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Please be aware that any grant that brings in less than 15% in indirect costs (IDC) will need to be supplemented up to the 15% equivalent by existing investigator or departmental sundry funds. Resolution of this issue must occur prior to submitting a proposal. Training fellowships from foundations, public charity, and non-profit organizations are excluded from this minimum IDC requirement.

For MGH investigators selected through a competitive process as the institutional nominee for any limited submission funding opportunities, in situations in which the grant will bring in less than 15% indirect cost (IDC), ECOR will cover the IDC gap up to a maximum of $50,000 per year. In order to optimize the distribution of limited ECOR funds across the MGH research community, it is expected that PIs and departments will work together to cover the remaining IDC shortfall.

This policy is only effective for those limited submission opportunities in which MGH is invited to submit its own nominee(s). This policy does not apply for those limited submission opportunities in which the MGH investigator must apply through HMS.

For further questions, please contact ECOR at ecor@mgh.harvard.edu

We ask that all MGH Investigators interested in applying for any limited submission award submit a Letter of Intent (see detailed instructions below) to the MGH Executive Committee on Research (ECOR) by the deadline indicated for each award to be considered to receive an institutional nomination.

Process
Submit a one- to two-page Letter of Intent (LOI) to the MGH Executive Committee on Research (ECOR) via email to ecor@mgh.harvard.edu. In addition to your LOI, please include an NIH Biosketch.

The letter of intent should include:

1. *Name of the Principal Investigator with appropriate contact information*
2. *A descriptive title of the potential application*
3. *Brief description of the project*
4. *Brief description of why you specifically should be selected to receive institutional nomination for this award*

In the event that there is more than one MGH investigator interested in applying for a limited submission award, the LOIs will be used to assess candidates and a review and selection process will take place.

If there is a limited submission funding opportunity you do not see listed below or you have any additional questions, please let us know at ecor@mgh.harvard.edu.

CURRENT OPPORTUNITIES

1. AHA Disparities in Cardio-Oncology: Strategically Focused Research Networks

https://professional.heart.org/-/media/phd-files/research/strategically-focused-research-networks/disparities-in-cardiooncology-request-for-applications.pdf?la=en
MGH LOI Deadline: 1/19/21
Sponsor LOI Deadline: 2/09/21
Sponsor Deadline: 3/30/21

A Strategically Focused Research Network (SFRN) is a mechanism that provides AHA an opportunity to address key strategic issues as determined by the AHA Board of Directors. Specific SFRNs focus on the

understanding, prevention, diagnosis and treatment of a particular research topic of interest. Three to five (3-5) Research Centers will make up the Network and will be supported for a period of four (4) years.

Centers seek to have basic, clinical and/or population/behavioral health teams join together and submit proposals which address the designated topic via their individual areas of expertise. The most meritorious Center applications and their research projects will be combined by the AHA to form an AHA Strategically Focused Research Network. Broad collaborations for expertise are highly encouraged.

This SFRN provides the AHA with a mechanism to advance the understanding of the causes, pathophysiology, risk factors, epidemiology, prevention and treatment of cardiovascular disease in those patients who are currently undergoing or have undergone cancer treatment (or applicable models). Applicants are requested to focus in particular on areas that have not been previously explored in cardio-oncology, and must include diverse and/or underrepresented cohorts in proposed studies. The intent of this initiative is to support a collaboration of basic, clinical and population (or implementation) researchers whose collective efforts will lead to new approaches to the study of cardio- oncology. Each Center must propose two (2) or three (3) projects representing **at least two** of the following research disciplines: basic, clinical, and population science.

The Center Director and participating principal investigators must demonstrate the following: a 20% minimum effort requirement for the Director, a 5% minimum effort for the Training Director and a 10% minimum effort requirement for Principal Investigators (PI) of Center projects. These responsibilities are mutually exclusive. The maximum budget amount a Center applicant may request is **$2,925,000**.

