

FUNDER	PROGRAM	DESCRIPTION	DEADLINES
 American Association for Cancer Research (AACR)	Career Development Awards to Foster Diversity and Inclusion	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.	Jan. 27, 2026 (LOI); May 19, 2026 (Full)
 American Heart Association	Ralph L. Sacco Scholarships in Brain Health	Enables early career trainees to undertake a mentored two-year research project targeting various aspects of brain health.	Jan. 29, 2026 (Full)
 Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation	Emerging Scholars	Supports proposals from any of the natural and social sciences or allied disciplines that promise to increase understanding of the causes, manifestations, and control of violence and aggression; highest priority is given to research that addresses urgent, present-day problems of violence, including: War; Terrorism; Family and intimate-partner relationships; Climate instability and natural resource competition; Racial, ethnic, and religious conflict; and Political extremism and nationalism.	Feb. 1, 2026
 Damon Runyon Cancer Research Foundation	Damon Runyon-Scholars Program for Advancing Research and Knowledge	Aims to ensure that the best young college students and recent college graduates are encouraged to pursue rigorous scientific education and to commit their talents to tackling longstanding challenges in cancer research. We recognize that these emerging scientists will come from a variety of backgrounds.	Feb. 2, 2026
 Pershing Square Foundation	Pershing Square Foundation 026 Lotus Award	Supports investigators in the Pershing Square Sohn Cancer Research Alliance community who are either already working on a promising project in ovarian cancer or in another type of cancer that could have an impact on ovarian cancer.	Feb. 2, 2026 (Full)
 W.M. Keck Foundation	Research Program	Seeks to benefit humanity by supporting Medical Research and Science & Engineering projects that are distinctive and novel in their approach, question the prevailing paradigm, or have the potential to break open new territory in their field.	Feb. 15 (Phase II); Nov. 1 (Phase 1)
 Glenn Foundation for Medical Research (GFMR) / American Federation for Aging Research (AFAR)	Glenn Foundation Discovery Award	Supports research projects with strong potential to develop pioneering discoveries for understanding the underlying biological mechanisms that govern normal human aging and its related physiological decline. Relevant proposals from any branch of biology are eligible.	Feb. 18, 2026 (LOI)

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 Foundation for Food & Agriculture Research (FFAR)	New Innovator in Food & Agriculture Research Award	Provides early-career scientists the investment needed to propel them into successful research careers, supporting research aligned with the following priority areas: Cultivating Thriving Production Systems; Sustaining Vibrant Agroecosystems; Bolstering Healthy Food Systems; and Strengthening the Scientific Workforce.	Feb. 19, 2026 (Nominations); Feb. 26, 2025 (full)
 Spencer Foundation	Spencer Foundation Research Grants on Education: Large	Supports education research projects that will contribute to the improvement of education, broadly conceived, with budgets ranging from \$125,000 to \$500,000 for projects ranging from one to five years.	Feb. 24, 2026 (Pre-proposal); Jun. 23, 2026 (full)
 Engineering Information Foundation	Grantmaking Priorities	Grants support developmental, instructional, and training initiatives in two program areas, through enhanced communication skills and increasing women in engineering.	Feb. 28, 2026; Aug. 31, 2026
 Alzheimer's Association	Alzheimer's Association Research Grant (AARG)	Aims to fund early-career investigators who are less than 15 years past their doctoral degree or post-residency (M.D. or D.O.) with funding that will allow them to develop preliminary or pilot data, to test procedures and to develop hypotheses. The intent is to support early-career development that will lay the groundwork for future research grant applications to federal or other funding entities.	*Feb 2026 (LOI); *May 2026 (Full)
 Burroughs Wellcome Fund	Innovation in Regulatory Science	Provides up to \$500,000 over five years to academic investigators developing new methodologies or innovative approaches in regulatory science that will ultimately inform the regulatory decisions the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and others make.	*Early 2026 (Last: Feb. 7, 2025)
 American Chemical Society	Petroleum Research Fund	Doctoral New Investigator (DNI) grants provide start-up funding for scientists and engineers in the United States who are within the first three years of their first academic appointment at the level of Assistant Professor or the equivalent.	*Mar. 6, 2026; Oct. 9, 2026 (Full)
 Lung Cancer Research Foundation	Research Grant on Prevention and Early Detection in Lung Cancer	Focuses on identifying, characterizing, and developing approaches and techniques that will allow early detection and/or prevention of lung cancer and gaining insight into pre-neoplastic processes in the lungs. The ultimate goal is to detect lung cancer at the earliest stages and subsequently increase survival and survivorship.	Mar. 10, 2026 (LOI); Jun. 2, 2026 (Full)
 Russell Sage Foundation	Core Research Grants	Provides external grants for social science research projects that address questions of interest under its programs and special initiatives, including: Behavioral Economics; the Future of Work; Race, Ethnicity, and Immigration; and Social, Political and Economic Inequality.	Mar. 11, 2026 (LOI, key areas); Jul. 15, 2026 (LOI, key areas); Jun. 18, 2026 (Full, key areas); Oct. 26, 2026 (Full, key areas)

