Do you want to learn more about identifying external funding opportunities? See [ECOR’s website](https://www.mgh.harvard.edu/ed/website) for information on the funding opps database, **Pivot** or contact Amy Robb <arobb@mgh.harvard.edu> to schedule an individual consultation or group training session.
Award Amount: $300,000 paid over 3 years  
Indirect Costs: 8%  
LOI Deadline: Dec 16, 2019  
(Invited) Application Deadline: Apr 2020 (exact date TBD)  
Website: http://www.afar.org/research/funding/big

2. Liver Scholar Award, American Liver Foundation (ALF)
The Liver Scholar Award provides early career scientists with support for their research to bridge the gap between completion of research training and attainment of status as an independent research scientist. The additional research experience provided by this award is intended to enable early career scientists to successfully compete for research awards from national sources, particularly the National Institutes of Health (NIH).

The Liver Scholar Award is intended to develop the potential of outstanding, early career scientists and encourage research in liver physiology and disease.

Eligibility requirements (partial list):
- Well-trained investigators who hold MD, PhD or MD/PhD degrees and are pursuing a career in liver disease research are encouraged to apply.
- Applicant must apply within the first three years of her/his first faculty appointment (including prior appointments in universities outside of North America) and commence the award within the first four years of faculty appointment.

Citizenship: Unrestricted

Award Amount: $225,000 paid over 3 years  
Indirect Costs: None  
Application Deadline: Dec 13, 2019  
Website: https://liverfoundation.org/medical-professionals/alf-research-awards-program/#2019-liver-scholar-award

3. Collaborative Pairs Pilot Project Awards, Chan Zuckerberg Initiative New
The Chan Zuckerberg Initiative invites applications for a new RFA for collaborative pilot projects to explore innovative, interdisciplinary approaches for addressing key challenges in the biology of neurodegenerative diseases.

The CZI Neurodegeneration Challenge Network has three key goals:
(1) To make fundamental advances toward understanding neurodegeneration;  
(2) To bring new ideas and talent to the field of neurodegeneration; and  
(3) To encourage and experiment with a new interdisciplinary, collaborative, and open science research model involving scientists, clinicians, and engineers.

Eligibility requirements (partial list):
• Collaborations should include two principal investigators (PIs). There will be opportunities to work across collaborative projects, but each collaboration will be limited to two PIs.
• Both PIs must hold a PhD, MD, or equivalent degree.
• The Collaborative Pairs RFA is aimed at motivating new collaborations. While it is permissible for applicants to have worked together, the pair cannot have received joint funding for either this or any other project.
• At least one of the applicants must be an early-career investigator or a mid-career investigator in an independent faculty position. Independence is typically demonstrated by a full-time faculty appointment, a tenure-track position, allocated space, a start-up package, and institutional commitment as defined or verified in a letter from a department chair or equivalent.
• Collaboration members may be from the same or different institutions.
• There may be more than one application from each institution. However, each eligible investigator may only apply to one or be part of one Collaborative Pairs application.

Successful pilots will be eligible to apply for additional four-year project development grants.

Citizenship: Unrestricted

Award Amount: $150,000
Indirect Costs: 15%
Application Deadline: Jan 14, 2020
Website: https://chanzuckerberg.com/rfa/ndcn-collaborative-pairs/

4. PanCAN Career Development Award, Pancreatic Cancer Action Network (PANCAN)
Supports junior faculty to conduct pancreatic cancer research and establish successful career paths in the field. Proposed research may be basic, translational, clinical or epidemiological in nature and must have direct applicability and relevance to pancreatic cancer.

Eligibility requirements (partial list):
• At the start of the grant term on July 1, 2020, applicants must:
  o Hold a faculty position with the title of assistant professor, instructor, research assistant professor or the equivalent.
  o If eligibility is based on a future position, the position must be confirmed at the time of application and cannot be contingent upon receiving this grant.
  o Have completed their most recent doctoral degree within the past 11 years (i.e., degree cannot have been conferred before July 2, 2009; the formal date of receipt of doctoral degree is the date the degree was conferred, as indicated on their diploma and/or transcript).
  o Applicants with a medical degree must have completed their most recent doctoral degree or medical residency – whichever date is later – within the past 11 years (time spent in medical specialty or subspecialty training is not
considered part of medical residency and will be counted within the 11-year window).

