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> to schedule an individual consultation or group training session.
disparities. New health public policy initiatives such as the new federal and state marketplaces that have expanded insurance coverage, as well as Medicaid expansion in some states, create natural experiments ripe for evaluation. Research to be funded by this RFA should focus on the changes in national, state, and/or local policy and the response to these changes by healthcare systems, insurers, payers, communities, practices, and patients.

The association is keenly interested in supporting rapid learning research to study the effects of health policy changes on patients, providers, and health systems. This includes but is not limited to:

- Facilitators and barriers to care;
- Unintended consequences;
- Differential experiences and outcomes of patients seeking or receiving care;
- Best practice models for quality care; and,
- Economic Impact

Citizenship: United States

Award Amount: $600,000-$1 million paid over 3-5 years
Indirect Costs: 20%
Application Deadline: Oct 15, 2018

3. RFA: Pilot and Exploratory Projects in Palliative Care of Cancer Patients and Their Families, American Cancer Society (ACS)

The development of the specialty of palliative medicine is a critical step in addressing the unmet needs of patients with serious illness and their families.

Awarded grants will provide funding for investigators to perform pilot and exploratory research studies with the purpose of testing interventions, developing research methodologies, or exploring novel areas of research in palliative care for cancer patients and their families. A condition of funding is a clearly defined plan as to how the investigator will use the results of the project to develop larger, extramurally funded research projects.

This RFA is limited to applications that focus on palliative care research projects for seriously ill cancer patients and their families in 3 specific areas:

1. Exploring the relationship of pain and other distressing symptoms on quality and quantity of life, independence, function, and disability and developing interventions directed at their treatment in patients with advanced and chronic illnesses;
2. Studying methods of improving communication between adults living with serious illness with their families and health care providers;
3. Evaluating models and systems of care for patients living with advanced illness and their families.

Citizenship: United States

Award Amount: $60,000-$120,000 paid over 1-2 years
Indirect Costs: 20%
Application Deadline: Oct 15, 2018

4. Linked Standard Research 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, health services administration, social work, 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.

AFSP suicide research grants program priority areas for 2017-19:
- Pain and suicide
- Opioids and suicide

Citizenship: Unrestricted

Award Amount: $300,000 paid over 2 years
Indirect Costs: None
LOI Deadline: Sep 15, 2018
Application Deadline: Nov 15, 2018
Website: https://afsp.org/our-work/research/grant-information/

5. Clinical Scientist in Nephrology Fellowship Program, American Kidney Fund (AKF)
The goal of the American Kidney Fund Clinical Scientist in Nephrology (CSN) fellowship program is to improve the quality of care provided to kidney patients and to promote clinical research in nephrology. The CSN program enhances 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. Our CSN fellows conduct prevention and outcomes research while receiving advanced training in essential skills such as medical ethics, biostatistics and epidemiology.
The Clinical Scientist in Nephrology program was established in 1988, and since that time has trained some of nephrology’s brightest scholars. Many former CSN fellows have gone on to distinguished careers in the field, conducting groundbreaking research that advances knowledge and treatment of kidney disease.

Citizenship: United States

Award Amount: $160,000 paid over 2 years
Indirect Costs: None
Application Deadline: Nov 30, 2018
Website: http://www.kidneyfund.org/professionals/clinical-scientist-in-nephrology/

6. Biology of Fibrosis in IBD, Crohn’s and Colitis Foundation of America, Inc. (CCFA) New

Half of all Crohn’s disease (CD) patients will develop disease complications, one which is development of fibrotic strictures (fibrostenosis), leading to GI tract obstruction and severe clinical consequences. Fibrostenosis is also a serious problem for ulcerative colitis (UC) with approximately 8% incidence over the lifetime. Currently there is no clinical solution for preventing or treating fibrostenosis in patients with inflammatory bowel disease (IBD), except for surgical intervention. Therefore, there is a great unmet need to understand fibrotic complications in IBD and how to prevent and treat them.

The Crohn’s & Colitis Foundation seeks to fund studies focused on investigating the biological mechanisms leading to, and protecting from, fibrosis in IBD. These studies should be built upon clinical observations and/or published evidence in human IBD. Particular interest will be on proposals that address one or more of the following areas:

- Pathophysiology of fibrosis based on documented patterns of gene expression
- Cell biological mechanisms of fibrosis - role of different cell types
- Biology of strictureplasty

A multidisciplinary approach is preferred, for example, studies including in vitro models (e.g. human intestinal organoids), analysis of human biopsies, animal models of fibrosis, biophysical studies, and imaging approaches.

Citizenship: Unrestricted

Award Amount: $900,000 paid over 3 years
Indirect Costs: 10%
Application Deadline: Sep 7, 2018
Website: http://www.crohnscolitisfoundation.org/science-and-professionals/research/fibrosisrfp.html
7. Scholar in Clinical Research Awards, Leukemia & Lymphoma Society (LLS)
The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, Inc. (LLS) is a national voluntary health agency dedicated to the conquest of hematologic malignancies and relevant premalignant conditions. LLS supports research, patient aid, community service programs, advocacy, and public and professional education. Through the Career Development Program, LLS supports talented blood cancer researchers in the early phase of their careers. CDP continues to provide a pool of dedicated researchers to advance the understanding and diagnosis of cancer, as well as the development of treatment and prevention options that will ultimately lead to cures for blood cancer patients.

