**Research Funding Opportunities Menu**

**April 12, 2024**

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| **Cross Cutting**  |
| **Funder:** | Patrick and Catherine Weldon Donaghue Medical Research Foundation |
| **Program:** | Greater Value Portfolio |
| **Amount:** | Upper $440,000 (up to two years) |
| **Deadline:** | May 16, 2024 (Letter of Intent) |
| **Description:** | This program aims to test approaches and tools that organizations can readily use to improve the value of the healthcare they provide to their patients and communities. The Greater Value Portfolio grant program funds research projects for two years with a maximum amount of $400,000 per award (plus a 10% indirect cost rate) to advance promising approaches to achieving a higher-value healthcare system. |
| **Eligibility:** | * This program is open to PhD, MD, (or equivalent) investigators at tax-exempt research institutions in the United States. To receive an award, the applicant must partner with an organization that delivers healthcare services or be a researcher based in a research unit embedded in a healthcare organization. Partner organizations cannot be the applicant organization. A fuller description of eligible applicant institutions is in the detailed program description below. Grantees may use this award to augment funding for a project already funded through another grant.
* The applicant organization must be a 501(c)3 research institution. Donaghue requires that the applicant organization has adequate infrastructure to ensure:
	+ Ethical conduct of research, protection of research participants, and appropriate data protections.
	+ Financial monitoring of grant awards and administering any related subcontracts.
	+ Resources to assist the principal investigator with dissemination activities.
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| **Website:** | <https://donaghue.org/greater-value-portfolio/>  |

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| **Rheumatology & Clinical Immunology** |
| **Funder:** | Rheumatology Research Foundation |
| **Program:** | Clinician Scholar Educator Award |
| **Amount:** | Upper $210,000 (up to three years) |
| **Deadline:** | June 3, 2024 (Application) |
| **Description:** | The purpose of this award is to enhance education in musculoskeletal and rheumatic diseases for future doctors and rheumatology health professionals. |
| **Eligibility:** | * Applicant must meet all eligibility requirements as outlined in the Awards and Grants policies.
* Applicant must be an [ACR](https://rheumatology.org/join-acr-arp-community) or [ARP](https://rheumatology.org/join-acr-arp-community) member at the time of submission and for the duration of the award.
* Must propose educational projects related to rheumatic disease.
* Applicant must be affiliated with an accredited graduate or medical school.
* Applicant must be able to devote at least 25 percent full-time effort (including this project and related educational endeavors) to educational and scholarly activity for the duration of the award. Note: this time is independent of any program administrative time for teaching faculty, Assistant Program Directors or Program Directors.
* Previous Clinician Scholar Educator awardees are not eligible to apply.
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| **Website:** | <https://www.rheumresearch.org/file/awards/education-and-training/2024-rfps/FY26-Clinician-Scholar-Educator-Award-_-FINAL.pdf>  |
| **Funder:** | Rheumatology Research Foundation |
| **Program:** | Career Development Bridge Funding Award: K Bridge |
| **Amount:** | Upper $75,000 |
| **Deadline:** | June 3, 2024 (Application) |
| **Description:** | The purpose of this award is to provide bridge funding for promising investigators as they are revising outstanding individual career development award applications (i.e., applications for NIH K series awards, VA CDA-2 awards, or any equivalent career development awards). |
| **Eligibility:** | * Applicants must be [ACR](https://rheumatology.org/join-acr-arp-community) or [ARP](https://rheumatology.org/join-acr-arp-community) members with an MD, DO, PhD or equivalent doctoral level degree from an accredited institution.
* \*The Foundation does not currently support non-MD/DO scientists working on basic science research.
* Bridge funds are not intended to bridge the period between review and funding.
* Applications from individuals from groups [underrepresented in medicine](https://diversity.nih.gov/) are particularly encouraged.
* Previous recipients of this award are not eligible to apply.
* In addition to an excellent application, applicants must be capable of becoming independent researchers with a clear and firm institutional commitment to their career development, including a faculty position and other supporting resources.
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| **Website:** | <https://www.rheumresearch.org/file/awards/career-development/2024-cda-rfas/FY25-Career-Development-Bridge-Funding-Awd_KB_FINAL.pdf>  |

