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I. Engineering
1. Concrete Research Council (CRC)
Annual RFP
Deadline: December 1, 2018
Amount: Up to $50,000
Number of Grants/Year: 5

Description: The ACI Foundation's Concrete Research Council (CRC) seeks to advance the concrete industry through the funding of concrete research projects that further the knowledge and sustainability of concrete materials, construction, and structures in coordination with ACI Committees where possible.

Eligibility: The CRC’s mission is to advance the knowledge and sustainable aspects of concrete materials, construction, and structures by soliciting and selecting research proposals, assisting in financing them, and publishing results, in coordination with ACI technical committees, where possible.

- Topics are encouraged from all areas of concrete research
- An individual researcher can serve as the principal investigator or co-principal investigator on only one proposal submitted
- Industry partnering and project cost sharing are strongly encouraged

II. Science & Medical

2. Alzheimer's Drug Discovery Foundation
The Treat FTD Fund
Deadline (LOI): November 9, 2018
Amount: $500,000 - $2,000,000 over 1-3 years
Number of Grants/Year: Unknown

Description: The Treat FTD Fund is a joint effort by the Alzheimer's Drug Discovery Foundation (ADDF) and the Association for Frontotemporal Degeneration (AFTD) to support clinical development of novel or repurposed drugs for FTD disorders. Running clinical trials in FTD patients will enable investigators to identify optimal approaches to targeting this unique patient population. In addition, trials supported by the Treat FTD Fund will complement efforts such as the FTD Biomarkers Initiative and the Accelerating Drug Discovery for FTD program by employing emergent advances in biomarker development and preclinical research.

Eligibility: Funding is open to researchers and clinicians in the U.S. and worldwide working in:

- Academic medical centers and universities or nonprofits. Industry partnerships are strongly encouraged.
- Biotechnology companies that demonstrate a clear need for non-profit funding. Funding is provided through mission-related investments (MRIs) that require return on investment based upon scientific and/or business milestones. Existing companies and new spinouts are both eligible.

3. JDRF Grant Center
Deadline (LOI): November 1, 2018; February 4, 2019
Amount: $600,000/year for 2 years
Number of Grants/Year: 30-50 awards

Description: JDRF's Strategic Research Agreements provide research funding for single or multiple investigators to address critical gaps and challenges and potential breakthroughs in Type 1 diabetes research. The Strategic Research Agreement is a partnership between Investigator(s) and JDRF Scientists to help address roadblocks and accelerate JDRF’s mission through support of cutting-edge scientific investigation. Further, this mechanism embodies cooperative development of a research plan, interim quarterly reporting on milestones and interaction with JDRF scientists prior to and during the award period. The budget and duration of funding are variable and continued funding is based on satisfactory effort and quarterly progress on milestones.
Eligibility: Applicants must hold an MD, DMD, DVM, PhD, or equivalent and have a faculty position or equivalent at a college, university, medical school, company, or other research facility. Applications may be submitted by domestic and foreign non-profit organizations, public and private, such as colleges, universities, hospitals, laboratories, units of state and local governments, and eligible agencies of the federal government. There are no citizenship requirements for this program. To assure continued excellence and diversity among applicants and awardees, JDRF welcomes applications from all qualified individuals and encourages applications from persons with disabilities, women, and members of minority groups underrepresented in the sciences.

4. Cancer Research Center
Clinic & Laboratory Integration Program (CLIP)
Deadline (LOI): November 1, 2108
Amount: Up to $100,000/year for 2 years
Number of Grants/Year: 4-8 awards/year

Description: CRI has obtained designated funding that will provide for a limited number of additional CLIP grants focused on topics related to biomarkers, including such topics as tumor mutational burden, microbiome, host genomic factors, and others. Proposals in this area are encouraged.

Eligibility: CLIP Grants provide funding for qualified scientists who are working to explore clinically relevant questions aimed at improving the effectiveness of cancer immunotherapies. The grant will support pre-clinical and translational research, which will provide information that can be directly applied to optimizing cancer immunotherapy in the clinic.

Candidates for a CLIP Grant must hold a faculty appointment as a tenure-track assistant professor (or higher rank) at the time of award activation. CRI has no citizenship restrictions, and research supported by the award may be conducted at medical schools and research centers in the United States or abroad. Please note that CLIP Grants do not support research at for-profit institutions.

Technology Impact Award
Deadline (LOI): November 15, 2018
Amount: $100,000/year for 2 years
Number of Grants/Year: Unknown

Description: The Cancer Research Institute Technology Impact Award provides seed funding of up to $200,000 to be used over 12-24 months to address the gap between technology development and clinical application of cancer immunotherapies. These grants aim to encourage collaboration between technology developers and clinical cancer immunologists and to generate the proof-of-principle of a novel platform technology in bioinformatics, ex vivo or in silico modeling systems, immunological or tumor profiling instrumentation, methods, reagents and assays, or other relevant technologies that can enable clinician scientists to generate deeper insights into the mechanisms of action of effective or ineffective cancer immunotherapies.

Eligibility:
- Applicants must hold a faculty appointment as a tenure-track assistant professor (or higher rank) at the time of award activation.
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5. Crohn’s and Colitis Foundation of America
Litwin IBD Pioneers Initiative
Deadline: November 5, 2018
Amount: $130,000/year for 2 years
Number of Grants/Year: ~15/year

Description: The Litwin IBD Pioneers initiative, formerly known as the Broad Medical
Research Program at the Crohn's & Colitis Foundation, supports innovative clinical and translational research projects with the potential to impact the treatment of IBD patients in the near future. The program encourages novel research into the diagnosis, identification of clinically relevant subsets, treatments, and cures for inflammatory bowel diseases (IBD) and funds innovative pilot research so that scientists can test their initial ideas and generate preliminary data.

