

FUNDER	PROGRAM	DESCRIPTION	DEADLINES
 American Association for Cancer Research (AACR)	<u>Breast Cancer Research from Young Investigators</u>	This is AACR's flagship funding initiative to stimulate highly innovative research from young investigators, and is intended to promote and support creative, paradigm-shifting cancer research that may not be funded through conventional channels. It is expected that these grants will catalyze significant scientific discoveries and help talented young investigators gain scientific independence. The proposed project may be basic, translational, clinical, or population-based research in nature and must have direct applicability and relevance to breast cancer. The grant provides \$450,000 over three years for expenses related to the research project.	Apr. 7, 2026 (Full)
 National Institutes of Health (NIH)	<u>Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award (NRSA) Individual Postdoctoral Fellowship (Parent F32)</u>	The purpose of the Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award (NRSA) Individual Postdoctoral Fellowship (Parent F32) is to support research training of highly promising postdoctoral candidates who have the potential to become productive, independent investigators in scientific health-related research fields relevant to the missions of the participating NIH Institutes and Centers. Applications are expected to incorporate exceptional mentorship.	Apr. 8, 2026; Aug. 8, 2026; Dec. 8, 2026
 Department of Energy (DOE)	<u>Early Career Research Program</u>	DOE SC hereby invites applications for support under the ECRP in the following program areas: Advanced Scientific Computing Research (ASCR); Basic Energy Sciences (BES); Biological and Environmental Research (BER); Fusion Energy Sciences (FES); High Energy Physics (HEP); Nuclear Physics (NP); Isotope Research and Development and Production (DOE IP). The purpose of this program is to support the development of individual research programs of outstanding scientists early in their careers and to stimulate research careers in the areas supported by SC.	Apr. 21, 2026 (Pre-Application); Jun. 2, 2026 (Full)
 American Speech-Language-Hearing Foundation	<u>New Investigators Research Grant</u>	The New Investigators Research Grant funds small preliminary studies with the goal of launching larger-scale investigations, while the Clinical Research Grant program has options for larger mentored and independent research studies by early-career researchers.	Apr. 22, 2026
 American Association for Cancer Research (AACR)	<u>Career Development Awards to Foster Diversity and Inclusion</u>	The AACR Career Development Awards to Foster Diversity and Inclusion in Cancer Research encourages and supports early-stage scientists engaged in cancer research. Proposed projects may be in basic, translational, or population sciences related research and must have direct applicability and relevance to the understanding, detection, diagnosis, interception, treatment, or prevention of cancer.	May 19, 2026 (Full)
 National Institutes of Health (NIH)	<u>Stephen I. Katz Early Stage Investigator Research Project Grant (R01 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)</u>	The Stephen I. Katz Early Stage Investigator Research Project Grant supports an innovative project that represents a change in research direction for an early stage investigator (ESI) and for which no preliminary data exist. Applications submitted to this opportunity must not include preliminary data. Applications must include a separate attachment describing the change in research direction.	May. 27, 2026; Sep. 28, 2026; Jan. 26, 2027
 National Institutes of Health (NIH)	<u>Building Interdisciplinary Research Careers in Women's Health (BIRCWH) (K12 Clinical Trial Optional)</u>	Building Interdisciplinary Research Careers in Women's Health (BIRCWH) Career Development Programs support mentored research career development of junior faculty members, known as BIRCWH Scholars, who have recently completed clinical training or postdoctoral fellowships, and who will be engaged in interdisciplinary basic, translational, behavioral, clinical, and/or health services research relevant to the health of women and, where appropriate, the use of both sexes to better understand the influence of sex as a biological variable on health and disease.	May 28, 2026

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 National Institutes of Health (NIH)	<u>NEI Institutional Mentored Physician Scientist Award (K12 Clinical Trial Optional)</u>	This opportunity aims to encourage institutions to propose creative and innovative institutional research career development programs which will prepare clinically trained vision scientists for independent research careers. This NOFO is intended to expand and strengthen the community of clinician investigators engaged in vision research. This opportunity allows the appointment of Scholars proposing to serve as the lead investigator of an independent clinical trial; or proposing a separate ancillary clinical trial; or proposing to gain research experience in a clinical trial led by another investigator as part of their research and career development program.	Jun. 9, 2026
 National Institutes of Health (NIH)	<u>NINDS Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award (NRSA) for Training of Postdoctoral Fellows (F32 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)</u>	The purpose of this award is to support outstanding scientific training of highly promising postdoctoral candidates with outstanding mentors. Candidates are eligible to apply for support from this program from ~12 months prior to the start of the proposed postdoctoral position to within 12 months after starting in postdoctoral position. Based on the early timeframe of eligibility, and the discouragement of inclusion of preliminary data, this NINDS F32 seeks to foster early, goal-directed planning and to encourage applications for bold and/or innovative projects by the candidate that have the potential for significant impact.	Jun. 9, 2026; Oct. 9, 2026; Feb. 9, 2027; Jun. 9, 2027; Oct. 8, 2027
