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FUNDER	PROGRAM	DESCRIPTION	DEADLINES
FDN	<a href="#"><u>Mark Foundation for Cancer Research</u></a>	Emerging Leader Awards are \$750,000 over three years for high-impact, high-risk cancer research.	May 5, 2025 (LOI); July 28, 2025 (full)
NIH	<a href="#"><u>Stephen I. Katz Early Stage Investigator Research Project Grant (R01 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)</u></a>	Provides a new pathway for Early Stage Investigators (ESIs) who wish to propose research projects in a new direction for which preliminary data do not exist. Proposed projects must represent a change in research direction for the ESI and should be innovative and unique.	May 28 and Sept. 26, 2025; Jan. 27, May 27, and Sept. 28, 2026
NIH	<a href="#"><u>Support for Research Excellence – First Independent Research (SuRE-First) Award (R16 - Clinical Trial Not Allowed)</u></a>	Supports faculty investigators who have not previously been PI of any peer-reviewed extramural funding, at institutions that have not received extensive NIH support and that enroll a high proportion of students supported by Pell grants.	May 28 and Sep. 29, 2025; May 27 and Sep. 28, 2026
NIH	<a href="#"><u>Limited Competition: Mentored Research Career Development Program Award in Clinical and Translational Science Awards (CTSA) Program (K12 Clinical Trial Optional)</u></a>	Encourages institutions to propose creative and innovative institutional research career development programs designed to prepare an outstanding broadly-experienced pool of promising later stage postdoctoral fellows and junior faculty scholars who have made a commitment to independent clinical and translational science research careers (i.e., tenure-track or equivalent faculty positions) to facilitate their timely career advancement and continued engagement in research (i.e., sectors including academia, industry, nonprofit and government). Proposals must be submitted alongside applications for companion UM1 and K12 opportunities.	May 28, and Sep. 29, 2025; Jan. 28, May 28, and Sept. 28, 2026
FDN	<a href="#"><u>American Cancer Society</u></a>	Research Scholar Grants provide support for independent researchers within the first ten years of a full-time faculty appointment, while Clinician Scientist Development Grants support full-time faculty members who are active clinicians wishing to become cancer researchers while maintaining clinical practice. Projects must address at least one priority area: cancer etiology, obesity/healthy eating and active living, screening and diagnosis, treatment, survivorship, and health equity across the cancer continuum.	Jun. 1 and Dec. 1, 2025
FDN	<a href="#"><u>William T. Grant Foundation</u></a>	The Scholars Program supports career development for promising early-career researchers, funding five-year research and mentoring plans that significantly expand researchers' expertise in new disciplines, methods, and content areas. Focus areas include Reducing Inequality and Improving Use of Research Evidence, both with a focus on improving social, behavioral, or economic outcomes for youth ages five to 25 in the US.	Jun. 11, 2025 (mentor and reference letters); Jul. 1, 2025 (application)
AHRQ	<a href="#"><u>AHRQ Patient-Centered Outcomes Research (PCOR) Mentored Career Development Award (K01 &amp; K08)</u></a>	Supports intensive, mentored research career development experiences in comparative effectiveness research (CER) methods as applied to patient-centered outcomes research (PCOR). Separate programs for Research Scientist (K01) and Clinical Scientist (K08)	Jun. 12, Oct. 12, Feb. 12
AHRQ	<a href="#"><u>AHRQ Mentored Career Development Award (K01 &amp; K08)</u></a>	Aims to help ensure that a diverse pool of highly trained scientists is available in appropriate scientific disciplines to address the nation's health services research needs. Separate programs for Research Scientist (K01) and Clinical Scientist (K08).	Jun. 12, Oct. 12, Feb. 12
NIH	<a href="#"><u>Mentored Career Development Awards (K-Series)</u></a>	Funding to provide individual and institutional research training opportunities (including international) to trainees at the undergraduate, graduate, and postdoctoral levels.	Jun. 12, Oct. 12, Feb. 12



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NIH	<a href="#"><u>Mentored Career Development Program for Early Stage Investigators Using Nonhuman Primate Research Models (K01 Independent Clinical Trial Not Allowed)</u></a>	Seeks to increase the number of highly skilled scientists using NHP models to address complex translational biomedical research designed to foster translation of outcomes into the clinic.	Jun. 12, Oct. 12, Feb. 12
NIH	<a href="#"><u>Mentored Patient-Oriented Research Career Development Award (Parent K23 Independent Basic Experimental Studies with Humans Required)</u></a>	Provides early-stage investigators with support and protected time (up to five years) for intensive career development activities focused on patient-oriented research, under the guidance of an experienced mentor or mentorship team.	Jun. 12, Oct. 12, Feb. 12