Eligibility:

- The applicant institution must be a non-profit, charitable institution, such as a university, hospital, or research organization. Applications are accepted from institutions worldwide.
- The applicant who wishes to take on the Principal Investigator position must have a faculty appointment at the institution. For this, we request that the applicant's university or institution (particularly the Grants and Contracts personnel) send us a statement confirming that the applicant is or is not able to apply as a Principal Investigator from his/her institution.
- There can be only one Principal Investigator for each proposal.

**Senior Researcher Awards**

**Deadline (LOI):** November 1, 2018  
**Amount:** $116,000/year for 3 years  
**Number of Grants/Year:** 2-3/year

**Description:** To provide established researchers with funds to generate sufficient preliminary data to become competitive for funds from other sources such as the National Institutes of Health (NIH).

**Eligibility:** Applicant must hold an MD and/or PhD (or equivalent degree) and must be employed by an institution (public non-profit, private non-profit, or government) that is engaged in health care and/or health-related research. He/she must have attained independence from his/her mentor. Eligibility is not restricted by citizenship or geography.

Proposal must be relevant to Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD) or Crohn's disease and/or ulcerative colitis. Only one application is allowed per applicant per submission date. Simultaneous submission of a Senior Research Award and a Training Award is not permitted.

**6. DeGregorio Foundation**

**9th Annual DeGregorio Foundation Award**

**Deadline:** November 7, 2018  
**Amount:** $250,000 over 2 years  
**Number of Grants/Year:** 1-2 awards/year

**Description:** The DeGregorio Family Foundation seeks to promote and facilitate collaborative research on the pathogenesis, early diagnosis, and treatment of upper gastrointestinal malignancies. We support high quality, innovative, and transformative translational and bench research to improve the understanding of the biology of these diseases, identification of potential novel therapeutic targets, or in the development and evaluation of novel biomarkers for early diagnosis and treatment. Pre-clinical research, basic mechanistic studies, genomic/epigenomic studies, as well as epidemiologic studies may also be supported.

**Eligibility:** Investigators must be associated with an academic or medical institution possessing a tax-exempt status under section 501 (c)(3) of the IRS code. Research projects must not be funded currently under a separate mechanism.

Research projects are selected through a rigorous review process, and project goals must align with The DeGregorio Family Foundation’s mission. The Foundation's application review process is guided by its Scientific Advisory Board. Criteria for successful grants are impact, likelihood of completion and making a significant contribution to understanding, diagnosis, or treating gastric or esophageal malignancies. The intention of this award is to provided seed funding for research in upper GI malignancies. Funded applicants are expected to apply for subsequent peer reviewed support (i.e. NIH or similar agency).

**7. Warren Alpert Foundation**
Warren Alpert Foundation Prize
Deadline: November 2, 2018
Amount: $500,000 (to be split equally if more than one recipient is selected), a citation and plaque.
Number of Grants/Year: ~ 5/year

Description: The Warren Alpert Foundation Prize, in association with Harvard Medical School, recognizes and honors one or more scientists, physicians and researchers whose scientific achievements have led to the prevention, cure or a treatment of human diseases or disorders, and/or whose research constitutes a seminal scientific finding that holds great promise of ultimately changing our understanding of or ability to treat disease.

Eligibility:
- Nominations are accepted from physicians and scientists from around the world.
  - U.S. and non U.S. citizens are eligible to be nominated
- Self-nominations are not accepted
- Nominees must be living

8. United States-Israel Binational Science Foundation (BSF)

Regular Research Grants
Deadline: November 20, 2018
Amount: $57,000/year for 4 years
Number of Grants/Year: 100/year

Description: The regular research grants program is the main program of the BSF. In recent years the BSF has been receiving nearly 400 research grant applications annually, including both regular and start-up applications. At any given moment there are around 450 active grants in this program, and the total annual expenditure in it is around $17 M.

The level of the research applications is high, as is suggested by the participation of 46 Nobel Laureates in the BSF supported projects, several of whom in several grants. In an effort to preserve the close scientific ties between the U.S.A and Israel, the BSF Board has adopted a policy of reasonably high success rate, at the cost of reducing grant sizes. Thus, overall success rate is generally 25% and in certain disciplines can be over 30%. Nevertheless, a significant number of very good projects are turned down due to the lack of sufficient resources. Applications to the BSF compete with all others in the same year, and support money is not pre-allocated to each scientific discipline.

Eligibility: Applications must be submitted together by at least one scientist from each country, but not more than six in total. Scientists who wish to apply for a grant must submit their application through an institution or agency with legal status. The BSF accepts research proposals from institutions of higher learning, government research institutions, hospitals and other non-profit research organizations. Proposals originating in industry are not considered.

Although proposals cannot be submitted by for-profit or industrial organizations, one of the principal investigators may be affiliated with such an organization. The research performed by for-profit organizations will not be funded by the BSF. The investigators should be familiar with BSF patent policy before completing the collaborative arrangements.

The Israeli and American principal investigators must have obtained a PhD, an MD, or an equivalent degree, and must be faculty members or equivalent. Graduate students or postgraduate researchers are not eligible to submit applications.

Investigators may submit only one proposal to each annual competition. Furthermore, since an investigator may hold only one BSF award at a time, a grantee may submit a new proposal only during the last year of the current award. Nevertheless, occasionally the BSF may announce an exception to this rule in a special call for proposals, which has special support from an external source.

9. Cystic Fibrosis Foundation

CFF/NIH - Unfunded Award
Deadline: October 31, 2018
Amount: $125,000/year for up to 2 years
Number of Grants/Year: Unknown

Description: The objective of this award is to support excellent cystic fibrosis-related research projects that have been approved by the National Institutes of Health (or governmental funding agencies in other countries) but cannot be supported by available funds.

Eligibility: Support from the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation is intended to provide for the development of sufficient preliminary data to make cystic fibrosis-related grant applications highly competitive in the National Institutes of Health (NIH) review process and the review processes of other governmental funding agencies in other countries. To be considered for this program, applications must have been submitted to:

- NIH as an R01/R21 and fall within the upper 40th percentile, OR
- Governmental funding agencies in other countries with an NIH R01/R21-equivalent funding program that provides reviewer critiques and a report indicating the application scored in the upper 40th percentile.