 National Institutes of Health (NIH)	<u>NIA Career Transition Award (K22 Independent Clinical Trial Not Allowed)</u>	The purpose of the NIA Career Transition Award (CTA) is to facilitate the transition of mentored researchers to tenure-track faculty conducting research that advances the mission of NIA. This three-year award provides protected time through salary and research support and is targeted at applicants who plan to start a tenure-track faculty position within a year of the award.	Jun. 12, 2026
 National Institutes of Health (NIH)	<u>Independent Scientist Award (Parent K02)</u>	The purpose of the NIH Independent Scientist Award (K02) is to foster the development of outstanding scientists and enable them to expand their potential to make significant contributions to their field of research. The K02 award provides three to five years of salary support and "protected time" for newly independent scientists who can demonstrate the need for a period of intensive research focus as a means of enhancing their research careers.	Jun. 12, 2026; Oct. 12, 2026; Feb. 12, 2027
 National Institutes of Health (NIH)	<u>Pathway to Independence Award (Parent K99/R00)</u>	The purpose of the NIH Pathway to Independence Award (K99/R00) program is to increase and maintain a strong cohort of new and talented, NIH-supported, independent investigators. This program is designed to facilitate a timely transition of outstanding postdoctoral researchers with a research and/or clinical doctorate degree from mentored, postdoctoral research positions to independent, tenure-track or equivalent faculty positions. The program will provide independent NIH research support during this transition in order to help awardees to launch competitive, independent research careers.	Jun. 12, 2026; Oct. 12, 2026; Feb. 12, 2027
 National Institutes of Health (NIH)	<u>Mentored Patient-Oriented Research Career Development Award (Parent K23)</u>	The purpose of the NIH Mentored Patient-Oriented Research Career Development Award (K23) is to support the career development of individuals with a clinical doctoral degree who have made a commitment to focus their research endeavors on patient-oriented research.	Jun. 12, 2026; Oct. 12, 2026; Feb. 12, 2027
 National Institutes of Health (NIH)	<u>Mentored Research Scientist Development Award (Parent K01)</u>	The purpose of the NIH Mentored Research Scientist Development Award (K01) is to provide support and protected time (three to five years) for an intensive, supervised career development experience in the biomedical, behavioral, or clinical sciences leading to research independence. Although all of the participating NIH Institutes and Centers (ICs) use this support mechanism to support career development experiences that lead to research independence, some ICs use the K01 award for individuals who propose to train in a new field or for individuals who have had a hiatus in their research career because of illness or pressing family circumstances. Other ICs use the K01 to support career development in specific fields.	Jun. 12, 2026; Oct. 12, 2026; Feb. 12, 2027

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 National Institutes of Health (NIH)	<u>Mentored Clinical Scientist Research Career Development Award (Parent K08)</u>	The primary purpose of the NIH Mentored Clinical Scientist Research Career Development Awards (K08) program is to prepare qualified individuals for careers that have a significant impact on the health-related research needs of the Nation. This program represents the continuation of a long-standing NIH program that provides support and "protected time" to individuals with a clinical doctoral degree for an intensive, supervised research career development experience in the fields of biomedical and behavioral research, including translational research.	Jun. 12, 2026; Oct. 12, 2026; Feb. 12, 2027
 National Institutes of Health (NIH)	<u>Mentored Quantitative Research Development Award (Parent K25 Independent Clinical Trial Not Allowed)</u>	The purpose of the Mentored Quantitative Research Career Development Award (K25) is to attract to NIH-relevant research those investigators whose quantitative science and engineering research has thus far not been focused primarily on questions of health and disease. The K25 award will provide support and "protected time" for a period of supervised study and research for productive professionals with quantitative (e.g., mathematics, statistics, economics, computer science, imaging science, informatics, physics, chemistry) and engineering backgrounds to integrate their expertise with NIH-relevant research.	Jun. 12, 2026; Oct. 12, 2026; Feb. 12, 2027
 National Institutes of Health (NIH)	<u>NHLBI Career Transition Award for Intramural Postdoctoral Fellows and Research Trainees (K22 Clinical Trial Required)</u>	The purpose of the NHLBI Career Transition Award (K22) program is to provide highly qualified postdoctoral fellows in the NHLBI Division of Intramural Research the opportunity to transition their research programs as new investigators to extramural institutions. To achieve these objectives, the NHLBI Career Transition Award will support two phases of research: a mentored intramural phase (up to two years) and an extramural phase (three years), for a total of five years of combined support. Transition from the intramural phase of support to the extramural phase is not automatic. Approval of the transition will be based on the success of the awardee's research program during the mentored phase as determined by an NHLBI progress review, which will include an evaluation of a research plan to be carried out at the extramural institution.	Jun. 12, 2026; Oct. 12, 2026; Feb. 12, 2027; Jun. 12, 2027