Letter of intent instructions

In addition to the NIH biosketch, the letter of intent (2-3 pages) should include:

1. *Name of the Center Director with appropriate contact information*
2. *A descriptive title of the potential application*
3. *List of participating principal investigators*
4. *Brief description of your Center. Be sure to state the specific aims of your Center, followed by a list of the Projects that will be submitted with the Center application.*
5. *Brief description of why you specifically should be selected to receive the institutional nomination for this award*

2. Using Innovative Intervention Strategies to Improve Health Outcomes among People with HIV – Coordinating Center

https://www.hrsa.gov/grants/find-funding/hrsa-21-076
MGH LOI Deadline: 2/01/21
Sponsor Application Deadline: 3/08/21

This notice announces the opportunity to apply for fiscal year 2021 (FY21) Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Special Projects of National Significance (SPNS) Program funding for the initiative *Using Innovative Intervention Strategies to Improve Health Outcomes among People with HIV – Coordinating Center*. The purpose of this initiative is to use an implementation science framework to identify innovative intervention strategies in four (4) focus areas, pilot test the intervention strategies at subawarded sites and provide technical assistance (TA), and develop replication tools and products. HRSA will provide funding in the form of a cooperative agreement to support one (1) organization for up

to four (4) years to serve as the Innovative Intervention Strategies Coordinating Center for Technical Assistance (2iS CCTA). The 2iS CCTA will solicit and subaward up to 20 Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program (RWHAP)-funded recipients/subrecipients (approximately five sites per focus area) to serve as implementation sites where one (1) intervention strategy per site will be piloted. The piloted intervention strategies will be evaluated through the companion funding opportunity announcement titled *Using Innovative Intervention Strategies to Improve Health Outcomes among People with HIV – Evaluation Center* (2iS EC; HRSA- 21-068). Ultimately, the 2iS EC's evaluation findings will determine dissemination plans for the replication tools developed by the 2iS CCTA. Please review this companion announcement for more information about the role of the 2iS EC.

3. Using Innovative Intervention Strategies to Improve Health Outcomes among People with HIV – Evaluation Center

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4. Mentored Research Experiences for Genetic Counselors (R25)

https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-21-074.html
MGH LOI Deadline: 3/02/21
NIH LOI Deadline: 4/25/21
NIH Application Deadline: 5/25/21

The NIH Research Education Program (R25) supports research education activities in the mission areas of the NIH. The overarching goal of this NHGRI R25 program is to help recruit individuals with specific specialty or disciplinary backgrounds to research careers in biomedical, behavioral and clinical sciences.

To accomplish the stated over-arching goal, this funding opportunity announcement (FOA) will support innovative educational activities with a primary focus on ***Research Experiences*.**

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5. Research Experience in Genomic Research for Data Scientists (R25)

https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-21-075.html

MGH LOI Deadline: 3/02/21

NIH LOI Deadline: 4/25/21

NIH Application Deadline: 5/25/21

The NIH Research Education Program (R25) supports research education activities in the mission areas of the NIH. The overarching goal of this NHGRI R25 program is to support educational activities that encourage individuals from diverse backgrounds, including those from groups underrepresented in the biomedical and behavioral sciences, to pursue further studies or careers in research.

To accomplish the stated over-arching goal, this funding opportunity announcement (FOA) will support creative educational activities with a primary focus on ***Research Experiences.***

6. Tuberculosis Research Advancement Centers (P30 Clinical Trials Not Allowed) – NEW!

https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-AI-21-001.html

MGH LOI Deadline: 4/12/21

NIH LOI Deadline: 5/15/21

NIH Application Deadline: 6/15/21

The purpose of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is to solicit meritorious applications for the Tuberculosis Research Advancement Centers (TRACs) program. The main goal of these centers is to provide administrative and shared research support to foster and elevate multidisciplinary tuberculosis (TB) research and provide exceptional mentorship to New Investigators. TRACs will provide core facilities, services and mentoring opportunities to achieve the goals of the program.

7. New Chemistries for Un-drugged Targets through A Specialized Platform for Innovative Research Exploration (ASPIRE) Collaborative Research Program (UG3/UH3 Clinical Trials Not Allowed)

https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-TR-21-001.html

MGH LOI Deadline: 5/04/21

NIH LOI Deadline: 6/08/21

NIH Application Deadline: 7/08/21

The purpose of the ASPIRE Collaborative Research Program is to facilitate translational and clinical research between NCATS intramural scientists and the extramural community to develop approaches that will enhance the ability to discover and develop new chemistries towards previously undrugged biological targets (i.e., biological targets with no known drugs to modulate their function) across many human diseases and conditions. NCATS intramural scientists have established an integrated NCATS ASPIRE platform consisting of physical and virtual modules for automated synthetic chemistry, artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning (ML), engineering, informatics, and biological testing. The FOA will support intramural - extramural collaborations to develop additional physical modules that will enhance the platform's capabilities. The anticipated outcome includes identification, design, synthesis, and validation of new chemical entities as starting points for drug development of novel targets, and the expansion of chemical space available for drug screening.

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