In both cases, the applications must be able to be resubmitted to the funding agency for funding at a later time.

10. The Melanoma Research Alliance
Established Investigator Awards
Deadline: November 2, 2018
Amount: Up to $125,000/year for 3 years
Number of Grants/Year: Unknown

Description: Established Investigator Awards support senior investigators with an established record of scientific productivity and accomplishment.

Eligibility:

- Applicants must be a senior investigator, past the initial four years of their first academic faculty appointment.
- Applicants must hold a full-time faculty appointment at the level of Assistant Professor (or equivalent) or above.

Young Investigators Award
Deadline: November 2, 2018
Amount: Up to $75,000/year for 3 years
Number of Grants/Year: Unknown

Description: Young Investigator Awards aim to attract early career faculty with original ideas into the field of melanoma, thereby recruiting and supporting the next generation of melanoma research leaders. Awardees will be provided funding to accomplish innovative and original, preclinical, translational, and/or early clinical research projects. Young Investigators are scientists within the first four years of their first academic faculty appointment. A mentorship commitment from a senior investigator is required.

Eligibility:

- Applicants must be within the first four years of their first independent, full time academic faculty appointment at the application deadline at the level of Assistant Professor (or equivalent position).
- Applicants must designate at least one Mentor who is an established investigator at the same institution who will ensure that adequate support and guidance are provided for successful completion of the proposed research project and provide career mentorship.
- Applicants who have secured an independent full-time faculty position commencing by July 1, 2019 will be considered; in this case, a letter from an institutional official or department chairperson confirming the planned date of faculty appointment is required at the time of application.
- Applicants do not have to be on a tenure-track; however, fellows or others who are in training positions are not eligible to apply.
- Applicants who are in research support positions are not eligible to apply.
- Applicants who have been awarded a prior MRA Young Investigator Award are not eligible to apply for an additional MRA Young Investigator Award.
- Applicants may serve as PI on only one proposal submitted to MRA for any of the
Pilot Award
Deadline: November 2, 2018
Amount: $50,000/year for 2 years
Number of Grants/Year: Unknown

Description: Pilot Awards support senior investigators who propose potentially transformative ideas that do not have extensive preliminary data but articulate a clear hypothesis and translational goals. Resources for such “high-risk, high-reward” projects are important to establish proof-of-concept, which may then leverage additional funding through more traditional avenues.

Eligibility:

- Applicants must be a senior investigator, past the initial four years of their first academic faculty appointment.
- Applicants must hold a full-time faculty appointment at the level of Assistant Professor (or equivalent) or above.

11. Campbell Foundation
Grants
Deadline (LOI): Rolling
Amount: $100,000/year for 1 years
Number of Grants/Year: 5-7

Description: The Campbell Foundation has funded 150 separate HIV/AIDS research projects at facilities throughout the United States and the world since 1995. The range of research is broad and deep, but there is an essential thread that runs through all of the research - understanding how the human body interacts with the virus and the antiretroviral drugs that slow its destructive tide. Through understanding, a cure may be found.

Eligibility:

- Funding is restricted to those organizations providing proof of IRS 501(c)(3) status. Applications are not accepted from individuals or for-profit entities.
- Budget requests are for first-year funding only.
- We do not fund large equipment purchases or travel expenses. We will not fund more than 10% for indirect costs.
- Most grant funding is between $60,000 to $100,000. The Foundation has co-funded and has provided partial funding for more costly research projects.
- All organizations accepting Campbell Foundation funding provide quarterly status reports, including progress and program fund expenditures.
- Site visits from Foundation staff may be scheduled.

12. BrightFocus Foundation
National Glaucoma Research: Standard Award
Deadline: November 12, 2018
Amount: $100,000/year for 2 years
Number of Grants/Year: 1-2

Description: The standard award provides significant funding for researchers who have already generated some amount of preliminary data, but are often required to demonstrate additional, significant progress before they can apply to governmental or industrial funding agencies.

Eligibility: Traditionally, in order to be eligible for grant funding from the BrightFocus’ National Glaucoma Research (NGR) Standard Award Program, the Principal Investigator (P.I.) must have held an academic rank equivalent or higher than Assistant Professor.
Non-tenure-track positions are welcome to apply for funding if they are appropriately trained to lead an independent research study, and are permitted by their organizations to manage the grant and supervise any key personnel. Applicants should have completed their formal post-doctoral mentored research training, and must be the intellectual and creative leads for the proposed projects. Applicants with pending appointments are eligible to apply, but the appointment must be finalized by the start of the award.

13. International Foundation for Research in Paraplegia
Research Grant
Deadline: October 31, 2018
Amount: $84,000/year for 2 years
Number of Grants/Year: 8-10 awards/year

Description: Funds will be allocated up to 150,000 Swiss Francs for two years on the basis of scientific quality and relevance to paraplegia for research proposals studying mechanisms of injury and repair, as well as long term recovery.

Eligibility:

- IRP finances research projects regardless of the nationality of the researcher;
- Applications for IRP Research Grants 2019/2020 will be considered only for projects that are realized in Europe;
- Projects submitted for consideration must be focused on basic or clinical research into paraplegia or related fields;
- Each proposal retained will be financed for 1 or 2 years, to the value CHF 75'000.- or CHF 150'000.- respectively; the grant doesn’t cover additional overhead costs.
- The deadline for submission of proposals is 31 October each year;
- Proposals are evaluated by the IRP Scientific Committee by end February of the following year. The funding of the best projects recommended by the Committee is decided upon in March by the IRP foundations’ board and funds are made available to successful applications by the second semester of the same year.