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| **Rheumatology & Clinical Immunology (continued)** |
| **Funder:** | Rheumatology Research Foundation |
| **Program:** | Career Development Bridge Funding Award: R Bridge |
| **Amount:** | Upper $200,000 (up to two years) |
| **Deadline:** | June 3, 2024 (Application) |
| **Description:** | The purpose of this award is to provide funding to NIH R01, VA Research Career Scientist (RCS) or Merit Award applicants whose application received a priority score but was not funded, and who are at risk of running out of research support. |
| **Eligibility:** | * Applicants must be [ACR](https://rheumatology.org/join-acr-arp-community) or [ARP](https://rheumatology.org/join-acr-arp-community) members with an MD, DO, PhD or equivalent doctoral level degree from an accredited institution.
* \*The Foundation does not currently support non-MD/DO scientists working on basic science research.
* Previous recipients of an NIH R01 or VA RCS/ORD are not eligible to apply.
* Applicants must have received a priority score and summary statement on their NIH R01 or VA RCS/ORD award. Applicants whose career development applications were streamlined, and therefore, not discussed during peer review, are not eligible. Bridge funds are not intended to bridge the period between review and funding.
* Applications from individuals from groups [underrepresented in medicine](https://diversity.nih.gov/) are particularly encouraged.
* Previous recipients of this award are not eligible to apply.
* In addition to an excellent application, applicants must be capable of becoming independent researchers with a clear and firm institutional commitment to their career development, including a faculty position and other supporting resources.
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| **Website:** | <https://www.rheumresearch.org/file/awards/career-development/2024-cda-rfas/FY25-Career-Development-Bridge-Funding-Award_RB_FINAL.pdf>  |

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| **Surgery** |
| **Funder:** | Intuitive Foundation |
| **Program:** | Clinical Research Grants |
| **Amount:** | Upper $75,000 |
| **Deadline:** | June 7, 2024 (Letter of Intent) |
| **Description:** | The purpose of these grants is to support clinical research at non-profit institutions worldwide focused on the field of robotic-assisted surgery. |
| **Eligibility:** | * Multiple grants will not be funded simultaneously to any principal investigator.
* Multiple grants to the same institution for different principal investigators will be considered.
* Awards must be used to fund research at not-for-profit institutions. Grants are not to be used to fund for-profit activities.
* Grants are awarded to principal investigators at their institution. If there are any changes in the principal investigator or group’s ability to conduct the proposed research, the Intuitive Foundation reserves the right to reconsider the award.
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| **Website:** | <https://www.intuitive-foundation.org/clinical-research-grants/#toggle-id-1>  |

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| **Neurology** |
| **Funder:** | Craig H. Neilsen Foundation |
| **Program:** | Spinal Cord Injury Research on the Translational Spectrum (SCIRTS): Postdoctoral Fellowships |
| **Amount:** | Upper $200,000 (up to two years)  |
| **Deadline:** | June 7, 2024 (Letter of Intent) |
| **Description:** | This funding is designed to encourage specialization in the field of SCI. Postdoctoral Fellowships are intended to provide mentored training in SCI research to early-career investigators.  |
| **Eligibility:** | * Applicants must have a doctoral degree or equivalent professional degree (e.g., PhD, MD, DVM).
	+ Non-fellowship applicants must demonstrate appropriate experience to serve as an independent PI. The Neilsen Foundation encourages submissions from eligible PIs who represent a wide range of disciplines; however, it is required that relevant SCI expertise is represented on the proposed research project team.
* The grantee organization must be a nonprofit academic/research institution or rehabilitation facility located in the United States or Canada with the capability to conduct grant-funded research.
	+ The Applicant named in a grant application must be employed by and deemed eligible by the grantee organization to apply for a grant and is expected to be responsible for conduct of the research. The Applicant is not required to be a citizen of the United States or Canada.
	+ Each application must include the appropriate endorsement of an institutional official who is responsible for the administration of grant funds (hereafter known as the “Grants Administrator”).
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| **Website:** | <https://chnfoundation.org/programs/spinal-cord-injury-research-on-the-translational-spectrum-2/>  |

