



CAIRIBU FUNDING BULLETIN

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2026 CAIRIBU Annual Meeting

Where: Madison, WI

When: December 9-11

Trainees may apply for travel awards to offset the cost of attendance. The pre-meeting for trainees and early-stage investigators will take place Wednesday morning, December 9.

[Apply for a Travel Award](#)

Full requirements described in application. If applying for travel award, **DO NOT** register before decisions are announced; travel awardees will receive meeting registration fee waiver. **Application deadline: 10/19/26. Decisions announced: 10/23/26**

FUNDING FOR TRAINEES

Branco Weiss Fellowship

The Branco Weiss Fellowship & ETH Zurich

5y support for postdoctoral fellows whose projects depart from the mainstream of research in their discipline. Open to postdocs worldwide in any scientific field. **Application and invitation letter from mentor due 1/15/27.**

[More about the Branco Weiss Fellowship](#)

Academic Career Excellence (ACE) Award (K32 Independent Clinical Trial Not Allowed)
NIH (incl NIAID, NINDS, NIBIB)

Salary and program related expenses for postdoctoral students undergoing intensive research training and career development, under the guidance of an experienced mentor for ≤ 3 y. Open to US citizens, nationals, or lawful permanent residents. **Standard due dates (Feb, Jun, & Oct 12); exp. 7/13/29.**

[View the full funding announcement](#)

Gilliam Fellows Program

Howard Hughes Medical Institute

\$65K / y for 3y. Supports 2nd or 3rd year PhD students and their faculty thesis advisors in advancing cutting-edge research and fostering inclusive scientific training environments, while supporting the transition to postdoctoral scientist. Must be US citizen, US permanent resident, an individual who has been granted temporary permission to stay in the US (e.g., DACA) or an international student legally eligible to study at and receive funding from their graduate institution. Must have ≥ 2 full years of PhD study remaining on award start date. **Applications open September 1, 2026 and close October 27, 2026.**

[More about the Gilliam Fellows Program](#)

NIH: Predoctoral to Postdoctoral Transition Award (Parent F99/K00 - Clinical Trial Not Allowed)

NIH (incl. NIA, NIAID, NICHD, NINDS)

Support for predoctoral investigators to complete doctoral research training and transition to mentored postdoctoral career development opportunities. 1-2y support for predoctoral (F99) phase and 3y support for postdoctoral (K00) phase. Must be citizen or a non-citizen national of the United States or have been lawfully admitted for permanent residence. **Standard due dates (Apr, Aug, Dec 8); exp. 4/9/29.**

[More about the Predoctoral to Postdoctoral Transition Award](#)

FUNDING FOR ESIs

Transition to Independence Grant

KidneyCure

\$100K / y for 2y to support **clinical and basic science** projects examining any aspect of the entire spectrum of kidney biology and disease. Must have received terminal research degree within last 10 years or clinical degree within last 12 years. Must have full time faculty appointment. Open to active members of the American Society of Nephrology working in North or Central America, or the Caribbean during the grant period (no citizenship requirements). **App due 11/19/26.**

More about Transition to Independence Grants

Opportunity Pool Awards

Stanford University O'Brien Urology Center

Up to \$100K in Direct Costs for up to 1 y. Project dates are 1/01/2027-12/31/2027. Applicants must be: (1) early stage or new investigators (**per NIH definition**), (2) current K Scholars, or (3) established investigators new to urology research. Applications related to **benign prostatic hyperplasia** are accepted. Projects should aim to generate preliminary data that may be used for future grant applications and testing high risk/high reward concepts. **App due 10/1/26.**

More about the Stanford University O'Brien Center Opportunity Pool Awards

Opportunity Pool Awards

Columbia University O'Brien Urology Center

Up to \$100K in Direct Costs for up to 1 y. Project dates are 2/01/2027-1/31/2028. Applicants must be: (1) early stage or new investigators (**per NIH definition**), (2) current K Scholars, or (3) established investigators new to urology. Applications should be related to:

- Cellular and transcriptional pathways that drive cell type differentiation, inflammation, and mitochondrial functions in the urothelium;
- Heme detoxification and iron sequestration in bacteriostasis and in urothelial cell viability;
- Antimicrobial resistance in UTI; and/or
- Genetic and embryological causes of obstruction and other urinary tract diseases.

App due: 11/1/26

More about the Columbia University O'Brien Center Opportunity Pool Awards

Research Grants

Whitehall Foundation

Supports basic research in vertebrate and invertebrate neurobiology in the United States, specifically concerning neural mechanisms involved in sensory, motor, and other complex functions of the whole organism as these relate to behavior. Eligibility is restricted exclusively to researchers at the Assistant Professor level with a preference for those just beginning their careers. Max \$100K / y for 2y and 3y grants, 2y renewals available.

Annual LOI deadlines: 1/15, 4/15, 10/1

More about Whitehall Foundation Research Grants

FUNDING FOR VARIOUS CAREER STAGES

Urology Care Foundation Bridge Award

American Urological Association

For calendar year 2027, 2 awards up to \$60K each will support salaries and other research-related expenses for independent investigators. Ideal candidates are scientists or clinicians who are (1) navigating federal funding delays, (2) needing to resubmit to non-funding agencies for

W.M. Keck Research Program

W.M. Keck Foundation

Provides \$1m - 1.3m over 3 years to tenure-track faculty (or equivalent) to conduct groundbreaking basic research in physical, life, and biomedical sciences. Encourages innovative instrumentation development and engineering approaches. Does not fund

continuation, or (3) prior AUA or career development awardees who are ready to become or who are already independent investigators. **Applications due 10/6/26.**

More about the AUA Urology Care Foundation Bridge Award

Microbiota & Women's Health International Grant

Biocodex Microbiota Foundation

Supports research elucidating how the penile microbiome contributes to vaginal dysbiosis, including bacterial vaginosis. Areas of interest include microbial transmission dynamics during sexual activity, niche adaptation and persistence of BV-associated taxa in the penile environment, and the functional consequences of these interactions for vaginal community stability. Studies evaluating how current and emerging interventions alter penile microbial ecology and influence treatment response and recurrence risk in female partners also encouraged. €200K / y for 3y max for MDs, PhDs or Pharm-Ds working in gynecology, obstetrics, microbiology, infectious diseases, internal medicine, oncology, etc. For basic or clinical research conducted in any country. **Next due dates: 7/15/26, 11/13/26.**

More about the Microbiota & Women's Health International Grant

indirects. For investigators at US institutions; eligible institutions may submit up to three applications per grant cycle. **Next due date: 12/7/26.**

More about the W.M. Keck Foundation Research Program

NIAID Clinical Trial Implementation Cooperative Agreement (U01 Clinical Trial Required)

NIAID/NIH

Supports investigator-initiated, milestone driven clinical trials that need enhanced oversight, and as applicable, include mechanistic studies. Support is available for clinical trials up to 5 years, as well as for extended clinical trials of 6- or 7-years. Only one clinical trial may be proposed in each NIAID Clinical Trial Implementation Cooperative Agreement (U01) application. **Standard due dates (Feb, Jun, Oct 5); exp 7/6/29.**

More about the NIAID Clinical Trial Implementation Award

SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS AND FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES WITH US

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[Submit funding to be featured or leave feedback](#)

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ABOUT THE CAIRIBU COMMUNITY

**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 leaders in urology research. The CAIRIBU Interactions Core is the central coordinating body for the CAIRIBU Community.



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