NIH	<a href="#"><u>Mentored Research Scientist Development Award (Parent K01 - Independent Clinical Trial Not Allowed)</u></a>	Provides support and protected time (three to five years) for an intensive, supervised career development experience in the biomedical, behavioral, or clinical sciences leading to research independence.	Jun. 12, Oct. 12, Feb. 12
FDN	<a href="#"><u>Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation for Childhood Cancer</u></a>	The 'A' Award supports independent early-career researchers working to establish a career in pediatric oncology research, offering up to \$200,000 per year for four years.	Jun. 16, 2025
NIH	<a href="#"><u>Trailblazer Award for New and Early Stage Investigators (R21 Clinical Trial Optional)</u></a>	An opportunity for NIH-defined New and Early Stage Investigators to pursue research programs of high interest to the NIBIB that integrate engineering and the physical sciences with the life and/or biomedical sciences.	Jun. 16, Oct. 16, Feb. 16
FDN	<a href="#"><u>Cottrell Scholar Award</u></a>	Awards support the development of outstanding teacher-scholars in chemistry, physics, or astronomy. Eligibility is limited to faculty members whose first tenure-track appointment began in 2022.	Jul. 1, 2025
NSF	<a href="#"><u>Historically Black Colleges and Universities Undergraduate Program (HBCU-UP) - Research Initiation Awards (RIA)</u></a>	Provides support for STEM faculty with no prior or recent research funding to pursue research at the home institution, an NSF-funded research center, a research-intensive institution, or a national laboratory.	Jul. 22, 2025 (LOI); Oct. 7, 2025 (full)
NSF	<a href="#"><u>Faculty Early Career Development Program (CAREER)</u></a>	Provides stable support at a sufficient level and duration to enable awardees to develop careers as researchers and educators.	Jul. 23, 2025
DOD	<a href="#"><u>ONR Young Investigator Program</u></a>	Supports early career scientists and engineers showing exceptional ability and promise for conducting basic research. Seeks to: foster creative basic research in science and engineering; enhance early career development of outstanding young investigators; and increase opportunities for the young investigator to recognize the Air Force and Space Force mission and related challenges in science and engineering.	*Spring/summer 2025 (Last: Apr. 30, 2024)
DOD	<a href="#"><u>Air Force Young Investigator Research Program</u></a>	Seeks to foster creative basic research in science and engineering; enhance early career development of outstanding young investigators; and increase opportunities for the young investigator to recognize the Air Force mission and related challenges in science and engineering.	*Summer 2025 (Last: Jun. 21, 2024)
FDN	<a href="#"><u>Josiah Macy, Jr. Foundation</u></a>	Macy's Faculty Scholars Program focuses on identifying and nurturing the careers of promising educational innovators in medicine and nursing; applications open May 1, 2025.	Aug. 1, 2025



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FDN	<a href="#"><u>Beckman Foundation Young Investigator Program</u></a>	Supports innovative, high-risk research by early-career scientists in chemistry and the life science with awards of roughly \$600,000 over four years.	Aug. 1, 2025
FDN	<a href="#"><u>Camille &amp; Henry Dreyfus Foundation</u></a>	The Henry Dreyfus Teacher-Scholar awards support the research and teaching careers of early-career faculty in the chemical sciences at primarily undergraduate institutions. Applicants must be nominated by their institution.	Aug. 7, 2025
FDN	<a href="#"><u>Sleep Research Society Foundation</u></a>	The SRSF Career Development Award supports early career researchers in sleep and circadian science with one-year awards designed to prepare grantees to apply for larger-scale federal funding.	*Aug. 2025
FDN	<a href="#"><u>Thrasher Research Fund</u></a>	Early Career Awards provide small grants to new researchers in order to encourage the development of medical research in child health.	Sep. 2, 2025 (Concept); Oct. 23, 2025 (Full)
FDN	<a href="#"><u>American Chemical Society Petroleum Research Fund</u></a>	Doctoral New Investigator (DNI) grants provide start-up funding for scientists and engineers in the United States who are within the first three years of their first academic appointment at the level of Assistant Professor or the equivalent.	Sep. 5, 2025
NSF	<a href="#"><u>Engineering Research Initiation (ERI)</u></a>	Support new investigators as they initiate their research programs and advance in their careers as researchers, educators, and innovators; aims to broaden the base of investigators involved in engineering research not affiliated with R1 institutions.	Sep. 16, 2025