14. Motor Neurone Disease Association
Biomedical Research Project Grants
Deadline: November 2, 2018
Amount: $100,000/year for 3 years
Number of Grants/Year: Unknown

Description: Our biomedical research program is delivering significant and measurable advances in understanding and treating the disease. We only fund research of the highest scientific excellence and greatest relevance to MND.

Eligibility: Applicants can be based outside the UK and Ireland, provided the project is unique in concept or design (i.e. no similar research is being performed in the UK) and involves a significant aspect of collaboration with a UK institute.

15. Fahs-Beck Fund for Research and Experimentation
Faculty/Post-doctoral Research Grant Program
Deadline: November 1, 2018
Amount: Up to $20,000
Number of Grants/Year: Unknown

Description: Grants are available to help support the research of faculty members or post-doctoral researchers affiliated with non-profit human service organizations in the United States and Canada. Areas of interest to the Fund are: studies to develop, refine, evaluate, or disseminate innovative interventions designed to prevent or ameliorate major social, psychological, behavioral or public health problems affecting children, adults, couples, families, or communities, or studies that have the potential for adding significantly to knowledge about such problems. The research for which funding is requested must focus on the United States and/or Canada or on a comparison between the United States and/or Canada and one or more other countries.
Eligibility: Faculty members of accredited colleges or universities or individuals affiliated with accredited non-profit human service organizations in the United States or Canada are eligible to apply. The applicant organization must agree to accept administrative responsibility for the project and submit required financial forms and reports to the Fund. The principal investigator (PI) must have an earned doctorate in a relevant discipline and relevant experience. The PI must be in full control of the research and be the principal author of the final report.

16. American Pain Society
Rita Allen Award
Deadline: December 17, 2018
Amount: $50,000/year for up to 3 years
Number of Grants/Year: ~2

Description: Proposed research projects should be directed towards the molecular biology of pain and/or basic science topics related to the development of new analgesics for the management of pain due to terminal illness.

Eligibility: Applicants:
- Must have received committed start-up funds and independent laboratory space from their institution and this information must be clearly indicated in the Chair's letter of support for the candidate.
- Should be in the first three years of their appointment.
- Should be appointed to tenure track or equivalent position at their respective institution but not have received tenure at the time of the application.
- Must conduct the research and be appointed at an institution in the United States or Canada.
- Must indicate if an application has been submitted for another APS research award and the candidate may accept only one concurrent APS research award.

A senior post-doc should not be an applicant. Associate professors should not be an applicant.

17. American Chemical Society (ACS)
ACS Award for Encouraging Women into Careers in the Chemical Sciences
Deadline: November 1, 2018
Amount: $15,000
Number of Grants/Year: 1

Description: To recognize significant accomplishments by individuals who have stimulated or fostered the interest of women in chemistry, promoting their professional developments as chemists or chemical engineers.

Eligibility: Nominees for the award may come from any professional setting: academia, industry, government, or other independent facility. The award is intended to recognize significant accomplishments by individuals in stimulating women to elect careers in the chemical sciences and engineering, and in generating a broader appreciation of chemistry as the central science. The award will be granted regardless of race, gender, age, religion, ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, gender expression, gender identity, presence of disabilities, and educational background.

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18. The Gerber Foundation
Pediatric Research Grants
Deadline (LOI): November 5, 2018
Amount: Up to $350,000 over 3 years
Number of Grants/Year: 10-15

Description: The Gerber Foundation's mission focuses on infants and young children. Accordingly, priority is given to projects that improve the nutrition, care and development of infants and young children from the first year before birth to three years of age. The Foundation is particularly interested in fresh approaches to solving common, everyday problems.
problems or emerging issues within the defined focus areas. Projects should focus on issues faced by care providers that, when implemented, will improve the health, nutrition and/or developmental outcomes for infants and young children. 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.

**Eligibility:** Organizations recognized as tax-exempt under Internal Revenue Code 501(c)(3) are eligible to apply for Foundation grants. Public governmental institutions such as universities are included in this definition. Organizations must also be determined not to be private foundations under Internal Revenue Code 509. No grants are made to individuals. With few exceptions, only organizations with principal operations in the United States and its territories are eligible for funding. Within the United States, there is no geographic limitation to the Foundation's grantmaking.

### 19. Oxalosis & Hyperoxaluria Foundation (OHF) Research Grant Program

**Deadline:** November 1, 2018  
**Amount:** Up to $200,000 over 2 years  
**Number of Grants/Year:** Unknown

**Description:** The OHF seeks to support research that will ultimately lead to new diagnostics, treatments, and a cure for Primary Hyperoxaluria and related Hyperoxaluria conditions.

**Eligibility:**

- Applicants must hold a MD, PhD, or equivalent by the time of the start of the funding period and have an appointment at an academic institution.
- Compliance with local and federal statutes and regulations of the country of origin must be met.
- Revised grant applications submitted require a 2-page introduction addressing the Reviewers' comments from the prior review of the grant application.

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### 20. Rivkin Center for Ovarian Cancer Scientific Scholar Awards

**Deadline:** December 1, 2018  
**Amount:** $120,000 over 2 years  
**Number of Grants/Year:** Up to 5

**Description:** The Rivkin Center Scientific Scholar Award is intended to assist promising laboratory and clinical scientists in pursuing a career as an independent investigator in ovarian cancer research. The program will strive to support the scientific growth and academic success of awardees. The goal is to attract junior investigators as well as established investigators into ovarian cancer research and to develop their potential as leaders. The Scientific Scholar Award program will produce leaders in multiple areas of ovarian cancer research. Under the guidance of a mentor(s), the Scholar will explore diverse scientific approaches to specific research objectives and develop the skills required of an independent investigator.

**Eligibility:**

- Potential candidates will have an MD, PhD, or equivalent degree with career goals focused on ovarian cancer. Clinicians will have completed their residency. Candidates should be at the post-doc/fellow, instructor, research assistant, or assistant professor level with no more than 3-4 years in any of these positions. Established, outstanding scientists without prior focus in ovarian cancer but looking to focus in this disease area are also encouraged to apply. Each individual may only submit one Pilot Study or Scientific Scholar Award application to the Rivkin Center per year.
- A project that has no significant change in specific aims or scope may only be resubmitted once to the Rivkin Center.

