

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**Camille and Henry Dreyfus Foundation, Inc.****Camille Dreyfus Teacher-Scholar Award Program**

- Full-time, Tenure-track Faculty
- Within the first six years of their independent academic careers at the time of submission of the nomination
- Renominations are accepted
- One nomination is permitted annually per institution
- \$100K over 5 years
- Deadline 2/3/2026
- **Website**

AGING**American Federation for Aging Research (AFAR)****Glenn Foundation for Medical Research (GFMR) Discovery Award**

- Full-time Faculty
- Assistant Professor or higher
- \$555K over 3 years; 2 awards
- Deadline 2/18/2026 LOI
- **Website**

AUTISM**Autism Science Foundation****Profound Autism Pilot Grants**

- Tenured or Tenure-track Faculty, Post-doctoral Fellow
- MD, PhD, EdD, ScD
- \$35K over 1 year
- Deadline 3/2/2026
- **Website**

BIOLOGY**Ono Pharma Foundation****The Ono Initiative for Transforming Human Health** **LIMITED SUBMISSION**

- Early to mid career
- MD and/or PhD
- Fifteen years or less of experience since starting an independent academic position
- The PI must be a new applicant to the Ono Initiative, or, if they are a returning applicant, must be applying for a project different from the one they previously proposed
- See email dated 11/13/25 from the Office of Research/Center for Clinical and Translational

- Science or **InfoReady** for more information
- Contact CFR as there are limited applicants we can put forth and CFR is coordinating our applications
- \$1.035M over 3 years; 3 awards
- Internal deadline 1/9/2026 LOI
- **Website**

BIOMEDICAL

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- Deadline 2/3/2026
- **Website**

[Institut de France, Fondation Lefoulon-Delalande](#)

Scientific Grand Prize

- €6,000,000 over 1 year
- Deadline 1/19/2026
- **Website**

CARDIOLOGY

[American Heart Association \(AHA\)](#)

Redefining Women's Health: From Heart to Head to Hormones

- MD, PhD, DO, DVM, DDS, DNP, or equivalent post-baccalaureate doctoral degree
- AHA member
- \$100K over 1 year; 10 awards
- Deadline 1/6/2026 LOI
- **Website**

CHEMISTRY

[Camille and Henry Dreyfus Foundation, Inc.](#)

Dreyfus Prize in the Chemical Sciences (*Topic to be Announced*)

- Faculty
- Any person may nominate a candidate for the Dreyfus Prize
- Self-nominations are not accepted
- \$250K over 1 year; 1 award
- Deadline 12/3/2026
- **Website**

COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

[Dr. Scholl Foundation](#)

Grants for Education, Social Service & Healthcare

- \$25K over 1 year
- Deadline 1/31/2026 Rolling LOI
- **Website**

DERMATOLOGY

[LEO Foundation](#)

Research Grants – Open Competition 2026 (Rounds 1-3)

- At least a PhD or equivalent academic qualifications
- Only one application per call may be submitted from any applicant
- If more are submitted, only the first will be accepted for evaluation, the rest will be administratively rejected
- DKK 2M-4M over 1-3 years
- Deadline 1/8/2026, 3/19/2026, 8/25/2026

- **Website**

Pediatric Dermatology Research Alliance (PeDRA)

Rheum for Kids: Pediatric Skin and Joint Grant *(partnered with the Arthritis National Research Foundation)*

- Postdoctoral, Fellow, Researcher
- Early career
- MD and/or PhD, or equivalent
- One (1) application may be submitted per individual or lab annually
- It is highly encouraged that interested applicants discuss the desire to apply with their lab and mentor or supervisor
- If multiple applicants from the same lab submit an application, only the first application submitted will be reviewed
- Preference will be given to postdoctoral investigators, fellows, and early career researchers transitioning to independent investigator status, who are within seven (7) years of their postdoctoral training
- \$50K over 1 year
- Deadline 1/9/2026
- **Website**

HEALTH CARE

Albert and Mary Lasker Foundation

Lasker-Bloomberg Public Service Award

- Deadline 2/6/2026
- **Website**

HEALTH SCIENCE

Voloridge Health, LLC

Preventive Health Science Clinical Research Awards

- Researcher, Principal Investigator, Clinician
- Early to established career
- Selected applicants receive predictive risk model analyses, consultation with our data science team, and opportunities to co-publish in peer-reviewed journals
- Offering up to \$50K worth of data science services to enhance your clinical dataset with risk scores across multiple chronic diseases
- Rolling
- **Website**

HEMATOLOGY

American Society of Hematology (ASH)

