

## Limited Submission Funding Opportunities – updated 9/06/24

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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:ecor@mgh.harvard.edu).

### CURRENT OPPORTUNITIES

#### 1. NCI Research Specialist (Clinician Scientist) Award (R50 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)

Through this notice of funding opportunity (NOFO), the National Cancer Institute (NCI) invites applications for the Research Specialist Award (R50) specifically for clinician scientists supporting NCI-funded clinical trials research. The Research Specialist Award is designed to encourage the development of stable research career opportunities for exceptional clinician scientists who want to continue to participate in the NCI clinical trials networks through leadership in the 1) development of national clinical trials, 2) implementation of NCI clinical trials in their institutions, and 3) national service to the NCI clinical trials networks through participation in the scientific review committees, monitoring committees and other activities, but not serve as principal investigators of research project grants. These clinician scientists are vital to sustaining the NCI-funded clinical trials enterprise. The Research Specialist Award is

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intended to provide salary support and sufficient autonomy so that individuals are not solely dependent on NCI grants held by others or other sources of support for cancer research career continuity.

**MGH LOI Deadline: 9/16/24**

NIH Application Deadline: 11/04/24

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### 2. Polycystic Kidney Disease Core Centers (U54 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)

This Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) requests applications for Polycystic Kidney Disease (PKD) Core Centers that are designed to support and enhance the national research effort in PKD through developing and broadly sharing innovative research tools and resources (e.g., reagents, data, services, and expertise that would be difficult or impractical to support by individual research project grants or within individual laboratories. The PKD Core Centers are expected to work collaboratively with the Central Coordinating Site as part of a national PKD Research Resource Consortium (PKD RRC).

This NOFO is open to new applications and renewals.

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NIH LOI Deadline: 10/14/24

NIH Application Deadline: 11/14/24

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