○ An exception to the 11-year window may be granted for parental leave or other well justified leave from research for pressing personal or family situations of generally less than 12 months duration. Applicants whose experience exceeds the maximum of 11 years but who believe they are eligible (e.g., maternity/family leave) must contact PanCAN’s Research Grants Department at grants@pancan.org before submitting their application to verify their eligibility.

- Have independent laboratory space as confirmed by her/his institution in the Letter of Institutional Support.
- Not have currently or previously served as a principal investigator on major research awards or grants (e.g., NIH R01 or equivalent, totaling $500,000 or more). Applicants who are/were principal investigators on major grants are considered to have already received funding to catalyze their careers and are not eligible to apply.

Citizenship: Unrestricted

Award Amount: $200,000 paid over 2 years
Indirect Costs: 10%
Application Deadline: Dec 13, 2019
Website: https://www.pancan.org/research/grants-program/apply-for-a-pancreatic-cancer-research-grant/

5. PanCAN Translational Research Grant, Pancreatic Cancer Action Network (PANCAN)
The 2020 Pancreatic Cancer Action Network Translational Research Grant will fund high priority pancreatic cancer research that is poised for important translational next steps to help move scientific discovery to application in patients. PanCAN has partnered with the Celgene Corporation to accelerate the development of novel therapies by establishing strong relationships between academia and industry through research grants. Funded projects will benefit from industry input and insight, leading to an accelerated translation into a therapeutic product.

Citizenship: United States

Award Amount: $500,000 paid over 2 years
Indirect Costs: 10%
Application Deadline: Dec 6, 2019
Website: https://www.pancan.org/research-grants-program/apply-for-a-pancreatic-cancer-research-grant/

PRF’s research focus is highly translational. Topics must fall within the following research priorities:

- Projects that are likely to lead to clinical treatment trials within 5 years. This includes the discovery and/or testing of candidate treatment compounds in cell-based or animal models of HGPS. Only proposals that test compounds in a progerin-producing animal or cell model will normally be considered. Analyses in non progerin-producing models are acceptable, but only as a comparison to progerin-producing models and with strong justification.
- Development of gene- and cell-based therapies to treat Progeria
- Assessment of natural history of disease that may be important to developing outcome measures in treatment trials (preclinical or clinical)

Citizenship: Unrestricted

Award Amount: $75,000-$150,000 paid over 1-2 years
Indirect Costs: No indirect costs will be provided. Exception: If an institution has a strict, written policy which does not allow researchers to apply to granting organizations that do not pay indirect costs, and if there have been no exceptions to that policy, PRF will negotiate a minimal rate. The policy must be provided for review.
LOI Deadline: Jan 2, 2020
(Invited) Application Deadline: Apr 1, 2020
Website: https://www.progeriaresearch.org/research-funding-opportunities/

7. RPB Career Development Awards, Research to Prevent Blindness (RPB)
The RPB Career Development Award (CDA) helps Chairs recruit promising young researchers to ophthalmology and support junior faculty who have demonstrated their potential for independent research. A detailed mentoring plan for the candidate is an important part of this award. This plan must be clearly defined in the Chair’s statement.

Eligibility requirements (partial list):
- Nominated by RPB-supported Chairs, candidates must have, or be recruited to, a primary appointment in ophthalmology (up to and including Assistant Professor), and with primary lab space under ophthalmology’s jurisdiction. Candidates may be sought from either ophthalmology, basic science, or other relevant departments within one’s own institution or from other institutions. Previous recipients of this grant are ineligible.
- The candidate’s first full-time ophthalmology faculty appointment must have been within three years of the application deadline. Past RPB Special Scholar Awardees are ineligible.
- At the application deadline, the candidate cannot currently have an R01 or have been awarded an R01 in the past as a Principal Investigator. Candidates with pending R01s are eligible.
- MDs and MD/PhDs must devote at least 50% of their time to research activities, with 60% desirable, as opposed to teaching or medical practice.
PhD faculty/recruits must have a secondary appointment in a basic science or other relevant department prior to submission of the proposal and must remain in the secondary appointment while the grant is active. There is no salary requirement from the secondary department. This does not apply to MDs or MD/PhDs.

Citizenship: United States

Award Amount: $300,000 paid over 4 years
Indirect Costs: None
Nomination Deadline: Dec 15, 2019
Application Deadline: Jan 10, 2020
Website: http://www.rpbusa.org/rpb/grants-and-research/grants/grants-for-individuals/career-development-awards/