ASH Clinical Research Training Institute

- Trainee, Early-career Faculty, Fellow
- Early career
- MD and/or PhD or biomedical PhD, PharmD, DNP degree (or equivalents)
- ASH member
- Deadline 12/17/2025 LOI
- **Website**

ASH Research Training Award for Fellows (RTAF) DEADLINE UPDATED

- Postdoctoral
- MD, DO, DO-PhD, MD-PhD
- Be a fellow in an ACGME or RCPSC
- ASH member
- \$70K over 1 year
- Deadline 1/15/2026
- UMass Recipients: 2016 Sakiko Suzuki, MD
- **Website**

Treating Fairly Research Award

- Faculty, Faculty-type appointment
- PhD, an MD/DO, or an MD/DO, PhD
- Serve as the Principal Investigator (PI) on the project
- ASH member
- \$200K over 1-3 years
- Deadline 12/17/2025

- **Website**

Cooley's Anemia Foundation

Clinical Trials In Thalassemia Cell And Gene Therapy

- \$150K over 2 years
- Deadline 12/15/2025 LOI
- **Website**

Research Fellowship Grant

- Junior Faculty, Postdoctoral
- MD, PhD, or equivalent degree
- Postdoctoral applicants must have an MD, PhD, or equivalent degree, and cannot hold a faculty position
- Junior faculty applicants must have an MD, PhD, or equivalent degree, and must have completed less than five years at the assistant professor level at the time the applications are due
- Junior faculty members do not require sponsors
- \$100K over 2 years
- Deadline 2/9/2026
- **Website**

MATERNAL HEALTH

Elevance Health Foundation

Maternal and Child Health Grants

- Amount and/or duration vary and/or are unpublicized
- Over 1-3 years
- Deadline 7/31/2026
- **Website**

MEDICINE

National Academy of Medicine

Annual Membership Selection

- Faculty
- Begins with a confidential nomination by two NAM members who are well acquainted with the candidate's work
- 100 awards
- Deadline 2/1/2026
- UMass Recipients: 2023 Roger J. Davis, PhD, FRS; 2023 Phillip D. Zamore, PhD; 2021 Job Dekker, PhD; 2021 Katherine A. Fitzgerald, PhD; 2015 Michael R. Green, MD, PhD; 2001 Robert H. Brown, Jr., MD, DPhil; 1996 John E. Ware, Jr., PhD
- **Website**

NEPHROLOGY

National Kidney Foundation

Kidney Health Equity Community Engagement Award

- Healthcare Professional, Researcher, Multidisciplinary Team
- \$75K over 1 year
- Deadline 2/9/2026
- **Website**

Young Investigator Research Grant

- Faculty, Staff Scientist
- Are within their first four years of initial appointment to a faculty position or staff scientist position in a research organization
- \$35K over 1 year
- Deadline 2/9/2026
- **Website**

NEUROLOGY

CURE Epilepsy

Catalyst Award

- Faculty

- Assistant Professor or higher (or equivalent)
- Early to established career
- \$250K over 2 years
- Deadline 6/9/2026 LOI
- **Website**

Rare Epilepsy Partnership Award

- Faculty
- Associate Professor level or above, or investigators who hold an equivalent position in a non-university research organization
- Early to established career
- \$100K over 1 year
- Deadline 6/9/2026 LOI
- **Website**

Taking Flight Award

- Faculty, Postdoctoral Fellow, Clinical Fellow, Clinician-Researcher
- Early to established career
- PhD, PsyD, PharmD, or equivalent
- \$125K over 18 months
- Deadline 1/6/2026 LOI
- **Website**

Fight MND

Impact Grants

- Early to established career
- Applications are invited from research-based institutions in Australia and Internationally
- Where the Primary Investigator is based at a research institution outside of Australia, collaboration with Australian-based Co-Investigators is encouraged (where possible)
- AUD \$300,000 over 2 years
- Deadline 2/23/2026
- **Website**

National Multiple Sclerosis Society

Commercial Research Funding

- \$800K over 1-2 years
- Deadline 1/14/2026 LOI
- **Website**

Parkinson's Foundation

Community Grants (*supported by the estate of Stanley and Gloria Brams, members of the PD community from Brooklyn, New York*)

- \$25K over 1 year
- Deadline 1/30/2026
- **Website**

Whitehall Foundation

Grants in Aid

- Faculty
- Assistant Professor or higher
- Early to established career
- Must hold Principal Investigator status
- \$30K over 1 year
- Deadline 1/15/2026, 4/15/2026, 10/1/2026 LOI
- **Website**