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| **Funder:** | Craig H. Neilsen Foundation |
| **Program:** | Spinal Cord Injury Research on the Translational Spectrum (SCIRTS): Pilot Research Grants |
| **Amount:** | Upper $400,000 (up to two years) |
| **Deadline:** | June 7, 2024 (Letter of Intent) |
| **Description:** | This funding is intended to support pilot studies that lay essential groundwork, allow either junior or established PIs to test the feasibility of novel methods and procedures and/or collect new data that can lead to or enhance larger-scale studies. |
| **Eligibility:** | * Applicants must have a doctoral degree or equivalent professional degree (e.g., PhD, MD, DVM).
	+ Non-fellowship applicants must demonstrate appropriate experience to serve as an independent PI. The Neilsen Foundation encourages submissions from eligible PIs who represent a wide range of disciplines; however, it is required that relevant SCI expertise is represented on the proposed research project team.
* The grantee organization must be a nonprofit academic/research institution or rehabilitation facility located in the United States or Canada with the capability to conduct grant-funded research.
	+ The Applicant named in a grant application must be employed by and deemed eligible by the grantee organization to apply for a grant and is expected to be responsible for conduct of the research. The Applicant is not required to be a citizen of the United States or Canada.
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| **Neurology (continued)** |
| **Funder:** | Craig H. Neilsen Foundation |
| **Program:** | Spinal Cord Injury Research on the Translational Spectrum (SCIRTS): Senior Research Grants |
| **Amount:** | Upper $800,000 (up to three years) |
| **Deadline:** | June 7, 2024 (Letter of Intent) |
| **Description:** | This funding is intended to encourage pursuit of new avenues, enable paradigm shifts, orsupport decisive translational steps in developing SCI treatments. Applicants should proposetransformative projects that explore new areas of SCI research or fill important gaps in the field. |
| **Eligibility:** | * Applicants must have a doctoral degree or equivalent professional degree (e.g., PhD, MD, DVM).
	+ Non-fellowship applicants must demonstrate appropriate experience to serve as an independent PI. The Neilsen Foundation encourages submissions from eligible PIs who represent a wide range of disciplines; however, it is required that relevant SCI expertise is represented on the proposed research project team.
* The grantee organization must be a nonprofit academic/research institution or rehabilitation facility located in the United States or Canada with the capability to conduct grant-funded research.
	+ The Applicant named in a grant application must be employed by and deemed eligible by the grantee organization to apply for a grant and is expected to be responsible for conduct of the research. The Applicant is not required to be a citizen of the United States or Canada.
	+ Each application must include the appropriate endorsement of an institutional official who is responsible for the administration of grant funds (hereafter known as the “Grants Administrator”).
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| **Website:** | <https://chnfoundation.org/programs/spinal-cord-injury-research-on-the-translational-spectrum/>  |

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| **Center for Virology & Vaccine Research, Department of Rheumatology & Clinical Immunology** |
| **Funder:** | Human Immunome Project |
| **Program:** | Michelson Prizes: Next Generation Grants |
| **Amount:** | Upper $150,000 |
| **Deadline:** | June 9, 2024 (Application) |
| **Description:** | The Michelson Prizes are awarded annually to support early-career investigators working to advance human immunology, vaccine discovery, and immunotherapy research for major global diseases. The Michelson Prizes are looking for research aimed at tackling the current roadblocks that exist in human vaccine development and expanding our limited understanding of key immune processes that are fundamental to successful vaccine and immunotherapy development.  |
| **Eligibility:** | * Applicants must be 35 or younger at the time of submission. Early career independent investigators, postdoctoral fellows, clinical fellows (including residents and interns), and other researchers currently in training positions are eligible for these awards.
* Applicants must be employed by, or affiliated with, an eligible organization (e.g., academia, biotechnology companies, foundations, government and non-governmental organizations, and research institutes).
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| **Website:** | <https://www.humanimmunomeproject.org/our-work/research-grants/>  |