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 American Association for Cancer Research (AACR)	Cancer Disparities Research Fellowship	Supports postdoctoral or clinical research fellows to conduct cancer disparities research and to establish a successful career path in this field. The proposed research may be in basic, translational, clinical, or population sciences research and must have direct applicability and relevance to cancer disparities.	Mar. 12, 2026 (Full)
 Scoliosis Research Society (SRS)	Directed Research Grants	Supports research focused on creation and validation of improved outcomes measures for adult spinal deformity patients that can be readily applied globally and across the range of low- to high-resource healthcare systems. Priority will be given to multi-center and preferably multi-continent study applications.	Mar. 15, 2026 (LOI); May 15, 2026 (Full)
 Thrasher Research Fund	Early Career Awards	Early Career Awards encourage the development of medical research in child health by awarding small grants to new researchers.	Mar. 17, Sep. 1, 2026 (Concept); Early May, Mid-Oct. (Full)
 Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI)	PCORI Eugene Washington Engagement Award Program	Supports bringing more patients, families, caregivers and the broader healthcare community into the research process, funding projects that build communities equipped to engage in patient-centered comparative clinical effectiveness research (CER).	Mar. 30, 2026 (LOI)
 Spencer Foundation	Research-Practice Partnerships: Collaborative Research for Educational Change	Supports education research projects that engage in collaborative and participatory partnerships with project budgets up to \$400,000 and durations of up to three years.	Mar. 31, 2026 (Full)
 Brain & Brain Behavior Research Foundation	Young Investigator Program	Aims to help researchers launch careers in neuroscience and psychiatry and gather pilot data to apply for larger federal and university grants.	*Mar. 2026 (Last: Mar. 12, 2025)
 Robert Wood Johnson Foundation	Systems for Action: Local Data for Equitable Communities	Invites eligible nonprofit organizations in the U.S. to apply for a grant to collect, analyze, and use data to address inequities in the physical, economic, and social conditions of a place.	*Early 2026 (Jan. 27, 2026 release)
 Russell Sage Foundation	Causal Research on the Criminal Justice System	Aims to cultivate a pipeline of researchers conducting causal research on the criminal justice system. Criminal justice policies and practices include the work of police, courts, jails, prisons, probation and parole, and immigration detention.	Apr. 1, 2026 (Full)