### 21. Morris Animal Foundation  
**Established Investigators Grant**
Description: The mission of Morris Animal Foundation (MAF) is to advance the science of animal health. Toward this aim, we are dedicated to funding hypothesis-driven and humane animal health research projects of high scientific merit and potential impact. Relevant projects promise to advance the health and well-being of companion animals and/or wildlife. The Established Investigator Grant is the most common grant, designed to provide funding for impactful research by individuals and teams with a previous record of research and publication.

Eligibility: To be eligible, applicants must have a DVM and/or PhD and a permanent full-time position in a university, accredited zoo, or conservation organization.

22. American Heart Association
Innovative Project Award
Deadline: October 29, 2018
Amount: $100,000/year for 2 years
Number of Grants/Year: 10-20

Description:

- To support highly innovative, high-impact research that could ultimately lead to critical discoveries or major advancements that will accelerate the field of cardiovascular or stroke research.
- Research deemed innovative may introduce a new paradigm, challenge current paradigms, look at existing problems from new perspectives, or exhibit other uniquely creative qualities.

Eligibility:

- The Innovative Project Award (IPA) promotes unexplored ideas; therefore, preliminary data is not required and not accepted as part of the proposal. However, a solid rationale for the work must be provided. If you provide preliminary data, the application will be disqualified. If you include information about preliminary work, then the proposal is not innovative. You may cite previous projects to demonstrate that you possess a competency or technique that equips you to take on this new direction. Proposals may cite existing, unanalyzed data.
- Proposed work should not be the next logical step of previous work, but should have a high probability of revealing new avenues of investigation, if successful.
- The principal investigator (PI) is responsible for clearly and explicitly articulating the project's innovation and the potential impact on cardiovascular and stroke research.
- The idea proposed here should not have been submitted in whole or in part in a previous proposal for AHA support.

At the time of award activation:

- The candidate must hold a post-baccalaureate Ph.D. degree or equivalent, or a doctoral-level clinical degree, such as M.D., D.O., D.V.M., Pharm.D., or Ph.D. in nursing, public health, or other clinical health science.
- This program places no limit on eligibility based on career stage, academic rank or discipline. It requires only evidence of employment at a qualified institution.
- While no minimum percent effort is specified, the principal investigator must demonstrate that adequate time will be devoted to ensuring successful completion of the proposed project.

Established Investigators
Deadline (LOI): October 23, 2018
Amount: $80,000/year over 5 years
Number of Grants/Year: 10-15

Description: The Established Investigators award supports mid-career investigators with unusual promise and established records of accomplishments; candidates have a demonstrated commitment to cardiovascular or cerebrovascular science as indicated by prior publication history and scientific accomplishments. A candidate's career is expected to be in a rapid growth phase. AHA awards are open to the array of academic and health professionals. This includes
Eligibility: At the time of application must:

- Have M.D., Ph.D., D.O. or equivalent doctoral degree
- Be a faculty/staff member
- Have current national-level funding as a principal investigator (or co-PI) on an R01 grant or its equivalent. R01-equivalent awards include DP2, R01, R23, R29, R37 and RF1 activity codes; (e.g., VA Merit Award; NSF Grant; or PI of a project on a NIH Program Project Grant from NIH). NIH "K" series awards are not considered equivalent to R01.

At the time of award activation must:

- Be at least four (4) years but no more than nine (9) years (i.e., eight years and 12 months) since the first faculty/staff appointment at the assistant professor level or equivalent (including, but not limited to, research assistant professor, research scientist, staff scientist, etc.)

23. Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI)

Broad PCORI Funding Announcements
Deadline (LOI): November 6, 2018
Amount: $666,666/year for 3 years
Number of Grants/Year: See description below

Description:
The Broad PCORI Funding Announcements (PFAs) seek investigator-initiated applications for patient-centered comparative clinical effectiveness research (CER) projects aligned with our priority areas for research. This PFA covers the following four priority areas:

- Addressing Disparities (AD) - (10-20 awards/year)
- Assessment of Prevention, Diagnosis, and Treatment Options (APDTO) - (20-50 awards/year)
- Communication and Dissemination Research (CDR) - (10 awards/year)
- Improving Healthcare Systems (IHS) - (10 awards/year)

Eligibility: Applications may be submitted by any private-sector research organization, including any nonprofit or for-profit organization; any public-sector research organization, including any university or college hospital or healthcare system; any laboratory or manufacturer; or any unit of local, state, or federal government. The Internal Revenue Service must recognize all U.S. applicant organizations. Organizations may submit multiple funding applications. Individuals are not permitted to apply.

24. Taub Foundation

Grants Program for Myelodysplastic Syndromes (MDS) Research
Deadline (LOI): November 8, 2018
Amount: $200,000/year for 3 years
Number of Grants/Year: 4

Description: The Taub Foundation Grants Program for Myelodysplastic Syndromes (MDS) Research was created to support high-impact, innovative translational research to understand the underlying causes of MDS and to advance its treatment and prevention. The Program specifically focuses on MDS research, exclusive of AML and MPN. Studies focusing on molecular genetics, epigenetics, splicing factors, stem cells, the microenvironment and novel therapeutic targets relevant to MDS are encouraged.

Eligibility:

- Hold a Ph.D., MD, M.D./Ph.D., or comparable degree, and a faculty appointment at a non-profit, academic, medical, or research institution in the United States.
- All applicants must be independent investigators with demonstrated institutional support and their own laboratory space to conduct the proposed research.
- Applicants may not have funding support for a similar project.
- Applicants may only submit one application as a PI.
Applicants do not need to be nominated by their institutions.
United States citizenship is not required; visa documentation is not required.