Research Grants

- Faculty
- Assistant Professor or higher
- Early to established career
- Must hold Principal Investigator status
- \$300K over 3 years
- Deadline 1/15/2026, 4/15/2026, 10/1/2026 LOI
- UMass Recipients: 2024 Jin Zhang, PhD; 2022 Yang Xiang, PhD; 2018 Paul Greer, PhD; 2012 Kensuke Futai, PhD
- **Website**

NUTRITION

Early Career Investigator Awards - Numerous Opportunities

- Early career
- For investigators less than 10 years past their terminal degree
- Self-nomination and nomination
- Deadline 12/1/2025
- **Website**

ONCOLOGY

American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS)

AAAS Martin and Rose Wachtel Cancer Research Award

- Early career
- PhD, MD
- Must have received their PhD or MD within the last 10 years (in 2016 or later)
- \$25K over 1 year
- Deadline 2/1/2026
- **Website**

Mary Kay Ash Foundation

Innovative/Translational Cancer Research Grant **LIMITED SUBMISSION**

- Full-time Faculty
- Assistant Professor or higher
- See email dated 11/4/25 from the Office of Research/Center for Clinical and Translational Science or **InfoReady** for more information
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- \$100K over 2 years; 10-15 awards
- Internal deadline 12/8/2025
- **Website**

Prostate Cancer Foundation (PCF)

2026 SNMMI – PCF Young Investigator Award

- Physician, Nuclear Radiologist, Basic Scientist, Medical Oncologist, Pathologist, Urologist, Radiologist, Radiation Oncologist, Public Health Expert, Bioinformatician, Bioengineers, or professional
- Early career
- Required to be under the direct supervision of 1-3 mentors
- SNMMI member
- \$225K over 3 years
- Deadline 12/1/2025
- **Website**

Sarcoma Foundation of America (SFA)

The Last Mile Sarcoma Research Award

- Faculty
- MD, DO, PhD, or international equivalent
- Applicants must be within the first ten years of faculty appointment (beginning with instructor/assistant professor or the equivalent)
- \$150K over 1 year
- Deadline 2/2/2026
- **Website**

The Sontag Foundation

Distinguished Scientist Awards

- Faculty
- Doctoral degree
- Applicants must have received their first independent faculty appointment no earlier than March 1, 2021 and no later than January 1, 2026
- If the institution grants tenure, the qualifying appointment must be on the tenure track
- \$750K over 5 years
- Deadline 3/18/2026
- UMass Recipients: 2021 William Flavahan, PhD; 2004 Mark D. Johnson, MD, PhD
- **Website**

ORTHOPEDICS

Orthopaedic Research and Education Foundation (OREF)

OREF/ASES/Rockwood Clinical Shoulder Research Grant

- Either the PI or co-PI must be a member of the American Shoulder and Elbow Surgeons
- The principal investigator (PI) must be a new investigator
- An orthopaedic surgeon principal investigator (PI) must be licensed to practice in the U.S. and be working in an institution in the U.S.
- A PhD may serve as the principal investigator (PI) and must hold a faculty appointment in an orthopaedic department at an institution in the U.S.
- A letter from the department chair confirming the appointment is required
- \$50K over 1 year
- Deadline 2/16/2026
- **Website**

OREF/Goldberg Arthritis Research Award

- The PI must be a new investigator
- An orthopaedic surgeon principal investigator (PI) must be licensed to practice in the U.S. and be working in an institution in the U.S.
- A PhD may serve as the principal investigator (PI) and must hold a faculty appointment in an orthopaedic department at an institution in the U.S.
- A DVM may serve as the PI but must have a primary appointment in an orthopaedic department
- Listing an orthopaedic surgeon as the co-principal investigator (Co-PI) is required
- A letter from the department chair confirming the appointment is required
- \$50K over 1 year
- Deadline 2/16/2026
- **Website**

OREF/Osteoarthritis Research Grant

- The PI must be a new investigator
- An orthopaedic surgeon principal investigator (PI) must be licensed to practice in the U.S. and be working in an institution in the U.S.
- Multidisciplinary research activity is always encouraged
- A PhD may serve as the principal investigator (PI) if they have a primary or secondary faculty appointment in an orthopaedic department
- A letter from the department chair confirming the appointment is required
- DVMs are also eligible to apply
- \$50K over 1 year
- Deadline 12/15/2025 LOI
- **Website**

PEDIATRICS

American SIDS Institute

Research Grants

- Faculty
- Early to established career
- \$80K over 2 years
- Deadline 3/1/2026 LOI
- **Website**

PSYCH

American Psychological Association (APA)

