

Limited Submission Funding Opportunities – updated 8/29/25

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), we will cover the IDC gap up to a maximum of \$50,000 per year. In order to optimize the distribution of limited institutional 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@mggh.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 ecor@mggh.harvard.edu 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) via email to ecor@mggh.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@mggh.harvard.edu.

CURRENT OPPORTUNITIES

1. The Warren Alpert Distinguished Scholars Awards in Neurosciences

The Award will support individual postdoctoral scientists of exceptional creativity in the field of neurosciences. These transitional awards are to enable a postdoctoral researcher to advance to become a full-time faculty member at the Assistant Professor level or higher and to promote the development of a laboratory program that will lead to independent funding.

Eligibility:

- Must have an MD, PhD, or both
- Must hold a post-doctoral research position at a United States medical school, research institute, or academic institution.

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- Minimum of 3 years and no more than 6 years of a post-doctoral fellowship by July 1, 2026
- Research focused in the field of Neuroscience
- Must be nominated by the dean of the medical school or equivalent institutional senior leader
- Must include a nomination letter
- Commitment of a minimum of 75% effort
- 3 letters of recommendation
- Budgets submitted in NIH G300 format

The institution appointing the scholar will be awarded \$200,000 annually for two years to cover salary, lab costs, and related expenses. Under certain circumstances, the awardee may transfer funding to support their beginning faculty position. Indirect costs of up to 15% of direct costs, may be included in the \$200,000.

MGH LOI Deadline: 9/15/25

Sponsor application deadline: 11/01/25

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2. Collaborative Program Grant for Multidisciplinary Teams (RM1 – Clinical Trial Optional) – NEW!

This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is designed to support highly integrated research teams of three to six Program Directors/Principal Investigators (PDs/PIs) to address ambitious and challenging research questions that are within the mission of NIGMS. Project goals should not be achievable with a collection of individual efforts or projects. Collaborative program teams are expected to accomplish goals that require considerable synergy and managed team interactions. Teams are encouraged to consider far-reaching objectives that will produce major advances in their fields.

This FOA is not intended for applications that are mainly focused on the creation, expansion, and/or maintenance of community resources, creation of new technologies, or infrastructure development.

MGH LOI Deadline: 10/22/25

NIH LOI Deadline: 12/27/25

NIH application deadline: 1/27/26

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