25. Parkinson's Foundation
Stanley Fahn Junior Faculty Award
Deadline: November 19, 2018
Amount: $100,000/year for 3 years
Number of Grants/Year: 3

Description: The Stanley Fahn Junior Faculty Award acts as a bridge to ensure promising early career scientists stay in the Parkinson’s research field, helping us solve, treat and end the disease. In today’s funding environment, as young scientists navigate the path from mentored to independent research, they face a “valley of death” between their scientific potential and the funding they need to make it happen. This award can stem Parkinson’s research talent loss.

In conjunction with their institution’s commitment, the award gives junior investigators the support they need to develop their own independent funding source (such as an NIH R01 award) and stay in the PD research field. Becoming an independent research leader with his or her own research space is the ultimate goal.

Eligibility: Junior faculty members possessing a Ph.D., M.D., or equivalent are eligible to apply. Applicants must meet the National Institutes of Health (NIH) definition of a “new investigator.” The Parkinson’s Foundation anticipates the typical applicant will hold an assistant professor level position with up to several years of experience. We will consider earlier stage faculty and those with more experience provided they meet the above eligibility criteria.

The award is open to applicants, regardless of citizenship, who are residents and faculty members at institutions in the U.S. and Canada.

Applicants from Parkinson's Foundation research centers are eligible to apply. We require a letter of support from the applicant's department chair to demonstrate the level of institutional commitment to the applicant.

26. Harry J. Lloyd Charitable Trust
Melanoma Research Grants
Deadline: November 1, 2018
Amount: Up to $125,000/year
Number of Grants/Year: 1 in each category/year (3 in total per institution)

Description: Grants are awarded in one of three areas:

- Career Development: May include salary support for promising young melanoma investigators
- Basic Science: To gain new biological insights into melanoma development or progression
- Translational Research: To fund clinically important melanoma research

Eligibility: Applications from non-profit organizations under the U.S. Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c) (3) are eligible for consideration. If a grant recipient is a foreign entity not under the U.S. Internal Revenue Code, an Affidavit related to non-profit status must be completed prior to payment of grant funds. The Affidavit is available on request.

27. Helmsley Trust
The Leona M. and Harry B. Helmsley Charitable Trust (Helmsley) and the Chan Zuckerberg Initiative (CZI) RFA to support the continued development of the Human Cell Atlas (HCA)
Deadline (LOI): November 12, 2018
Amount: Unknown
Number of Grants: Unknown

Description: The Leona M. and Harry B. Helmsley Charitable Trust, in partnership with the Chan Zuckerberg Initiative, seeks applications that will collaboratively create a Gut Cell Atlas (GCA), cataloguing the many cell types in the small and large intestines. Through the GCA, Helmsley aims to advance precision medicine by understanding the
The link between cell states, tissue function, and the emergence of disease. The GCA will serve as a foundation for the development of new, effective treatments for Crohn’s disease and will also serve as a model for building other comprehensive organ system atlases.

**Eligibility:** Helmsley invites applications for up to three-year projects from principal investigators to examine the small and large intestines in healthy individuals and in Crohn’s disease patients, from both unaffected and diseased regions. Experts across different disciplines are encouraged to apply their knowledge of cell systems and technologies to the gut.

CZI seeks applications for three-year projects to form Seed Networks that characterize any tissue in the healthy human body. Seed Networks will support continued growth, solidify collaborations, and help generate valuable data and tools for the first draft of the HCA. Seed Networks should consist of at least three principal investigators, including at least one computational biologist or software engineer, together with additional computational biologists, engineers, experimental biologists, and/or physicians.

### 28. Children's Tumor Foundation

**Gene Therapy Initiative**

- **Deadline:** November 9, 2018
- **Amount:** $240,000 over 2 years
- **Number of Grants/Year:** 2

**Description:** The objective of this RFA is to support proof of principle in vitro studies to investigate the feasibility of genome editing techniques, including but not limited to those based on CRISPR-Cas9, to correct pathogenic mutations in NF1 gene. The ultimate goal of this initiative is to explore the development of genome editing as a potential therapeutic tool for NF1.

**Eligibility:**

- Applicants should have an MD, PhD, or equivalent, with an established record of independent research, and must have full access to, or identified collaborators with, all required resources.
- Applications are welcomed from both the academic and private sectors. Partnerships between the two are actively encouraged, pending patent policy agreement (see below). If applicants are partnering with a contract research organization, a quote for service fees should be included in the application. However, CTF will not be responsible for any additional expenses incurred by the CRO.
- Non-NF1 researchers with expertise in gene editing are highly encouraged to apply. The non-NF expert applicant can either decide to include an NF expert in the team or will be paired up with an NF mentor through CTF.
- More than one investigator from an institution can apply as long as the research hypothesis and team composition are distinct. Multiple applications from the same PI will not be considered.
- There are no citizenship requirements for this award. Qualified individuals from within and outside the United States are eligible to apply.

### 29. Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

**Grand Challenges Exploration Initiative**

- **Deadline:** November 14, 2018
- **Amount:** Initial grants for $100,000
- **Number of Grants/Year:** Unknown

**Description:** Grand Challenges is a family of initiatives fostering innovation to solve key global health and development problems.

The initiatives this year are:

- Increasing Demand for Vaccination Services
- New Approaches for Manufacturing Gut Microbial Biotherapeutics
- Innovation for WASH in Urban Settings
- New Approaches for Strategic Prioritization of Agricultural Development Policies
- Tools and Technologies for Broad-Scale Pest and Disease Surveillance of Crop Plants in Low-Income Countries
Eligibility: Applicants can be at any experience level; in any discipline; and from any type of organization, including colleges and universities, government laboratories, research institutions, non-profit organizations and for-profit companies.