Esther Katz Rosen Fund Grants

- Postdoctoral, Predoctoral
- \$39K over 1 year; 1 award
- Deadline 3/6/2026
- **Website**

John and Polly Sparks Early Career Grant for Psychologists Investigating Serious Emotional Disturbance (SED)

- Psychologist
- PsyD
- No more than 10 years postdoctoral
- \$22K over 1 year; 3 awards
- Deadline 4/24/2026
- **Website**

Visionary Grants

- Graduate Student, Early Career Researcher
- No more than 10 years postdoctoral
- \$20K over 1 year; 10 awards
- Deadline 4/3/2026
- **Website**

Walter Katkovsky Research Grants

- Psychologist
- PsyD
- Up to 12 years of postdoctoral
- \$22,500 over 1 year; 2 awards
- Deadline 4/17/2026
- **Website**

Human Animal Bond Research Institute (HABRI)

Addressing Evidence-Based Health Benefits of Human-Animal Interaction

- \$50K over 20 months; 5-6 awards
- Deadline 2/26/2026
- **Website**

Partnership for Clean Competition (PCC)

Fellowship Program - Laboratory Track & Research Track

- Early career
- PhD
- \$150K over 2 years
- Deadline 2/1/2026, 8/1/2026 LOI
- **Website**

Grant Program - Supporting Excellence & Innovation in Anti-doping Science

- Early to established career
- \$130K over 1 year
- Deadline 2/1/2026, 8/1/2026 LOI
- **Website**

REPRODUCTIVE SCIENCE

Society of Family Planning

Documenting the Efficacy, Safety, and Acceptability of Medication Abortion Up To 97 days

- \$950K over 3 years; 1 award
- Deadline 2/3/2026
- **Website**

RHEUMATOLOGY

Lupus Research Alliance

Translational Bridge Award

- Faculty or equivalent
- MD, PhD, DO, or equivalent
- \$450K over 2 years
- Deadline 2/19/2026
- **Website**

Osteoarthritis Research Society International

Basic Science Research

- No self-nominations
- OARSI member
- Deadline 12/18/2025
- **Website**

Clinical Research Award

- No self-nominations
- OARSI member
- Deadline 12/18/2025
- **Website**

Lifetime Achievement Award DEADLINE UPDATED

- Time committed to osteoarthritis research at least 20 years
- No self-nominations
- Must be a past or present OARSI member
- Deadline 12/18/2025
- **Website**

Rising Star Award

- Early to mid career
- Terminal degree (e.g. PhD or equivalent) less than 10 years ago
- Self-nominations accepted
- OARSI member
- Deadline 12/18/2025
- **Website**

Sjogren's Syndrome Foundation, Inc.

High Impact Research Award

- MD, PhD, DDS, OD, etc.
- Applicants must hold an advanced degree (e.g., MD, PhD, DDS, OD, etc), or be working toward an advanced degree and be supervised by an experienced investigator
- \$100K over 1-3 years
- Deadline 3/1/2026
- **Website**

Pilot Research Award

- MD, PhD, DDS, OD, etc.
- Applicants must hold an advanced degree (e.g., MD, PhD, DDS, OD, etc.), or be working toward an advanced degree and be supervised by an experienced investigator
- \$50K over 1-2 years
- Deadline 3/1/2026
- **Website**

SURGERY

American Academy of Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery, Inc.

Fellowship Programs in Otolaryngology or Plastic Surgery

- Early career
- MD, DO
- AAFPRS member
- Amount and/or duration vary and/or are unpublicized
- Deadline 2/1/2026
- **Website**

Association for Surgical Education Foundation

CESERT Pyramid Grant Program – Giant Robotic

- Faculty, Resident, Fellow
- ASE member
- \$25K over 2 years; 2 awards
- Deadline 1/15/2026
- **Website**

International Society for Heart and Lung Transplantation (ISHLT)

ISHLT Extracorporeal Photopheresis Immunomodulation in Thoracic Transplantation Challenge Grant

- Faculty, Clinical
- ISHLT member
- \$90K over 1 year; 1 award
- Deadline 1/20/2026
- **Website**

ISHLT Research Fellowship Grant

- Trainee
- ISHLT member
- \$40K over 1 year; 1 award
- Deadline 1/20/2026
- **Website**

VISION

Alan Laties Career Development Program - Career Development Award (CDA)

- Junior Faculty
- MD, DO, OD, or recognized equivalent foreign degree
- In their first, second, or third year of a junior faculty appointment
- \$375K over 5 years; 5 awards
- Deadline 1/29/2026
- **Website**

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