Citizenship: Unrestricted

Award Amount: $625,000 paid over 5 years
Indirect Costs: 5%
Eligibility Phase Deadline: Sep 1, 2018
Abstract Deadline: Sep 15, 2018
Full Application Deadline: Oct 3, 2018
Website: [http://www.lls.org/research/career-development-program](http://www.lls.org/research/career-development-program)

8. Target Advancement Program, Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson’s Research (MJFF)
The Michael J. Fox Foundation believes that a major hurdle in the development of promising treatments for Parkinson’s disease (PD) is the need for well-validated targets linked to the disease process. By promoting critical target validation studies within academic and industry laboratories, MJFF investments can help de-risk subsequent drug development and ultimately accelerate the advancement of innovative therapies for Parkinson’s patients. Part of our Edmond J. Safra Core Programs for PD Research, the Target Advancement program seeks to build robust evidence to rationalize biological pathways and targets for further translation into new Parkinson’s treatments.

Target Advancement awards support research characterizing promising, novel PD-relevant targets or continuing target biology work on established PD targets. Preferred targets for this program already demonstrate links to PD in human patient populations. These awards are well-suited to projects in which hypothetical or experimental rationale for a target is compelling but limited, and study results can make the case for continuing (or discontinuing) a line of research.

Citizenship: Unrestricted

Award Amount: Up to $150,000 paid over 12-18 months
Indirect Costs: 25%
Preliminary Proposal Deadline: Sep 26, 2018
Full Proposal Deadline: Jan 22, 2019
Website: [https://www.michaeljfox.org/research/grant-detail.php?id=27](https://www.michaeljfox.org/research/grant-detail.php?id=27)
9. **Therapeutic Pipeline Program, Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research (MJFF)**

The Michael J. Fox Foundation seeks applications with potential for fundamentally altering disease course and/or significantly improving treatment of symptoms above and beyond current standards of care. Proposals must have a well-defined plan for moving toward clinical utility for patients. The Therapeutic Pipeline Program is open to industry and academic investigators proposing novel approaches or repositioning approved or clinically safe therapies from non-PD indications. Part of our Edmond J. Safra Core Programs for PD Research, the Therapeutic Pipeline Program advances Parkinson’s disease therapeutic development along the pre-clinical and clinical path (both drug and non-pharmacological therapeutics, including gene therapy, biological, surgical and non-invasive approaches).

Therapeutic Pipeline awards support prospective studies or retrospective studies utilizing existing data in human biofluids.

Citizenship: Unrestricted

**Award Amount:**
- Pre-Clinical: $100,000-$500,000 paid over 1-2 years
- Clinical: $1-2 million paid over 2-3 years

**Indirect Costs:** 25%

**Preliminary Proposal Deadline:** Sep 26, 2018

**Full Proposal Deadline:** Jan 22, 2019

**Website:** [https://www.michaeljfox.org/research/grant-detail.php?id=28](https://www.michaeljfox.org/research/grant-detail.php?id=28)

10. **Center for Regulatory Excellence Grant, National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN)**

The Center for Regulatory Excellence (CRE) grant program provides funding for scientific research projects that advance the science of nursing policy and regulation and build regulatory expertise worldwide.

**Research Priorities:**
- Substance use disorders in nursing
- National and international regulatory issues
- Remediation
- Innovations in nursing education
- Delegation
- Impact of legalized marijuana
- Economic analyses, e.g., Nurse Licensure Compact, APRN practice, etc.

Citizenship: Unrestricted
11. Grant Projects, Society of American Gastrointestinal Endoscopic Surgeons (SAGES)/SAGES Education & Research Foundation New
The SAGES Education and Research Foundation was founded to be an alternative resource for minimal access surgical research and education. Through focused grant-making, the SAGES Foundation provides institutions, physicians, fellows and academicians with funding support to create evidence-based standards of practice, develop up-to-date training programs, and carry out long term research that others will not fund.

Common endeavors supported by the foundation are:
- Educational programs in minimally invasive surgical techniques and procedures
- Assessment tools and methodology of surgical skills and competence
- Development of surgical trainers and educators
- Technology that supports and advances minimally invasive surgery
- Preceptorship networks
- Development of surgical training tools
- Outcomes studies
- New and emerging minimally invasive research
- Research fellowships

Citizenship: Unspecified

Award Amount: Up to $100,000 for 1 year
Indirect Costs: None
Application Deadline: Sep 7, 2018
Website: https://www.sagesfoundation.org/guidelines/

12. Grants for Research and Development Projects, Stiftelsen Promobilia - Promobilia Foundation
The aim of the Foundation is to promote the development of technical aids so that disabled persons could benefit of a more active life. Our task is to support research and development of technical aids as well as ensure they get into production and reach the needy.

The Foundation mainly gives support for development of tools for mobility handicapped but has also supported research about the comprehension of reading and writing difficulties. The Foundation has also supported research around diseases that could lead to severe motion problems.
The goal of the projects will be to improve the condition of disabled persons in a way that fits the rules of the Foundation.

Citizenship: Unrestricted

Award Amount: SEK 100,000 - 500,000 ($10,000-$100,000)
Indirect Costs: 20%
Application Deadline: Oct 11, 2018
Website: http://www.promobilia.se/?lang=en