 National Institutes of Health (NIH)	<u>NIAID Career Transition Award (K22 Independent Clinical Trial Not Allowed)</u>	The purpose of the NIAID Career Transition Award program is to assist postdoctoral fellows' transition to positions of assistant professor or equivalent and initiate a successful biomedical career as an independent research scientist.	Jun. 12, 2026; Oct. 12, 2026; Feb. 12, 2027; Jun. 12, 2027; Oct. 12, 2027
 National Institutes of Health (NIH)	<u>NIDCR Dentist Scientist Career Transition Award for Intramural Investigators (K22 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)</u>	The purpose of the NIDCR Dentist Scientist Career Transition Award for Intramural Investigators (K22) program is to facilitate transition of highly qualified dentists from NIH Intramural postdoctoral research positions to extramural academic tenure-track or equivalent faculty positions at eligible institutions. The award will provide support for two years of mentored postdoctoral research training in the NIH Intramural Research Program, and three years of independent research funding at the extramural institution.	Jun. 12, 2026; Oct. 12, 2026; Feb. 12, 2027; Jun. 12, 2027; Oct. 12, 2027
 National Institutes of Health (NIH)	<u>Career Transition Award for NINDS Intramural Clinician-Scientists (K22 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)</u>	The objective of the NIH Career Transition Award (K22) is to provide support to outstanding basic or clinical investigators to develop their independent research skills through a two phase program: an initial period involving an intramural appointment at the NIH and a final period of support at an extramural institution. This NINDS K22 is specifically designed to facilitate the transition of NINDS intramural neurologist- and neurosurgeon-scientists to independent, academic faculty positions that support clinician-scientists to engage in independently funded scientific research as well as clinical activities.	Jun. 12, 2026; Oct. 12, 2026; Feb. 12, 2027; Jun. 12, 2027; Oct. 12, 2027
 National Institutes of Health (NIH)	<u>NIDCR Dual Degree Dentist Scientist Pathway to Independence Award (K99/R00 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)</u>	The purpose of the NIDCR Dual Degree Dentist Scientist Pathway to Independence Award (K99/R00) program is to develop and maintain a strong cohort of independently funded dentist scientists dedicated to improving dental, oral and craniofacial health. This program is designed to facilitate a timely transition of outstanding dual degree dentist scientists from mentored, postdoctoral research positions to independent, tenure-track or equivalent faculty positions by providing support for two years of mentored training and three to five years of independent research. An option for five years of independent (R00) support is available to accommodate clinical training in a dental specialty program at no more than 3 person-months effort (25% full-time professional effort) in any year of the R00 phase.	Jun. 12, 2026; Oct. 12, 2026; Feb. 12, 2027; Jun. 12, 2027; Oct. 12, 2027; Feb. 12, 2028

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 National Institutes of Health (NIH)	<u>NCI Pathway to Independence Award for Early-Stage Postdoctoral Researchers (K99/R00)</u>	The purpose of the NCI Pathway to Independence Award for Early-Stage Postdoctoral Researchers (K99/R00) program is to increase and maintain a strong cohort of new and talented, NCI-supported, independent investigators. This program is designed for postdoctoral fellows with research and/or clinical doctoral degrees who do not require an extended period of mentored research training beyond their doctoral degrees. The objective of this award is to facilitate a timely transition of these fellows from their mentored, postdoctoral research positions to independent tenure-track (or equivalent) faculty positions.	Jun. 15, 2026; Oct. 14, 2026
 National Institutes of Health (NIH)	<u>NCI Pathway to Independence Award (K99/R00 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)</u>	The purpose of the NCI Pathway to Independence Award (K99/R00) program is to facilitate a timely transition of talented postdoctoral researchers with a research and/or clinical doctorate degree from mentored, postdoctoral research positions to independent, tenure-track or equivalent faculty positions. The program will provide independent NCI research support during this transition in order to help awardees to launch competitive, independent research careers.	Jun. 15, 2026; Oct. 14, 2026; Feb. 15, 2027; Jun. 15, 2027; Oct. 14, 2027
 National Institutes of Health (NIH)	<u>NIDCD Mentored Career Development Award for Postdoctorate Au.D./Ph.D. Audiologists (K01)</u>	The purpose of the NIDCD Mentored Career Development Award for Postdoctorate Au.D./Ph.D. Audiologists (K01) is to support comprehensive and rigorous postdoctoral research and career development experiences in the biomedical, behavioral, or clinical sciences of promising Au.D./Ph.D. audiologists who have the potential to become productive, independent investigators in scientific health-related research fields relevant to NIDCD's mission.	Jun. 15, 2026; Oct. 14, 2026; Feb. 17, 2027