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 Whitehall Foundation	Research Grants	Provides research grants for established scientists with a focus on basic research in neurobiology, defined as follows: Invertebrate and vertebrate (excluding clinical) neurobiology, specifically investigations of neural mechanisms involved in sensory, motor, and other complex functions of the whole organism as these relate to behavior. The overall goal should be to better understand behavioral output or brain mechanisms of behavior.	Apr. 15, Oct. 1, Jan. 15, (LOIs); Feb. 15, Jun. 1, Sep. 1 (Full)
 Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research	Therapeutics Pipeline Program	Seeks to advance therapeutic development through pre-clinical and/or clinical testing of approaches addressing unmet needs of people with Parkinson's disease (PD). The program is set up to benefit therapeutics with clear potential to prevent, stop, or delay disease progression or to reduce the burden of daily symptoms. Accepting both pre-clinical and clinical projects.	Apr. 23, 2026; Jun. 25, 2026 (Full)
 Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI)	Addressing Sensory Health Needs Across the Lifespan	Seeks to fund high-impact, patient-centered comparative clinical effectiveness research (CER) that focus on advancing care and outcomes across the lifespan for people living with sensory health conditions. Proposed CER projects should inform health decisions for people with sensory disorders, their families and care partners in the United States experiencing high burdens and practice variations in sensory health care and outcomes.	Apr. 28, 2026 (LOI); Sep. 1, 2026 (Full)
 Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI)	PCORI Broad Pragmatic Studies	Invites applications for high-quality comparative clinical effectiveness research (CER) projects aligned with at least one of PCORI's National Priorities for Health, including: Increase Evidence for Existing Interventions and Emerging Innovations in Health; Accelerate Progress Toward an Integrated Learning Health System; Achieve Health Equity; or Advance the Science of Dissemination, Implementation and Health Communication.	Apr. 28, 2026 (LOI); Sep. 1, 2026 (Full)
 The Retirement Research Foundation	Research Grants	Funds research that seeks to identify interventions, policies and practices to improve the well-being of older adults and/or their caregivers. Preference is given to projects aimed at generating practical knowledge and guidance that can be used by advocates, policymakers, providers, and the aging network.	May 1, Nov. 1, Feb. 1 (LOIs); Aug. 5, Feb. 5, May 5 (Full)
 Spencer Foundation	Spencer Foundation Research Grants on Education: Small	Supports education research projects that will contribute to the improvement of education, broadly conceived, with budgets up to \$50,000 for projects ranging from one to five years.	*Spring and Fall 2026 (Last: Dec. 15, 2025)
 American Cancer Society	Research Scholar Grants (RSG)	Provides support for independent, self-directed researchers for investigator-initiated research addressing questions across the cancer research continuum, as long as they fit within an American Cancer Society (ACS) priority research area.	Jun. 1, 2026; Dec. 1, 2026

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 William T. Grant Foundation	William T. Grant Scholars 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
 Spencer Foundation	Racial Equity Special Research Grants	Supports rigorous, intellectually ambitious, and technically sound research that is relevant to the most pressing questions and compelling opportunities in relation to racial equity in education.	*Jun. 2026 (Last: Jun. 25, 2025)
 Thrasher Research Fund	E.W. "Al" Thrasher Awards	E.W. "Al" Thrasher Awards focus on projects that are changing pediatric clinical care. Each award is a novel approach to problems plaguing pediatrics. The award is open to applications focusing on any disease or topic within the umbrella of pediatrics, both in and outside the United States.	Jul. 14, 2026 (Concept); Oct. 29, 2026 (Full)
 William T. Grant Foundation	Research Grants on Improving the Use of Research Evidence	Supports studies about how to improve the use of research evidence in ways that benefit youth, exploring what it takes to produce useful research evidence, what it takes to get research used, and what happens when research is used.	Jul. 29, 2026 (full)
 William T. Grant Foundation	Research Grants on Reducing Inequality	Supports research to build, test, or increase understanding of programs, policies, or practices to reduce inequality in the academic, social, behavioral, or economic outcomes of young people ages 5-25 in the United States.	Jul. 29, 2026 (full)
 John Templeton Foundation	Funding Areas	Funds ground-breaking research in: Character Virtue Development; Individual Freedom & Free Markets; Life Sciences; Mathematical & Physical Sciences; Public Engagement; and Religion, Science, and Society.	Aug. 14, 2026 (OFI); Jan. 15, 2027 (Full)
 Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation	Distinguished Scholars	Supports research proposals from any of the natural and social sciences and aligned disciplines that promise to increase understanding of the causes, manifestations, and control of violence and aggression. Highest priority is given to research that addresses urgent, present-day problems of violence—what produces it, how it operates, and what prevents or reduces it.	*Aug. 2026 (Last: Aug. 1, 2025)
 Burroughs Wellcome Fund	Climate + Health Excellence (CHEX) Centers	Institutional research and training opportunity that will help institutions bridge the gaps between fields that will have important roles to play in understanding the impacts of climate change on human health and diminishing their effects.	*Summer 2026 (Last: Aug. 7, 2025)
 American Philosophical Society	Franklin Research Grants	Designed to help meet the costs of travel to libraries and archives for research purposes; the purchase of microfilm, photocopies, or equivalent research materials; the costs associated with fieldwork; or laboratory research expenses.	*Oct. 1, 2026; Dec. 1, 2026 (Last: Oct. 1, 2025; Dec. 1, 2025)

