



**FOUNDATION FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES: JUNE 4, 2021**

Please contact Corporate & Foundation Relations in the Office of Development at [devcfr@mgh.harvard.edu](mailto:devcfr@mgh.harvard.edu) if you wish to submit a proposal in response to any of these opportunities. Note that proposals are still routed through the standard InfoEd/Research Management process.

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.

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**1. Distinguished Investigator Innovation Grants, American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP)**

All AFSP research grants are designed to support research on suicide from a variety of disciplines, including psychiatry, medicine, psychology, genetics, epidemiology, neurobiology, sociology, nursing, social work, health services administration, and many others. Grants are not intended to support the development or implementation of prevention programs, educational programs, treatments, or other interventions that do not have a significant research component.

Eligibility requirements (partial list):

- Individuals may be awarded up to two DIGs during their lifetime. Those having had two DIGs remain eligible for LSRG, SRG, Focus Grants, and Pilot Grants.

Citizenship: Unrestricted

Award Amount: \$125,000 paid over 2 years

Indirect Costs: None

Application Deadline: November 15, 2021

Website: <https://afsp.org/our-work/research/grant-information/>



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## **2. Focus Grants: Blue Sky Research Grant, American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP)**

Supports an innovative, impactful study in an area of suicide research that will achieve significant goals. This mechanism is intended for studies that, by their very nature, are clearly beyond the financial scope of our Innovation Grants.

The goal of this grant is creating innovative projects in new areas of investigation with potentially high impact for the understanding and prevention of suicide. Open to all fields of inquiry.

Award Amount: \$1.5 million paid over 3 years

Indirect Costs: None

LOI Deadline: August 1, 2021

(Invited) Application Deadline: December 7, 2021

Website: <https://afsp.org/research-focus-grants>

## **3. Focus Grants: Reaching 20% by 2025, American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP)**

AFSP has set a goal to reduce our nation's suicide rate 20% by 2025. We believe that by targeting areas known to contribute to suicide burden we can reach this goal. This Focus Grant RFA seeks applications that address potential biological, psychological, social and/or environmental pathways and interventions that can significantly reduce the national suicide rate if ultimately implemented on a large scale.

The goal of this grant is creating universal, selective and indicated interventions that target one or more specific risk factors for suicide and that, if implemented on a large scale, would reduce the annual U.S. suicide rates.

Citizenship: United States

Award Amount: \$1.5 million paid over 3 years

Indirect Costs: None

LOI Deadline: August 1, 2021

(Invited) Application Deadline: December 7, 2021

Website: <https://afsp.org/research-focus-grants>

## **4. Focus Grants: Short-Term Risk, American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP)**

The Focus Grant for Short-Term Risk is open to innovative, potentially high-yield proposals that focus on short-term risk for suicide.

The goal of this grant is to develop identification and/or intervention strategies for short-term suicide risk that can be implemented in clinical settings.

Citizenship: United States

Award Amount: \$1.5 million paid over 3 years  
Indirect Costs: None  
LOI Deadline: August 1, 2021  
(Invited) Application Deadline: December 7, 2021  
Website: <https://afsp.org/research-focus-grants>

### **5. Linked Standard Research Innovation Grants, American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP)**

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Citizenship: Unrestricted

Award Amount: \$450,000 paid over 2 years  
Indirect Costs: None  
LOI Deadline: September 15, 2021  
(Invited) Application Deadline: November 15, 2021  
Website: <https://afsp.org/our-work/research/grant-information/>

### **6. Postdoctoral Research Fellowship Innovation Grants, American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP)**

Postdoctoral Research Fellowships are training grants designed to enable young investigators to qualify for independent careers in suicide research. The training can be in either basic or clinical research and must be full-time; that is, Fellows are expected to devote at least 40 hours per week to the training program and may not have any significant clinical or other responsibilities during the funding period.

Citizenship: Unrestricted

Award Amount: \$120,000 paid over 2 years  
Indirect Costs: None  
Application Deadline: November 15, 2021  
Website: <https://afsp.org/our-work/research/grant-information/>

### **7. Standard Research Innovation Grants, American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP)**

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intended to support the development or implementation of prevention programs, educational programs, treatments, or other interventions that do not have a significant research component.

Grants awarded to individual investigators at any level.

Citizenship: Unrestricted

Award Amount: \$100,000 paid over 2 years

Indirect Costs: None

Application Deadline: November 15, 2021

Website: <https://afsp.org/our-work/research/grant-information/>

### **8. Young Investigator Innovation Grant, American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP)**

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An additional purpose of the Young Investigator Grant is to assist new researchers to obtain the advice, guidance and supervision of an established mentor in a selected area of suicide research.