 National Institutes of Health (NIH)	<u>Science Track Award for Research Transition (START) Program</u>	This opportunity supports projects at the intersection of substance use research and one or more of the following fields: Discovery and development of new chemical entities or biologics to advance therapeutic interventions for substance use disorders (SUDs) and drug dependence; Development and application of brain imaging tools or brain imaging methods; Application of innovative neurocognitive and behavioral science tools or paradigms; Application of advanced data science techniques and innovative computational methods, including artificial intelligence; Research that can lead to advancing basic, clinical, translational, epidemiological, or intervention science regarding substance use and HIV/AIDS.	Jun. 16, 2026; Oct. 16, 2026; Feb. 16, 2027; Jun. 16, 2027
 National Institutes of Health (NIH)	<u>NCMRR Early Career Research Award (R03 Clinical Trial Optional)</u>	The National Center for Medical Rehabilitation Research (NCMRR) Early Career Research (ECR) Award (R03) is intended to support both basic and clinical research from rehabilitation scientists who are establishing independent research careers. The research must be focused on one or more of the areas within the mission of NCMRR: Applicants are encouraged to refer to the NIH Research Plan on Rehabilitation for strategic priorities.	Jun. 16, 2026; Oct. 16, 2026; Feb. 16, 2027; Jun. 16, 2027; Oct. 16, 2027
 National Institutes of Health (NIH)	<u>NIDCR Small Grant Program for New Investigators (R03 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)</u>	This NIDCR Small Grant Program for New Investigators supports basic and clinical research conducted by scientists who are in the early stages of establishing an independent research career in oral, dental and craniofacial research. This R03 program supports pilot or feasibility studies and developmental research projects with the intention of obtaining sufficient preliminary data for a subsequent investigator initiated Research Project Grant (R01) or equivalent application.	Jun. 16, 2026; Oct. 16, 2026; Feb. 16, 2027; Jun. 16, 2027; Oct. 16, 2027
 National Institutes of Health (NIH)	<u>NIDCD Early Career Research (ECR) Award (R21 Clinical Trial Optional)</u>	The NIDCD Early Career Research (ECR) Award (R21) is intended to support both basic and clinical research from scientists who are beginning to establish an independent research career. It cannot be used for thesis or dissertation research. The research must be focused on one or more of the areas within the biomedical and behavioral scientific mission of the NIDCD: hearing, balance, smell, taste, voice, speech, or language.	Jun. 17, 2026; Oct. 19, 2026; Feb. 17, 2027; Jun. 17, 2027; Oct. 15, 2027

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 National Institutes of Health (NIH)	<u>The NCI Worta McCaskill-Stevens Career Development Award for Community Oncology and Prevention Research (K12 Clinical Trial Optional)</u>	The purpose of the Worta McCaskill-Stevens K12 funding opportunity is to support institutional career development awards designed to prepare newly trained clinicians who have made a commitment to independent research careers in community oncology or cancer prevention, and to facilitate their transition to more advanced support mechanisms or independent research funding.	Jun. 18, 2026; Feb. 18, 2027
 William T. Grant Foundation	<u>William T. Grant Scholars Program</u>	This program supports career development for promising early-career researchers. The program funds five-year research and mentoring plans that significantly expand researchers' expertise in new disciplines, methods, and content areas.	Jun. 30, 2026
 National Institutes of Health (NIH)	<u>INCLUDE (INvestigation of Co-occurring conditions across the Lifespan to Understand Down syndromE) Predoctoral to Postdoctoral Fellow Transition Award (F99/K00 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)</u>	The purpose of the Investigation of Co-occurring conditions across the Lifespan to Understand Down syndrome (INCLUDE) Predoctoral to postdoctoral Fellow Transition award (F99/K00) is to recruit exceptional graduate students from a variety of research fields to pursue postdoctoral training focused on Down syndrome related research. Talented graduate students from disciplines including, but not limited to, genetics, biochemistry, data science, imaging, engineering and neurobiology are invited to apply to this opportunity. Prospective applicants are strongly encouraged to contact the INCLUDE Program Staff prior to initiating plans for application submission.	Jul. 1, 2026
 Research Corporation for Science Advancement: Cottrell Scholars	<u>Grantmaking Priorities</u>	Research Corporation for Science Advancement: Cottrell Scholars program supports early-career faculty in chemistry, physics, and astronomy at U.S. and Canadian research universities. The program provides funding for research and educational initiatives that integrate science and teaching. Funding priorities include projects that advance scientific knowledge, foster innovation, and promote excellence in undergraduate education. The program aims to develop outstanding teacher-scholars who will lead in both research and education.	Jul. 1, 2026
 National Institutes of Health (NIH)	<u>Tobacco Regulatory Science Small Grant Program for New Investigators (R03 Clinical Trial Optional)</u>	This opportunity aims to support new biomedical, behavioral, and social science investigators who are in the early stages of establishing independent careers in tobacco regulatory research. The R03 grant mechanism supports different types of projects, including pilot and feasibility studies, secondary analysis of existing data, small, self-contained research projects, development of research methodology, and development of new research technology.	Jul. 14, 2026