III. Nursing & Public Health

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF)

Evidence for Action: Investigator-Initiated Research to Build a Culture of Health

Deadline (LOI): Rolling
Amount: $200,000 over up to 3 years
Number of Grants/Year: N/A

Description: Evidence for Action (E4A), a national program of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, funds research that expands the evidence base needed to build a Culture of Health. The program’s mission is to support rigorously designed quantitative, qualitative, and mixed methods research that yields convincing findings regarding the population health, well-being, and equity impacts of specific policies, programs and partnerships. Research examining the health impacts of programmatic or policy interventions that address factors outside the domain of health care services or public health practice is of particular interest to the Foundation.

Eligibility: Preference will be given to applicant organizations that are either institutes of higher education, public entities or nonprofit organizations that are tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code but other types of nonprofit and for-profit organizations are eligible to apply. Applicant organizations must be based in the United States or its territories. While the principal investigator is not required to hold an advanced degree, the applicant team must demonstrate the ability to conduct the proposed research. Since discoveries often happen at the intersection of disciplines, and many disciplines are relevant to a Culture of Health, interdisciplinary teams may foster more innovative approaches. Applications from all disciplines, and especially those representing diverse geographic areas are encouraged to apply.

Health policy Fellows

Deadline: November 7, 2018
Amount: Up to $165,000
Number of Grants/Year: Up to 6

Description: The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) Health Policy Fellows program provides the nation’s most comprehensive learning experience at the nexus of health, science, and policy in Washington, D.C. It is an outstanding opportunity for exceptional mid-career health professionals and behavioral/social scientists with an interest in health and health care policy. Fellows participate in the policy process at the federal level and use that leadership experience to improve health, health care, and health policy.

Eligibility:

- Applicants must have earned an advanced degree in one of the following disciplines: medicine; nursing; public health; allied health professions; biomedical sciences; dentistry; economics or other social sciences; health services organization and administration; social and behavioral health; or health law.
- Applicants whose official job description or responsibilities are primarily government relations or advocacy are not eligible to apply.
- Applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents at the time of application. Because the RWJF Health Policy Fellows are placed in assignments in the federal government, changes in federal policy or law may necessitate that we consider adjustments in eligibility and grant terms, as well as placements in the program.
- Individual candidates for receipt of award funds cannot be related by blood or marriage to any Officer** or Trustee of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, or be a descendant of its founder, Robert Wood Johnson.

American Foundation for Suicide Prevention
Standard Research Innovation Grants
Deadline: November 15, 2018
Amount: $50,000/year for 2 years
Number of Grants/Year: 2-9

Description: AFSP Suicide Research Grants support studies aimed at increasing our understanding of the causes of suicide and factors related to suicide risk, or that test treatments and other interventions designed to prevent suicide. At least one suicide outcome measure must be included in all grant projects. We also consider studies of treatment feasibility, and studies that add a suicide component (e.g., population or treatment) to an existing grant in another area.
AFSP suicide research grants program priority areas for 2017-19 are:

- Pain and suicide
- Opioids and suicide

Eligibility: Investigators from all academic disciplines are eligible to apply, and both basic science and applied research projects will be considered, provided that the proposed study has an essential focus on suicide or suicide prevention.
A current grantee may submit a new application as their grant nears completion but it will not be funded until completion of the current grant and submission of a Final Report.
New grantees must begin their studies within 6 months of the approved start date. Failure to begin the study within this time frame may result in withdrawal of the grant award.

IV. Education, Humanities, and Social & Behavioral Sciences

32. The Conservation Alliance
Public Lands Defense Fund
Deadline: Rolling
Amount: Up to $100,000 (Avg. $50,000)
Number of Grants/Year: 20-50

Description: The goal of the Conservation Alliance is to support organizations that are strategically confronting efforts that would diminish our public lands system.

The Public Lands Defense Fund supports organizations working to preserve and defend the integrity of our public lands system. The Conservation Alliance will fund efforts to:

- Defend existing protections for landscapes and waterways on public lands (e.g. National Monuments; Roadless Areas; Wilderness Study Areas; Mineral Withdrawal Areas)
- Defend bedrock conservation laws (E.g., Wilderness Act, Antiquities Act, National Environmental Policy Act)
- Oppose the proposed transfer of federal lands to the states or to private hands

Eligibility: Organizations that receive funding through the regular grant program may apply concurrently to the Public Lands Defense Fund, and are eligible to receive more than one grant in a 12-month period. Grants are made to registered 501(c)(3) organizations whose work meets each of the following criteria:

- The project should seek to secure lasting and quantifiable protection of a specific wild land or waterway. Landscape-scale projects that have a clear benefit for habitat are prioritized
- The campaign should engage grassroots citizen action in support of the conservation effort. General education, restoration, stewardship, or scientific research projects are not eligible for support
- All projects must have a clear recreational benefit
- The project should have a good chance of final success within four years

33. Japan Foundation New York
Performing Arts Japan (PAJ) Touring and Collaboration Grants
Deadline: October 31, 2018
Amount: Up to $30,000
Number of Grants/Year: 11 (7 touring and 4 collaborative)
Description: This program is designed to provide financial assistance for non-profit organizations in the U.S. and Canada that aim to introduce Japanese performing arts to local audiences. PAJ Touring Grants help present Japanese performing arts at multiple locations in the United States and Canada, with an emphasis on locations outside major metropolitan areas. PAJ Collaboration Grants help Japanese and American/Canadian artists develop a new work, which will further an appreciation of Japanese culture when presented to American/Canadian audiences. The grants are made to nonprofit organizations in the U.S. and Canada only.