Eligibility requirements (partial list):

- Someone who is or has been a PI on an NIH/NIMH research grant or its equivalent does not qualify as a Young Investigator.

Citizenship: Unrestricted

Award Amount: \$90,000 paid over 2 years

Indirect Costs: None

Application Deadline: November 15, 2021

Website: <https://afsp.org/our-work/research/grant-information/>

### **9. High Impact Clinical Trials in Pancreatic and Biliary Tract Cancer, Anticancer Fund **NEW!****

The sponsor is seeking to support clinical trials testing novel and unique strategies in the treatment of patients diagnosed with pancreatic ductal adenocarcinomas (PDAC) and/or biliary tract cancer (BTC). The proposal needs to have the potential to have a high impact (e.g. improve cure rate or survival) on the treatment of these cancers.

They are looking for innovative approaches extrapolated from laboratory work in relevant cancer models or extrapolated from other cancer types but deemed applicable in PDAC and/or BTC. Both early phase trials as later phase trials with an out-of-the-box concept are permitted. In principal, generating proof-of concept data or exploring novel promising interventions not

investigated yet or building on preliminary pilot data are welcomed. Proposals might not be deemed innovative if the intervention is being or has been investigated by other groups or if there is only a small incremental gain in knowledge and/or outcome.

Citizenship: Unrestricted

Award Amount: The sponsor foresees a total budget of \$3 million and anticipates supporting up to 1-3 trials with this budget.

Indirect Costs: None

LOI Deadline: June 30, 2021

Application Deadline: October 17, 2021

Website: <https://www.anticancerfund.org/en/request-application>

#### **10. Research Grants, Merck KGaA**

In 2021, the sponsor is offering a series of research grants to stimulate innovative research in challenging areas of future importance. Grants are available in the following areas:

- Drug Discovery
- Real time Testing and Sensors
- Nanoparticle for Nucleic Acid Delivery
- Digital Innovation in Biopharma R&D
- Bioelectronics
- Cell Culture Media Recycling for Cultured Meat
- Organoids
- Sustainability

Citizenship: Unrestricted

Award Amount: €120,000-€1.35 million EUR paid over 3 years (approx. \$146,000-\$1.6 million)

Indirect Costs: Unspecified

Application Deadline: August 31, 2021

Website: <https://www.emdgroup.com/en/research/open-innovation/2021-research-grants.html>

#### **11. Advanced Fellowship in Pediatric Endoscopy, North American Society for Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition (NASPGHAN)**

The ever-increasing complexity of pediatric patients with gastrointestinal, liver and/or pancreatic problems has created a need for pediatric gastroenterologists who are skilled in advanced endoscopic procedures. These skills are difficult to acquire in the course of routine pediatric GI Fellowship training experiences. To address this growing need and to provide a pathway for training of pediatric experts, the NASPGHAN Foundation desires to develop an advanced fellowship in pediatric endoscopy.

The primary objective of the fellowship is to catalyze and increase the number of highly-trained, expert endoscopists clinicians and educators among the membership of NASPGHAN, as a means to improve service to our patients and the public.

Eligibility requirements (partial list):

- The applicant must be a MD, DO and a member in good standing of the North American Society for Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition.
- Applications will be accepted from candidates who are within ten years of their GI fellowship training.
- Fellowships may be conducted in a variety of settings, including hospital-based programs, university endoscopy programs, government programs, or not-for-profit entities.
- The applicant may not hold salary funding from any other granting agency for the award period.
- Although not required, strong preference will be given to applicants seeking training at a location distinct from the institution in which their fellowship training occurred.

Citizenship: United States

Award Amount: \$75,000 for 1 year

Indirect Costs: None

Application Deadline: August 23, 2021

Website: <https://naspghan.org/research/naspghan-foundation-grants/>

## **12. Understanding Healthcare Disparities in IBD Patients in Underserved Communities, Pfizer Global Medical Grants (GMG) **NEW!****

Projects that will be considered for support will focus on understanding healthcare disparities among underrepresented populations in IBD with a special emphasis on healthcare resources access and utilization.

Examples include but are not limited to: Access to gastroenterologist-led care, access to appropriate therapies and testing, assessing appropriate steroid utilization, ER/Urgent Care use, and healthcare maintenance (such as vaccination, bone health, lab monitoring, cancer prevention, smoking cessation, behavioral health and/or nutritional assessment).

Projects which entail systematic and continuous actions able to demonstrate measurable outcomes via methodologically rigorous methods will be given the highest priority.

Priority will also be given to projects that address patients who are part of a medically underserved population; this is defined as patients who have experienced health and/or healthcare system disparities secondary to social determinants of health.

