



**PRIVATE FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES: AUG 25, 2017**

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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.

**1. AGA-Takeda Pharmaceuticals Research Scholar Award in Inflammatory Bowel Disease, American Gastroenterological Association (AGA)/AGA Research Foundation New**

The objective of this award is to provide investigators funds to help establish their research careers or support pilot projects that represent new research directions. The intent of the award is to stimulate research in the areas of functional GI and motility disorders by providing time for investigators to obtain new data that can ultimately lead to subsequent grant applications for more substantial funding and duration.

Award Amount: \$270,000 paid over 3 years

Indirect Costs: None

Application Deadline: Sep 8, 2017

Website: <http://www.gastro.org/grants/aga-takeda-pharmaceuticals-research-scholar-award-in-inflammatory-bowel-disease>

**2. Clinical Scientist in Nephrology Program, American Kidney Fund (AKF)**

The goal of the Clinical Scientist in Nephrology (CSN) Program is to improve the quality of care provided to kidney patients and to promote clinical research in nephrology. This goal is achieved by enhancing the training of nephrologists who wish to pursue an academic career and whose primary professional commitment is to scholarship in the provision of patient care. Awardees conduct prevention and outcomes research while receiving advanced training in essential skills such as medical ethics, biostatistics and epidemiology.



Do you want to learn more about identifying external funding opportunities? See [ECOR's website](#) for information on the funding opps database, **COS Pivot** or contact Amy Robb <[arobb@mgh.harvard.edu](mailto:arobb@mgh.harvard.edu)> to schedule an individual consultation or group training session.

Award Amount: \$160,000 paid over 2 years

Indirect Costs: None

Application Deadline: Nov 20, 2017

Website: <http://www.kidneyfund.org/professionals/clinical-scientist-in-nephrology/>

### **3. MRA Young Investigator Awards, Melanoma Research Alliance (MRA)**

This program aims to attract early career scientists with novel ideas into melanoma research, thereby recruiting and supporting the next generation of melanoma researchers.

*Internal Coordination:* Multiple applications will be accepted from a single institution, provided that each application has a different PI and represents a distinct hypothesis.

Award Amount: \$225,000 paid over 3 years

Indirect Costs: None

Proposal Deadline: Nov 17, 2017

Website: <https://www.curemelanoma.org/research/request-for-proposals/>

### **4. MRA Established Investigators Academic-Industry Partnership Awards, Melanoma Research Alliance (MRA)**

The MRA is soliciting proposals that address the gap in translational science, i.e., turning scientific discoveries into tools and/or treatments for high risk individuals and melanoma patients. Successful proposals will offer the potential for translational development that could lead to high impact near-term clinical application in melanoma detection, prevention, diagnosis, staging, or treatment.

Award Amount: Recipients will receive up to \$100,000 per year for 2 to 3 years. Industry funds and/or in-kind support (e.g., reagents, clinical grade drugs, equipment, contract services) must match but may exceed MRA funds for the award period.

Indirect Costs: None

Full Proposal Deadline: Nov 17, 2017

Website: <http://www.curemelanoma.org/research/request-for-proposals/>

### **5. MRA Team Science Awards, Melanoma Research Alliance (MRA)**

Awards for team science are designed to foster a collaborative research process and promote transformational melanoma research advances with the potential for rapid clinical translation. Multidisciplinary teams will receive funding to support projects with the potential to lead to transformative advances in prevention, detection, diagnosis, staging and/or treatment of melanoma.

Team Science Awards have a collaborative and multidisciplinary emphasis, involving meaningful collaboration between participants. LOIs must include a description of the nature of and rationale for the proposed collaboration, the specific role of all PIs and the Young Investigator, and synergistic opportunities derived from the team proposed. Evidence of prior productive collaborations between members of the team is also useful.

Award Amount: \$900,000 paid over 3 years

Indirect Costs: None

LOI Deadline: Oct 6, 2017

Website: <http://www.curemelanoma.org/research/request-for-proposals/>

#### **6. Mitochondrial Biomarkers for Parkinson's Disease, Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research (MJFF)**

The Foundation seeks to support one-to-two year grants that will develop new or improved tools to identify mitochondrial biomarkers for Parkinson's disease. The specific goals of this initiative are to facilitate the discovery and development of mitochondrial biomarkers for:

- Assess PD diagnosis, disease progression, and/or patient stratification; and
- Identify mitochondrial readouts that would inform therapeutic efficacy and target engagement, or
- Uncover novel mitochondrial targets relevant to PD.

Our understanding of mitochondrial dysfunction in PD has been largely dependent on pre-clinical models. Our goal is to expand on these discoveries and apply the knowledge gained through these studies to human biospecimens. The purpose of the Mitochondrial Biomarkers RFA is to seek proposals that focus on human biospecimen-derived data to identify relevant PD biomarkers that would inform disease diagnosis, disease progression, patient stratification, and/or pharmacodynamic readouts.

Award Amount: Up to \$200,000 paid over 1-2 years

Indirect Costs: 25%

Preliminary Proposal Deadline: Sep 27, 2017

Website: [https://www.michaeljfox.org/research/grant-detail.php?id=32&et\\_cid=925999&et\\_rid=225026598&et\\_lid=Mitochondrial+Biomarkers+Linkem\\_cid](https://www.michaeljfox.org/research/grant-detail.php?id=32&et_cid=925999&et_rid=225026598&et_lid=Mitochondrial+Biomarkers+Linkem_cid)