 Neuroendocrine Tumor Research Foundation	<u>Grantmaking Priorities</u>	As the leading funder of neuroendocrine cancer research, the Foundation's goal is to transform the research landscape by supporting cutting-edge basic, translational, and clinical research, recruiting new investigators to neuroendocrine cancer, and fostering a collaborative, scientific community that works together to understand the origin and development of neuroendocrine cancer, in an effort to create more effective therapies.	Jul. 15, 2026
 National Science Foundation (NSF)	<u>Faculty Early Career Development Program (CAREER)</u>	The Faculty Early Career Development (CAREER) Program is a Foundation-wide activity that offers the National Science Foundation's most prestigious awards in support of early-career faculty who have the potential to serve as academic role models in research and education and to lead advances in the mission of their department or organization. Activities pursued by early-career faculty should build a firm foundation for a lifetime of leadership in integrating education and research.	Jul. 22, 2026
 Josiah Macy, Jr. Foundation	<u>Macy's Faculty Scholars Program</u>	Macy's Faculty Scholars Program focuses on identifying and nurturing the careers of promising educational innovators in medicine and nursing.	*Summer 2026 (Last: Aug. 1, 2025)

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 DOD Office of Naval Research (ONR)	<u>Young Investigator Program (YIP)</u>	This program supports early career scientists and engineers showing exceptional ability and promise for conducting basic research. Seeks to: foster creative basic research in science and engineering; enhance early career development of outstanding young investigators; and increase opportunities for the young investigator to recognize the Air Force and Space Force mission and related challenges in science and engineering.	*Summer 2026 (Last: Aug. 1, 2025)
 Camille & Henry Dreyfus Foundation	<u>Teacher-Scholar Awards</u>	The Camille and Henry Dreyfus Foundation advances the chemical sciences through programs that support research and education. Key programs include the Camille Dreyfus Teacher-Scholar Awards, which provide \$100,000 unrestricted research grants to early-career faculty in chemical sciences; the Henry Dreyfus Teacher-Scholar Awards for faculty at primarily undergraduate institutions; and the Jean Dreyfus Lectureship for Undergraduate Institutions, which funds lectures by leading researchers and undergraduate research opportunities. The Foundation also awards the Dreyfus Prize in the Chemical Sciences to recognize exceptional and original research that has advanced the field.	Aug. 6, 2026
 Sleep Research Society Foundation	<u>Career Development Award</u>	The SRSF Career Development Award supports early career researchers in sleep and circadian science with one-year awards designed to prepare grantees to apply for larger-scale federal funding.	*Spring and summer 2026 (Last: Aug. 24, 2025)
 Arnold and Mabel Beckman Foundation	<u>Beckman Young Investigator Program</u>	The Beckman Young Investigator (BYI) Program provides research support to the most promising young faculty members in the early stages of their academic careers in the chemical and life sciences, particularly to foster the invention of methods, instruments and materials that will open up new avenues of research in science.	*Aug. 2026
 American Lung Association	<u>Catalyst Awards and Dalsemer Awards</u>	Catalyst Awards and Dalsemer Interstitial Lung Disease Awards provide two years of support for mentored early career researchers working on lung health and disease.	*Aug. 2026 (Last: Aug. 7, 2025)
 Thrasher Research Fund	<u>Early Career Awards</u>	Early Career Awards encourage the development of medical research in child health by awarding small grants to new researchers.	Sep. 1, 2026 (Concept); Early May, Mid-Oct. (Full); Mar. 2027 (Concept)
 Burroughs Wellcome Fund	<u>Career Awards for Medical Scientists (CAMS) and Career Awards at the Scientific Interface (CASI)</u>	The Career Awards for Medical Scientists (CAMS) and Career Awards at the Scientific Interface (CASI) programs provide five years of support to bridge advanced postdoctoral/fellowship training and the early years of faculty service. CAMS supports physician-scientists committed to an academic career, while CASI supports researchers from the physical, mathematical, and computational sciences and engineering transitioning to work in the biological sciences.	*Sep. 2026 for CASI; *Oct. 2026, for CAMS
 American Society of Clinical Oncology	<u>Funding Opportunities</u>	The Young Investigator Award (YIA) provides funding to promising young physician-scientists to encourage and promote quality research in clinical oncology by supporting the transition from fellowship to faculty appointment. The Career Development Award (CDA) provides mentored research experience for new faculty establishing their independent clinical cancer research program.	*Fall 2026 (Last: Sept. 11, 2025 for YIA; Oct. 9, 2025 for CDA)
 DOD Air Force Research Laboratory (AFRL)	<u>Young Investigator Award (YIA)</u>	The Air Force YIP supports scientists and engineers who have received Ph.D. or equivalent degrees within the last seven years and show exceptional ability and promise for conducting basic research. The objectives of this program are: 1. to foster creative basic research in science and engineering; 2. enhance early career development of outstanding young investigators; 3. and increase opportunities for the young investigator to recognize the Air Force mission and related challenges in science and engineering.	*Fall 2026 (Last: Sep. 19, 2025)