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 Howard Hughes Medical Institute (HHMI)	Early Career Faculty Program	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
 American Educational Research Association (AERA)	Research Grant Proposals	Supports research to advance fundamental knowledge of relevance to STEM education policy, foster significant science using education data, promote equity in STEM, and build research capacity in education and learning.	*Fall 2026 (Last: Oct. 6, 2025)
 American Council on Learned Societies	Digital Justice Development Grants	Supports projects that: critically engage with the interests and histories of people of color and other historically marginalized communities; advance beyond the prototyping or proof-of-concept phase and articulate the next financial, technological, and intellectual phases of project development; cultivate greater openness to new sources of knowledge and strategic approaches to content building and knowledge dissemination; engage in capacity building efforts.	*Late 2026 (Las: Nov. 20, 2025)
 American Heart Association	Rapid Impact Research Award	Aims to fund early- and mid-career investigators proposing innovative science studies aligned with sudden cardiac arrest/resuscitation science, Cardiovascular Kidney Metabolic (CKM) Syndrome, or stroke and/or vascular dementias.	*Early 2027 (Last: Jan. 22, 2026)
 Burroughs Wellcome Fund	Climate Change and Human Health Seed Grants	Small grants to promote the growth of new connections between scholars, practitioners, educators, and/or communicators working to understand, spread the word about, and mitigate the impacts of climate change on human health.	*Early 2027 (Last: Jan. 22, 2026)
 Andrew W. Mellon Foundation	Humanities in Place Program	Aims to strengthen, promote, and defend the contributions of the humanities and arts through four primary programs: Higher Learning; Arts and Culture; Public Knowledge; and Humanities in Place.	Rolling
 Carnegie Corporation of New York	Grantmaking Priorities	Supports relevant grants in the areas of Education, Democracy, and International Peace and Security.	Rolling
 Henry Luce Foundation	Grantmaking Priorities	Supports research and education initiatives through separate programs for American Art, Asia, Democracy, Ethics, and Public Trust, Indigenous Knowledge, Luce Scholars, Religion & Theology, Women in STEM.	Rolling

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 Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research	Bridge Funding for Disrupted Neurodegenerative Research Grant Program	Aims to 1) ensure support for early career researchers (based on NIH definition), who have not yet had the opportunity to fully establish their labs and position their projects for ongoing funding, and 2) provide bridge or interim funding for salary and other direct costs for research projects focused on Alzheimer's disease, Frontotemporal Dementia, Parkinson's disease, Dementia with Lewy Bodies, atypical Parkinson's and/or other related disorders that have been impacted by a series of changes at NIH.	Rolling
 Simons Foundation	Simons Foundation Targeted Grants in MPS	Program is intended to support high-risk theoretical mathematics, physics and computer science projects of exceptional promise and scientific importance on a case-by-case basis.	Rolling
 Alfred P. Sloan Foundation	Research Program	Supports research under the following programs: (1) Economics; (2) Energy and Environment; (3) History of Science & Technology; (4) Matter-to-Life; (5) Sloan Digital Sky Survey; and (6) Small Scale Fundamental Physics.	Rolling (LOI)

