



CAIRIBU FUNDING BULLETIN

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A dedicated roundup of new and ongoing research funding announcements sent right into your inbox every other month. Here you'll find funding opportunities relevant to urology research - sourced from federal agencies, professional societies, organizations, foundations, and industry.

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Coming Soon: CDMRP Funding Announcements

March pre-announcements foreshadowed the FY2026 topic areas. Potential urologically relevant areas include peer reviewed medical research in: accelerated aging processes associated with military service, infertility associated with military aviators and aviation support personnel, and interstitial cystitis; spinal cord injury; autism; Parkinson's disease; toxic exposures; and more.

[View the full list of topics and stay tuned for funding opportunity announcements.](#)

FUNDING FOR TRAINEES

Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award (NRSA) Individual Predoctoral Fellowship (Parent F31)

NIH (incl NIDDK, NIA, NICHD, NIAID)

[Stipend, tuition/fees, & institutional allowance](#) for predoctoral students training from faculty sponsors while conducting biomedical research for ≤6y. Open to US citizens, nationals, or lawful permanent residents. Standard due dates (Apr, Aug, & Dec 8); exp. 5/8/28.

Read the full NRSA funding announcement

Translational Medicine Predoctoral & Postdoctoral Fellowships

Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America Foundation (PhRMA), Inc.

≤\$30K (predoc.) or ≤\$60K (postdoc) supporting 2y of translational medicine research. Must state therapeutically relevant hypothesis. Submit LOI & include NIH biosketch, project abstract, & responses to research impact questions. Open to US & non-US citizens. LOI due 5/27/26.

Learn more about PhRMA translational medicine fellowships

Diana Jacobs Kalman/AFAR Graduate Student Awards in Geroscience

American Federation for Aging Research

\$5K for research/academic advancement for graduate students with a track record of high-quality and relevant research in geroscience, biology of aging, or related discipline. Must have completed 2y of doctoral program. Nominations and supporting materials due: 5/8/26.

Learn more about AFAR Graduate Student Awards in Geroscience

Career Transition Award (K22 Independent Clinical Trial Not Allowed)

National Institute on Aging (NIA)

\$116K/y salary + \$58K/y research development cost for 3y to support mentored, postdoctoral aging researchers' transition to tenure-track or equivalent faculty positions. Open to US citizens, nationals, or lawful permanent residents. Next due date: 6/12/26; exp. 7/13/26.

Read the full Career Transition Award funding announcement

FUNDING FOR ESIs

Supporting Talented Early Career Researchers in Genomics (R01 Clinical Trial Optional)

National Human Genome Research Institute

≤\$400K directs / y for <5y to support genome research. Research should **not** use genomics to understand a specific disease or limited set of diseases or focus on understanding the mechanisms underlying disease or other biological processes. Due 2/26/27.

Read the full ESI in Genomics R01 funding announcement

NIH Pathway to Independence Award (Parent K99/R00 – Independent Clinical Trial Not Allowed)

NIH (incl NIDDK, NIA, NICHD, NIAID)

Up to 5y support to transition mentored, postdoctoral researchers to independent, tenure-track or equivalent faculty positions. Must hold clinical or research doctorate. No citizenship req. Next due date: 6/12/26; exp. 5/8/27.

Learn more about the NIH K99/R00 parent funding opportunity

Translational Medicine Faculty Starter Grant *Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America Foundation (PhRMA), Inc.*

\$100K for 1y for full-time, promotion-eligible, research-intensive faculty who received terminal degree within last 10y and acquired faculty status starting in 2025. Must not have substantial funding. Must state a therapeutically relevant hypothesis. Open to US & non-US citizens. LOI due 5/27/26.

Learn more about the Translational Medicine Faculty Starter Grant

Faculty Early Career Development Program NSF

Min \$400k over 5y supporting untenured faculty who hold a doctoral degree and at least 50% tenure-track (or tenure-track-equivalent) position as an assistant professor (or equivalent title). Intended to support faculty with the potential to integrate research and education into a lifetime of leadership. Next deadline to submit full proposals: 7/22/26.

Learn more about the NSF Faculty Early Career Development Program

FUNDING FOR ALL CAREER STAGES

Clinical Repurposing Research to Impact US Veterans/Military

Cures Within Reach

≤\$75K (including required institutional match) for clinical repurposing trials from US-based research institutions using already approved treatments to address unmet and high-priority medical needs of US veterans and/or active US military, such as mental health, post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and brain injuries. Additional \$5K - \$15K available for approved community engagement costs. LOI due 5/29/26.

Learn more about funding to repurpose clinical research for US veterans/military

Continuing Human Enabling, Enhancing, Restoring, and Sustaining (CHEERS): Open Period 1

Air Force Research Lab. (AFRL) Human Effectiveness Directorate (RH) & the USAF School of Aerospace Medicine (USAFSAM)

Relevant topic areas for **AFRL/RH** and **USAFSAM** include: aerospace physiology, aerospace medicine, public health and preventative medicine, wearable technology, occupational medicine and bioenvironmental engineering. **Accepting white papers now through 9/30/27.** RFPs sent by invitation only.

Read the full CHEERS Open Period 1 announcement

**Broad Pragmatic Studies Funding
Announcement -- Cycle 2 2026**
PCORI

≤\$12m to support patient-centered comparative clinical effectiveness research (CER) projects. Relevant special area of emphasis includes **Management of Urogynecological and Pelvic Pain**, though submissions not limited to this topic. LOI due 4/28/2026.

**Read the Broad Pragmatic Studies
PCORI funding announcement**

**Biological Technologies Broad Agency
Announcement**
DARPA

≤\$2m for Procurement Contracts, Cooperative Agreements, or Other Transaction Agreements. Relevant topics include: machine learning/AI, human performance, and biomedical or biodefense. Submit abstract (2 pgs describing Goals and Impact, Technical Approach, and Capabilities/Management Plan) by 9/30/26 to be invited for to submit proposal.

**View the full DARPA Biological
Technologies BAA**

SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS AND FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES WITH US

We want to hear from you! Use the form below to submit a funding opportunity for a future issue of the CAIRIBU Funding Bulletin or share your thoughts on the CAIRIBU Interactions Core's funding announcement dissemination strategy.

Submit funding to be featured or leave feedback

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Visit the CAIRIBU Extramural Funding webpage

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**Collaborating for the Advancement
of Interdisciplinary Research
in Benign Urology**

CAIRIBU is a community of NIDDK-funded U54 and P20 Urology Centers and K12 Institutional Career Development Programs whose overarching objectives are to address gaps in knowledge related to epidemiology, etiology, development, progression, and expression of non-malignant urologic conditions and to train the next generation of



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