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 National Institutes of Health (NIH)	<u>NIDCD's Mentored Research Education Pathway for Otolaryngology Residents and Medical Students (R25 - Clinical Trial Not Allowed)</u>	The NIH Research Education Program (R25) supports research education activities in the mission areas of the NIH. The overarching goal of this NIDCD R25 program is to support educational activities that help recruit individuals with specific specialty or disciplinary backgrounds to research careers in biomedical, behavioral and clinical sciences.	Sep. 29, 2026
 National Institutes of Health (NIH)	<u>Stimulating Access to Research in Residency (StARR) (R38 Independent Clinical Trial Not Allowed)</u>	The overall goal of the Stimulating Access to Research in Residency (StARR) program is to provide resident clinicians in training with in-depth research experiences early in their careers, in order to recruit, retain and accelerate independence of a pool of clinician-investigators with both clinical and research experience necessary to perform basic, clinical and/or translational research.	Oct. 13, 2026
 National Science Foundation (NSF)	<u>Astronomy and Astrophysics Postdoctoral Fellowships</u>	NSF Astronomy and Astrophysics Postdoctoral Fellowships provide an opportunity for highly qualified, recent doctoral scientists to carry out an integrated program of independent research and education. Fellows may engage in observational, instrumental, theoretical, laboratory or archival data research in any area of astronomy or astrophysics, in combination with a coherent educational plan for the duration of the fellowship.	Oct. 15, 2026
 Dermatology Foundation	<u>Career Development Awards</u>	Several different career development awards are available for early career investigators working in various areas of dermatology: dermatologic surgery, dermatopathology, medical dermatology, public health, pediatric dermatology, women's health, science of human appearance, and more.	*Oct. 15, 2026 (Last: Oct. 15, 2025)
 Blood Cancer United	<u>Career Development Program (CDP)</u>	Career Development Program (CDP) grants support researchers early and at different stages of their career: from those with less than two years of postdoctoral research to those who hold independent faculty-level positions. The grants are designed to encourage these promising young investigators to embark on academic careers, offering researchers the opportunity to take part in basic, translational, or clinical research to help understand and treat blood cancers and relevant premalignant conditions.	*Fall 2026 (Last: Oct. 17, 2025)
 Russell Sage Foundation	<u>Sheldon Danziger Pipeline Grants</u>	The Sheldon Danziger Pipeline Grants Competition supports early-career scholars (Assistant Professors, Lecturers, and Adjunct Assistant Professors) researching economic mobility and access to opportunity in the United States. The program prioritizes applications from scholars who are underrepresented in the social sciences and/or employed at under-resourced colleges and universities. Grantees are paired with mentors and present findings at a summer conference.	Oct. 21, 2026
 Howard Hughes Medical Institute (HHMI)	<u>Freeman Hrabowski Scholars Program</u>	Dedicated to both excellence in scientific research and inclusive mentoring, Freeman Hrabowski Scholars are employed by HHMI and maintain academic appointments and labs at their research institutions. Scholars are appointed to five-year terms as HHMI lab heads, renewable for a second five-year term following a successful midpoint progress evaluation.	*Fall 2026
 DOD Dept of the Army Materiel Command	<u>ARL BAA for Foundational Research</u>	This BAA supports basic and applied research that supports ARL's mission, including the Early Career Program (ECP) Award and Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers. Wide ranging topics are published across the following disciplines: Biological Sciences; Chemistry; Computer Science; Data Sciences and Informatics; Earth and Environmental Sciences; Economics; Education; Electronics; Materials Science; Mathematics and Statistics; Mechanics; Network Science; Physics; and Social Science.	Rolling through Nov. 2, 2027

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 Association for the Advancement of Blood and Biotherapies Foundation	Grantmaking Priorities	AABB Foundation Early-Career Scientific Research Grants support investigator-initiated original research in all aspects of blood banking, transfusion medicine and biotherapies. Grants of up to \$100,000 are intended as seed funding to enable future larger-scale funding applications.	*Dec. 1, 2026
 Myocarditis Foundation	Grantmaking Priorities	The Foundation invites applications for research grants. The program awards \$50,000 stipends to physician-scientists in support of career development and training dedicated to the study of myocarditis. Grants are intended to offer seed funding to support the early stages of long-term research, from the investigation of an initial hypothesis to the collection of preliminary data.	*Dec. 1, 2026
 National Institutes of Health (NIH)	Emerging Global Leader Award (K43)	This opportunity is designed specifically for applicants proposing research that does not involve leading an independent clinical trial, a clinical trial feasibility study, or an ancillary study to a clinical trial. Applicants to this FOA are permitted to propose research experience in a clinical trial led by a mentor or co-mentor. The purpose of the Fogarty Emerging Global Leader Award is to provide research support and protected time (three to five years) to an early career research scientist from a low- or middle-income country (LMIC) who holds a junior faculty position at an LMIC academic or research institution.	Dec. 3, 2026