Eligibility:

- The purpose of the proposed project must be to present Japanese performing arts and/or to conduct performing arts collaboration between Japanese and American/Canadian artists.
- The proposed project must explicitly include educational and/or community outreach activities that enhance the audience's appreciation of Japanese culture.
- The proposed project must be undertaken by professional artists.
- Grants are awarded only to U.S.-based or Canada-based non-profit organizations and are subject to the relevant laws and regulations of the Japan Foundation. Applicants should have 501(c)(3) status in the United States or have charitable status from the Canada Revenue Agency.
- The proposed project must take place between July 1, 2019 and June 30, 2020. The project may continue after July 2020 as long as the major part or core of the project is completed by June 30, 2020.
- The proposed project must not be used for religious or political purposes.
- Commitments to the proposed project must be secured from the artists concerned at the time of application.
- For tours, the proposed project must tour to at least two locations outside New York and Los Angeles. Multiple venues in the same city are considered to be one location.
- For collaborations, the proposed project must be a new work jointly explored and created by Japanese artists and American/Canadian artists.
- For collaborations, revivals of existing pieces and the creation of recorded products are ineligible for this program.
- In the case of adaptation, the copyright arrangements concerning the original work must already be completed. Please also attach a copy of the documentation that proves that the applicant has already cleared the copyright.
- Applicants are eligible to apply for one project only through one of the two categories. The applicant can submit only one application, and this must be either touring or collaboration.

V. Fellowships

Please note: CFR cannot assist with fellowships that are not funneled through OGCA.

34. American Council of Learned Societies

Luce/ACLS Program in Religion, Journalism & International Affairs Fellowships for Scholars

Deadline: October 24, 2018

Amount: $55,000

Number of Grants/Year: 6

Description: The program is designed to foster new connections between scholars and journalists covering international affairs by offering fellowships for scholars in the humanities and social sciences who study religion in international contexts.

Eligibility: Applicants must:

- have a PhD degree that was conferred by the application deadline. (An established scholar who can demonstrate the equivalent of the PhD in publications and professional experience may also qualify.)
- be able to attend and participate in two program-sponsored events, a workshop in Fall 2019 (date and location TBA) and a symposium in Spring 2020 (date and location TBA).
35. **Council on Foreign Relations**

**International Affairs Fellowship (IAF)**

- **Deadline:** October 31, 2018
- **Amount:** $100,000 over 1 year
- **Number of Grants/Year:** ~10

**Description:** The IAF aims to bridge the gap between the study and making of U.S. foreign policy by creating the next generation of scholar-practitioners. The program offers its fellows the unique chance to experience a new field and gain a different perspective at a pivotal moment in their careers. Academics are thus placed in public service and policy-oriented settings, while government officials are placed in scholarly settings.

**Eligibility:**
- Applicants must be U.S. citizens
- Applicants must be mid-career professionals
- Applicants must possess a strong record of professional achievement
- Applicants must have a firm grounding in and a demonstrated commitment to the field of foreign policy
- While a PhD is not a requirement, applicants must hold at least a bachelor's degree

36. **Princeton University**

**Law and Public Affairs (LAPA) Program**

- **Deadline:** November 14, 2018
- **Amount:** research salary of one-half your ten (10) month salary
- **Number of Grants/Year:** 6

**Description:** LAPA Fellows devote the major portion of their time to their own research and writing on law-related subjects of empirical, interpretive, doctrinal and/or normative significance. In addition, LAPA Fellows are expected to be in residence for ten months and participate in LAPA programs, including a biweekly seminar, a weekly luncheon discussion group, as well as some public events and conferences. The program does not support, as a primary activity, off-site fieldwork or work in remote archives, development of course materials, work in legal practice, or residence elsewhere. Fellows may apply to teach one course in Princeton's graduate or undergraduate programs, subject to the needs of the University, sufficient enrollment, approval of the Dean of the Faculty, and the cooperation of the sponsoring academic department.

**Eligibility:** The Program in Law and Public Affairs (LAPA) at Princeton University invites outstanding faculty members of any discipline, independent scholars, lawyers, and judges to apply for residential fellowships for the academic year 2019-2020. All applicants must have received a doctorate, juris doctor, or an equivalent professional degree at the time of submission of the fellowship application.

37. **Open Society Foundation**

**Soros Justice Fellowship**

- **Deadline:** October 22, 2018
- **Amount:** $87,000 or $120,000 over 18 months
- **Number of Grants/Year:** Unknown

**Description:** The Soros Justice Fellowships fund outstanding individuals to undertake projects that advance reform, spur debate, and catalyze change on a range of issues facing the U.S. criminal justice system. The fellowships are part of a larger effort within the Open Society Foundations to reduce the destructive impact of current criminal justice policies on the lives of individuals, families, and communities in the United States by challenging the overreliance on incarceration and extreme punishment, and ensuring a fair and accountable system of justice. Fellows receive funding through the following three categories: Advocacy Fellowships, Media Fellowships and Youth Activist Fellowship

**Eligibility:** All projects must, at a minimum, relate to one or more of the following U.S. criminal justice reform goals: reducing the number of people who are incarcerated or under correctional control, challenging extreme punishment, and promoting fairness and accountability in our systems of justice. Please carefully review the complete guidelines for more details on the specific requirements for each category of fellowships.
We strongly encourage applications for projects that demonstrate a clear understanding of the intersection of criminal justice issues with the particular needs of low-income communities, communities of color, immigrants, LGBTQ people, women and children, and those otherwise disproportionately affected by harsh criminal justice policies, as well as applications for projects that cut across various criminal justice fields and related sectors, such as education, health and mental health, housing, and employment.

We especially welcome applications from individuals directly affected by, or with significant direct personal experience with, the policies, practices, and systems their projects seek to address (e.g., applicants who have themselves been incarcerated, applicants who have a family member or loved one who has been incarcerated and whose fellowship project emerges from that experience, or applicants who are survivors of violence or crime).

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**Tips for Grant Writing!**

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Look at "[Why Academics Have a Hard Time Writing Good Grant Proposals](#)" to better understand the contrast between traditional academic writing and grant proposals.

Also check out "[How to Fail at Grant Writing](#)," an article in *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, written by UMass faculty successful at obtaining grants.

For more help, and a step-by-step walk through, read Texas Instruments' "[Successful Grant Writing Strategies](#)."

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