another country)
- Up to £2.5m over 5 years
- 11/27/2025 LOI
- **Website**

ORTHOPEDICS

Orthopaedic Research and Education Foundation (OREF)

OREF Mentored Clinician Scientist Grant

- Must be an orthopaedic surgeon licensed to practice in the U.S. and working at an institution in the U.S.
- \$20K over 1 year
- 10/14/2025
- **Website**

PHARMACEUTICAL

American Society of Health-System Pharmacists Foundation (ASHP)

Pharmacy Residency Expansion Grant Program PGY1 *(supported by Merck & Co., Inc.)*

- Pharmacist
- \$25K over 1 year
- 10/23/2025
- **Website**

Pharmacy Residency Expansion Grant Program PGY2 *(supported by Merck & Co., Inc.)*

- Pharmacist
- \$25K over 1 year
- 10/23/2025
- **Website**

PSYCH

Milken Institute

Kissick Family Foundation Frontotemporal Dementia Grant Program

- Early career
- PhD, MD, or related research doctoral degree
- \$500K over 2 years; 5 awards
- 11/3/2025 LOI
- **Website**

MQ Mental Health Research

Fellows Award

- Early career
- PhD or equivalent higher research degree examination (e.g., DPhil, MD, or doctorate)
- Have a minimum of three and no more than seven years of postdoctoral research experience by November 2025
- £250,000 over 3 years
- 12/12/2025 LOI
- **Website**

PULMONOLOGY

Cystic Fibrosis Foundation (CFF)

CFF/NIH R01-Unfunded Award

- Applications must have been submitted to NIH as an R01 and fall within the upper 40th percentile OR Governmental funding agencies in other countries with an NIH R01-equivalent funding program that provides reviewer critiques and a report indicating the application scored in the upper 40th percentile
- Applications must be able to be resubmitted to the funding agency within one year of receiving a CFF/NIH R01-Unfunded Award to be eligible for consideration
- \$250K over 2 years
- Rolling through 12/1/2025
- **Website**

Cystic Fibrosis Research Institute

Elizabeth Nash Memorial Fellowship

- Postdoctoral
- Contact CFR for more information prior to contacting this sponsor as we have existing relationships
- \$150K over 2 years; 1 award
- 11/3/2025 LOI
- **Website**

New Horizons Research Program

- \$160K over 2 years; 2 awards

- 11/3/2025 LOI
- **Website**

Emily's Entourage

Translational Grants

- Faculty
- PhD, MD, DO
- \$200K over 2 years
- 10/31/2025
- UMass Recipients: 2025 Andrei A. Korostelev, PhD
- **Website**

Milken Institute

Ann Theodore Foundation Breakthrough Sarcoidosis Initiative 2025-2026

- PhD, MD, or related research doctorate degree
- \$460K-\$575K over 2 years; 6 awards
- 10/23/2025 LOI
- **Website**

Vertex Pharmaceuticals | Vertex Foundation

CF Circle of Care

- \$50K-\$100K over 1 year
- 11/14/2025
- **Website**

CF Research Innovation Awards (RIA) - Independent RIA's

- Faculty
- Early career
- MD or PhD
- \$750K over 3 years; 2 awards
- 11/7/2025 LOI
- **Website**

CF Research Innovation Awards (RIA) - Mentored RIA's

- Researcher
- Established career
- MD or PhD
- \$125K over 2 years; 4 awards
- 11/7/2025 LOI
- **Website**

Grants - Independent Medical Education (IME) and Patient Advocacy and Awareness (non-IME)

- Amount and/or duration vary and/are unpublicized
- Contact CFR to consult prior to submission
- Over 1 year
- Rolling
- **Website**

Independent Research - Investigator Sponsored Study (ISS)

- Amount and/or duration vary and/are unpublicized
- Contact CFR to consult prior to submission
- Over 1 year
- Rolling
- **Website**

Vertex Innovation Award (VIA)

- Established career
- MD, PhD, or equivalent
- \$750K over 2 years; 1-4 awards
- 11/7/2025 LOI
- **Website**

RADIOLOGY

American College of Radiology (ACR)

Richard Duszak Grant

- Full-time Faculty, Trainee
- Early to established career

- MD, DO, PhD, or equivalent
- Applicants must be current members of the American College of Radiology, or at a minimum the primary investigator must be an ACR member, with justification provided for why other key personnel are not eligible for ACR membership
- \$75K over 1 year; 1 award
- 11/10/2025
- **Website**

Society of Abdominal Radiology (SAR)

Bracco Research and Innovation Award

- SAR member
- \$25K over 2 years; 1 award
- 11/14/2025
- **Website**

GE Healthcare Research and Innovation Award

- SAR member
- \$25K over 2 years; 1 award
- 11/14/2025
- **Website**

SAR Fund Research Award

- SAR member
- \$25K over 2 years; 1 award
- 11/14/2025
- **Website**

RHEUMATOLOGY

Arthritis National Research Foundation (ANRF)

Arthritis and Related Autoimmune Disease Research Grant

- Faculty, Postdoctoral
- Early career
- MD and/or PhD, or equivalent
- \$250K over 2 years
- 1/9/2026
- UMass Recipients: 2015, 2016 Shruti Sharma, PhD
- **Website**

Postdoctoral Physician Scientist Fellowship

- Postdoctoral
- Early career
- Must be enrolled in or have completed a clinical rheumatology fellowship program accredited by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME)
- MD or MD/PhD
- \$50K over 1 year
- 1/9/2026
- **Website**

Psoriatic Arthritis Research Grants *(supported by Johnson & Johnson Innovation Medicine)*

- Faculty, Postdoctoral
- Early career
- MD and/or PhD, or equivalent
- \$250K over 2 years
- 1/9/2026
- **Website**

Rheum for Kids: Pediatric Joint and Skin Disease Research Grant *(in collaboration with PeDRA)*

- Postdoctoral, Fellow
- Early career
- MD and/or PhD, or equivalent
- Within seven (7) years of postdoctoral training
- \$50K over 1 year
- 1/9/2026
- **Website**

SLEEP

ResMed Foundation

Clinical Research Grants Supporting Sleep and Respiratory Health

- Amount and/or duration vary and/or are unpublicized
- Contact CFR to consult prior to submission
- Over 1 year
- 12/15/2025
- **Website**

SURGERY

American Academy of Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery, Inc.

Leslie Bernstein Grant Program

- Early to mid career
- MD, DO
- AAFPRS member
- \$25K over 1 year
- 12/15/2025 LOI
- **Website**

American Association for Thoracic Surgery (AATS)

AATS Foundation/WTS Mid-Career Investigator Award

- Mid career
- Women who have completed cardiothoracic residency no less than 5 years and no more than 15 years from application
- \$100K over 2 years
- 12/1/2025
- **Website**

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