 Rita Allen Foundation	Chronic Pain Research	Through the program, early-career investigators will be awarded \$150,000 over three years in support of innovative research that focuses on basic science mechanisms of pain. Proposed research projects should be directed toward investigating the molecular biology of pain and/or basic science topics related to developing new analgesics for managing pain.	*Dec. 2026
 American Academy of Sleep Medicine Foundation	Career Development Grants	Focused Projects Grants for Junior Investigators and Physician Scientist Training Grants support mentored research in sleep and circadian science, while the Bridge to Success Grant for Early Career Investigators supports early career scientists working to revise and resubmit an unfunded NIH or Dept. of Veteran Affairs mentored research grant.	*Jan. 2027 (Last: Jan. 5, 2026)
 Simons Foundation	Autism & Neuroscience Fellows-to-Faculty Award	The Fellows-to-Faculty Award program supports talented early career scientists by facilitating their transition into tenure-track faculty positions. The focus of this program is the \$600,000 three-year faculty research grant. Additionally, fellows engage with a community of investigators and receive mentoring and peer support during their transition. This request for applications is intended for PhD and/or MD-holding scientists currently in mentored research training positions who intend to seek tenure-track research faculty positions during the upcoming academic job cycle.	*Jan. 2027 (Last: Jan. 14, 2026)
 DOD Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA)	Young Faculty Award	The Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) Young Faculty Award (YFA) program aims to identify and engage rising stars in junior research positions in academia and equivalent positions at non-profit research institutions, particularly those without prior DARPA funding, to expose them to Department of Defense (DoD) needs and DARPA's mission to create and prevent technological surprise for national security. The YFA program will provide high-impact funding to researchers early in their careers to develop innovative new research that enables transformative DoD capabilities. Ultimately, the YFA program is developing the next generation of researchers focused on national security issues.	*Late 2026/Early 2027 (Last: Jan. 20, 2026)
 American Epilepsy Society	Early Career Funding	Fueled by the commitment to developing the next generation of epilepsy investigators and realizing our vision of eradicating epilepsy, the American Epilepsy Society is one of the largest non-governmental funders for those starting careers in epilepsy research. AES research dollars support trainees, fellows, and newly independent investigators working across the full spectrum of epilepsy research, from basic science to translational and clinical research for all types of epilepsies, seizures, and related conditions.	*Jan. 2027 (Last: Jan. 22, 2026)

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 American Heart Association	<u>Ralph L. Sacco Scholarships in Brain Health</u>	This program enables early career trainees to undertake a mentored two-year research project targeting various aspects of brain health.	*Early 2027 (Last: Jan. 29, 2026)
 National Psoriasis Foundation	<u>Early Career Research Grants</u>	This program supports early career researchers entering the psoriatic disease research community, with the goal of positioning them for future major funding from NPF or other funders.	*Jan. 2027 (Last: Jan. 30, 2026)
 Esther & Joseph Klingenstein Fund	<u>Grantmaking Priorities</u>	The Esther A. & Joseph Klingenstein Fund supports initiatives in neuroscience, children's mental health, early literacy, and climate change. The Fund is especially known for its Klingenstein-Simons Fellowship Awards in Neuroscience, which support early-career investigators engaged in basic or clinical research that may lead to a better understanding of neurological and psychiatric disorders.	*Feb. 1, 2027
 National Kidney Foundation	<u>Young Investigator Research Grant</u>	The Young Investigator Research Grant program supports clinical research studies addressing important issues for patients with kidney disease.	*Feb. 2027 (Last: Feb. 9, 2026)
 National Institutes of Health (NIH)	<u>Supporting Talented Early Career Researchers in Genomics (R01 Clinical Trial Optional)</u>	This Funding Opportunity Announcement is intended to identify and support research projects by exceptionally promising Early Stage Investigators with a long-term career interest in pursuing innovative research in genomics. This opportunity is open to research in all areas relevant to the mission of NHGRI, including genomic sciences, genomic medicine, genomic data science, and ethical, legal, and social implications of genomics.	Feb. 26, 2027
 Leukemia Research Foundation	<u>New Investigator Award</u>	The New Investigator Research Grant Program supports highly innovative projects with potential to impact broad, essential areas of leukemia research.	*Feb. 2027
 Brain & Brain Behavior Research Foundation	<u>Young Investigator Program</u>	This program aims to help researchers launch careers in neuroscience and psychiatry and gather pilot data to apply for larger federal and university grants.	*Mar. 2027 (Last: Mar. 4, 2026)
