

Limited Submission Funding Opportunities – updated 7/26/24

Please be aware that any grant that brings in less than 20% in indirect costs (IDC) will need to be supplemented up to the 20% 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 20% 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. Cummings \$30 Million Grant Programs

The Cummings \$30 Million Grant Program funds a wide variety of local causes, especially those related to human services, education, healthcare, and social justice. While not in any way minimizing the value or importance of organizations focused on the arts (including dance, music, and theater), culture, environment, athletics, or the preservation of land or historic buildings, these areas are not among this program's priorities. To ensure that funds benefit a wide variety of causes, the Foundation limits the number of grants awarded each year to independent organizations affiliated with the same national organization (e.g., Boys & Girls Clubs, YMCA).

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Award Amount: All requests should be written with a three-year grant in mind. Applicants may request annual installments of \$10,000 to \$100,000, and round numbers are preferred (e.g., \$40,000 instead of \$42,599). Also, installments will remain constant throughout the term of a grant.

MGH LOI Deadline: 8/01/24

Sponsor LOI Deadline: 9/06/24

Sponsor invited Application Deadline: 12/18/24

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2. G. Harold & Leila Y. Mathers Foundation Grants – NEW!

The G. Harold & Leila Y. Mathers Foundation seeks to advance knowledge in the life sciences by supporting scientific research that will benefit humanity. The Foundation primarily supports basic science, ideally with broad translational applications. It tends not to fund overly disease-focused research. Immunology, microbiome, genomics, structural biology, cellular physiology, and neuroscience are some noteworthy examples of current research support.

Foundation Guidelines:

- Grants are typically up to \$700,000, inclusive of 10% indirect costs.
- Grant duration must be 3 years.
- The budget should be reasonable (based on the aims of the project, the number of researchers involved, type of animal models used, etc.).
- Grant funds may be used only to support the actual investigation (no capital equipment).
- Requests for funding previously federally supported research, and/or applications pending federal approval will not be accorded priority consideration.
- The Foundation does not support clinical trials or drug discovery.
- The Foundation will not support projects which it considers pre-clinical drug development.
- Research areas we will not consider for support include Covid-19 related research projects (aims or sub-aims), Plant Biology Research, Oceanography, Space Exploration. and Global Warming related research. In addition, medical imaging technology related projects and/or electrical engineering technology development projects will not be considered for support.
- LOIs or Formal Proposals that have been declined should not be resubmitted at a later date for consideration.

MGH LOI Deadline: 8/12/24

Deadline to register on portal: 9/20/24

Sponsor LOI Deadline: 10/04/24

Sponsor Deadline for invited proposals: 12/06/24

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3. Medical Scientist Training Program (MSTP) (T32)

The goal of the Medical Scientist Training Program (MSTP) is to develop a diverse pool of well-trained clinician-scientist leaders available to address the nation's biomedical research needs. Specifically, this funding announcement provides support to eligible, domestic organizations to develop and implement effective, evidence-informed approaches to dual-degree training and mentoring that will keep pace with the rapid evolution of the biomedical research enterprise and lead to the completion of both a clinical degree (for example, M.D., D.O., D.V.M., D.D.S., Pharm.D., etc.) and a research doctorate degree (Ph.D.).

With the dual qualifications of a rigorous scientist and clinician, graduates will be equipped with the skills to develop research programs that accelerate the translation of research advances to the understanding, detection, treatment, and prevention of human disease, and to lead the advancement of biomedical research. Areas of particular importance to NIGMS are optimizing training efficiency, fostering the persistence of alumni in research careers, and enhancing the diversity of the clinician-scientist workforce. NIGMS expects that the proposed research training program will incorporate didactic, research, mentoring and career development elements to prepare trainees for careers that will have a significant impact on the health-related research needs of the nation.

This Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) does not allow appointed Trainees to lead an independent clinical trial, but does allow them to obtain research experience in a clinical trial led by a mentor or co-mentor.

MGH LOI Deadline: 8/14/24

NIH Application Deadline: 9/25/24

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4. Claude D. Pepper Older Americans Independence Centers (P30 Clinical Trial Optional)

This Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) invites applications for the Claude D. Pepper Older Americans Independence Centers (OAICs) award. The goal of the OAIC program is to establish centers of excellence in geriatrics research and research education to increase scientific knowledge leading to better ways to maintain or restore independence in older persons. OAIC awards are designed to develop or strengthen programs that focus on, and sustain progress in, a key area of aging research related to the mission of the OAIC program.

MGH LOI Deadline: 8/15/24

NIH LOI Deadline: 9/11/24

NIH Application Deadline: 10/11/24

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