It is not our intent to support clinical research projects. Projects evaluating the efficacy of therapeutic or diagnostic agents will not be considered.

Citizenship: United States

Award Amount: \$250,000

Indirect Costs: 28%

Application Deadline: June 25, 2021

Website: <https://www.pfizer.com/purpose/independent-grants/competitive-grants>

### **13. Research in Robotic Surgical Technology, American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons (ASCRS)/Research Foundation of ASCRS**

The purpose of this grant is to provide an investigator the opportunity to pursue research interest, specifically germane to robotic surgical technology in the field of colon and rectal surgery. It is anticipated that successful research projects, initially funded through The Research Foundation of the ASCRS granting mechanism, will ultimately secure funding from other national funding agencies.

Eligibility requirements (partial list):

- ASCRS members must be co-principal investigators or principal investigators
- Applicant submitting a proposal to this funding opportunity may not submit the same application to any other funding body at the same time
- Prior to submitting an application, any proposed research that includes human or animal studies must have approval from the institutions appropriate review board

Citizenship: Unspecified

Award Amount:

- Single investigator award: \$50,000 for 1 year
- Collaborative award: \$100,000 for 1 year

Indirect Costs: None

Application Deadline: August 15, 2021

Website: <https://fascrs.org/my-ascrs/research-foundation/grants-awards>

### **14. Career Development Award, Sleep Research Society Foundation (SRSF)**

The goal of these mentored awards is to invest in promising early career researchers and assist with their transition into independence as junior investigators.

The awards are intended to further our understanding of sleep, circadian rhythms and sleep/circadian rhythm disorders. Submitted proposals will need to be considered cutting edge sleep/circadian research.

Eligibility requirements (partial list):

- Applicants must be early career investigators within 10 years of receiving their doctoral degree who are at the post-doctoral, instructor, or assistant professor level.
- SRS membership in good standing.

Citizenship: Unrestricted

Award Amount: \$50,000 for 1 year

Indirect Costs: None

Application Deadline: August 29, 2021

Website: <https://www.sleepresearchsociety.org/foundation/srsf-career-development-award/>

### **15. Individual Research Grants, Wings for Life (WFL) Spinal Cord Research Foundation**

Wings for Life is a non-profit research organization with the exclusive aim to support basic and clinical research related to spinal cord injury. Research projects may address all aspects of spinal cord lesions, nerve regeneration, trophic support of injured neurons and functional changes induced by lesions (preferentially in mammals).

Proposals should have a view to translation from the laboratory to the clinical setting and have the potential to provide real benefits to human patients.

Clinical research projects can be situated in the fields of diagnosis, acute lesion management (including surgery), neurology, urology, rehabilitation and other areas related to paraplegia.

This grant is intended only to cover the salary of the applicant: Post-docs, PhDs, and/or technicians. The goals of the individual research grant program are to encourage new investigator's work on regeneration and recovery processes and to encourage researchers to develop new ideas and/or to transfer their efforts of other areas into spinal cord research.

Citizenship: Unrestricted

Award Amount:

- Post-Doc: €171,000 EUR (approx. \$192,447) paid over 3 years
- PhD Student: €102,000 EUR (approx. \$114,793) paid over 3 years
- Technician: €63,000 EUR (approx. \$70,892) paid over 3 years

Indirect Costs: 10%

Executive Summary Deadline: September 1, 2021

(Invited) Application Deadline: November 2, 2021

Website: <http://www.wingsforlife.com/en/latest/grant-application-479/>

### **16. Project Research Grant, Wings for Life (WFL) Spinal Cord Research Foundation**

The Wings for Life Spinal Cord Research Foundation is a privately funded research charity organisation with the exclusive aim to perform/promote basic and clinical research related to spinal cord injury.

Research projects may address

- all aspects of spinal cord lesions
- nerve regeneration



- trophic support of lesioned neurons
- functional changes induced by lesions
- preferentially in mammalian models

Proposals should have a view to

- translation from the laboratory to the clinical setting and
- have the potential to provide real benefits to human patients

Clinical research projects can be situated in the fields of

- diagnosis
- acute lesion management including surgery, neurology, urology, rehabilitation
- other areas related to paraplegia

Besides the translational aspect, another preference is given to projects, which focus also on chronic spinal cord injury.

Citizenship: Unrestricted

Award Amount: €300,000 EUR (approx. \$337,545) paid over 3 years

Indirect Costs: 10%

Executive Summary Deadline: September 1, 2021

(Invited) Application Deadline: November 2, 2021

Website: <http://www.wingsforlife.com/en/latest/grant-application-479/>