 National Science Foundation (NSF)	<u>Atmospheric and Geospace Sciences Postdoctoral Research Fellowships</u>	The Division of Atmospheric and Geospace Sciences (AGS), awards Postdoctoral Research Fellowships (PRF) to highly qualified early career investigators to carry out an independent research program. The research plan of each Fellowship must address scientific questions within the scope of AGS disciplines. These disciplines include Atmospheric Chemistry (ATC), Climate and Large-Scale Dynamics (CLD), Paleoclimate (PC), and Physical and Dynamic Meteorology (PDM) in the Atmospheric Sciences, and Aeronomy (AER), Magnetospheric Physics (MAG), Solar Terrestrial (ST), and Space Weather Research (SWR) in the Geospace Sciences.	Rolling
 American Psychological Foundation	<u>Grantmaking Priorities</u>	The APF supports programs and projects that use psychology to solve important problems and improve people's lives. Funding priorities include research, scholarships, and grants for projects that advance the science and application of psychology, with a focus on early career psychologists, graduate students, and projects that address critical societal needs.	Rolling
 Alzheimer's Association	<u>Grantmaking Priorities</u>	The Alzheimer's Association funds a wide range of the most promising research projects, from basic discovery science to studies addressing social and behavioral aspects of Alzheimer's and related dementias. Its International Research Grant Program supports investigations to advance understanding, identify new treatment strategies, improve care, and further knowledge of brain health and disease prevention. Grants are available to researchers at every professional stage, including early-career scientists.	Rolling

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 American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases (AASLD) Foundation	<u>Grantmaking Priorities</u>	Several grants target junior faculty, postdoctoral fellows, and/or other early-career researchers in hepatology, including clinical, translational, and outcomes research.	Rolling
 American Association of University Women	<u>Grantmaking Priorities</u>	The American Association of University Women (AAUW) funds educational and professional opportunities for women, including fellowships and grants for graduate and postgraduate study, research, community projects, and career development. AAUW's mission is to advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy.	Rolling
 Autism Science Foundation	<u>Grantmaking Priorities</u>	The Autism Science Foundation funds a broad spectrum of autism research topics—from genetic discovery, to early warning signs, biomarkers of diagnosis, interventions, gender and racial disparities, and ways to improve service delivery. ASF aligns its research priorities with the federal Interagency Autism Coordinating Committee's (IACC) Strategic Plan for Autism Spectrum Disorder Research. ASF also focuses on developing the research workforce by funding young investigators through pre-doctoral fellowships, postdoctoral fellowships, and two-year post-undergraduate research fellowships, as well as funding for medical students who want to take a gap year to conduct research. ASF also supports collaborative research projects, including the Autism Sisters Project and the Baby Siblings Research Consortium, which study early warning signs and genetic factors of autism.	Rolling
 Elsa U. Pardee Foundation	<u>Grantmaking Priorities</u>	The Foundation invites applications from investigators at nonprofit institutions in the United States who are working to identify new treatments or cures for cancer. The foundation funds projects for a one-year period to foster the establishment of capabilities of new cancer researchers or new cancer approaches by established cancer researchers. It is anticipated that this early-stage funding by the foundation may lead to subsequent and expanded support using government agency funding. Project relevance to cancer detection, treatment, or cure should be clearly identified.	Rolling
 Lymphoma Research Foundation	<u>Grantmaking Priorities</u>	Offers a variety of research funding, with many for early-career PIs; for example, Clinical Investigator Career Development Awards support advanced fellows and junior faculty members working to contribute to the development of new lymphoma therapies and diagnostic tools.	Rolling
 Orthopaedic Research and Education Foundation	<u>Grantmaking Priorities</u>	Small New Investigator Grants and Mentored Clinician Scientist Awards, as well as larger Career Development Grants, are available to support orthopaedic surgeon clinician-scientists.	Rolling
 PhRMA Foundation	<u>Grantmaking Priorities</u>	PhRMA Foundation supports the research and career development of scientists in drug discovery, drug delivery, translational medicine, health outcomes, and value assessment. The Foundation provides funding for predoctoral and postdoctoral fellowships, faculty starter grants, and research starter grants. Funding interests include innovative research that advances the science and practice of medicine, improves patient outcomes, and contributes to the development of new therapies. The Foundation is committed to fostering the next generation of leaders in biomedical research and healthcare.	Rolling
 Research to Prevent Blindness	<u>Grantmaking Priorities</u>	Research to Prevent Blindness funds research to develop treatments, prevent blindness, and restore vision. The Foundation supports innovative research projects in ophthalmology and vision science. Funding priorities include basic and clinical research that advances understanding of eye diseases and leads to new therapies. The Foundation invests in programs that strengthen research capacity, support early-career scientists, and promote collaboration across disciplines.	Rolling



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