NSF	<a href="#"><u>Computer and Information Science and Engineering (CISE) Research Initiation Initiative (CRII)</u></a>	Supports research independence among early-career academicians who specifically lack access to adequate organizational or other resources.	Sep. 17, 2025
FDN	<a href="#"><u>Whitehall Foundation</u></a>	Provides life sciences grants-in-aid (\$30,000 over one year) to early-career researchers at the Assistant Professor level.	Oct. 1, Jan. 15, Apr. 15 (LOIs); Jun. 1, Sep. 1, Feb. 15 (Full)
NIH	<a href="#"><u>Maximizing Investigators Research Award (MIRA) for Early Stage Investigators (R35 - Clinical Trial Optional)</u></a>	Provides support for a program of research in an early stage investigator's laboratory that falls within the mission of NIGMS.	Oct. 3, 2025; Feb. 3, 2026
NIH	<a href="#"><u>HEAL Initiative: Career Development Awards in Implementation Science for Substance Use Prevention and Treatment (K01/K23)</u></a>	Supports early career investigators who have foundational clinical training in substance use prevention or treatment and/or co-occurring mental illness, and will provide support and protected time to acquire training and research experience in implementation science.	Oct. 12, 2025
NIH	<a href="#"><u>NIDCD Mentored Career Development Award for Postdoctorate Au.D./Ph.D. Audiologists (K01 Independent Basic Experimental Studies with Humans Required)</u></a>	Supports comprehensive and rigorous postdoctoral research and career development experiences in the biomedical, behavioral, or clinical sciences of promising Au.D./Ph.D. audiologists who have the potential to become productive, independent investigators in scientific health-related research fields relevant to NIDCD's mission.	Oct. 15, 2025; Feb. 13, June 15, and Oct. 14, 2026
NIH	<a href="#"><u>NCMRR Early Career Research Award (R03 Clinical Trial Optional)</u></a>	Supports basic and clinical research from rehabilitation scientists who are establishing independent research careers; research must be focused on one or more of the areas within the biomedical and behavioral mission of NCMRR.	Oct. 16, 2025; Feb. 16, June 16, and Oct. 16, 2026



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NIH	<b><u>NIDCR Small Grant Program for New Investigators (R03 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)</u></b>	Supports basic and clinical pilot, feasibility, or developmental research conducted by scientists who are in the early stages of establishing an independent research career in oral, dental and craniofacial research.	Oct. 16, 2025; Feb. 16, June 16, and Oct. 16, 2026
NIH	<b><u>NIDCD Early Career Research (ECR) Award (R21 Clinical Trial Optional)</u></b>	Supports both basic and clinical research from scientists who are beginning to establish an independent research career; research must be focused on one or more of the areas within the biomedical and behavioral scientific mission of the NIDCD: hearing, balance, smell, taste, voice, speech, or language.	Oct. 17, 2025; Feb. 18, June 17, and Oct. 19, 2026
FDN	<b><u>Dermatology Foundation</u></b>	Several different career development awards are available for early career investigators working in various areas of dermatology: dermatologic surgery, dermatopathology, medical dermatology, public health, pediatric dermatology, women's health, science of human appearance, and more.	*Oct. 2025 (last: Oct. 15, 2024)
FDN	<b><u>Burroughs Wellcome Fund</u></b>	The Career Awards for Medical Scientists (CAMS) and Career Awards at the Scientific Interface (CASI) programs provide five years of support to bridge advanced postdoctoral/fellowship training and the early years of faculty service. CAMS supports physician-scientists committed to an academic career, while CASI supports researchers from the physical, mathematical, and computational sciences and engineering transitioning to work in the biological sciences.	*Oct. 2025 for CAMS (Last: Oct. 8, 2024), *Jan. 2026 for CASI (Last: Jan. 10, 2025)
FDN	<b><u>Gerber Foundation Novice Research Awards</u></b>	Supports researchers in a residency, fellowship, or postdoctoral training program, or up to one year post training, to conduct mentored pediatric research with a focus on the health, nutrition, care, and development of children from the first year before birth to three years of age.	Nov. 15, 2025 (concept papers); Feb. 15, 2026 (full)
FDN	<b><u>American Foundation for Suicide Prevention</u></b>	Early Career Researcher Innovation Grants support two years of mentored research; grants include funding for the mentor.	*Nov. 2025 (last: Nov. 15, 2024)
FDN	<b><u>American Heart Association</u></b>	The Career Development Award supports three-year mentored research experiences for early career faculty working in any area supported by AHA, including cardiovascular disease, stroke, and brain health.	Dec. 2, 2025
FDN	<b><u>Association for the Advancement of Blood and Biotherapies Foundation</u></b>	AABB Foundation Early-Career Scientific Research Grants support investigator-initiated original research in all aspects of blood banking, transfusion medicine and biotherapies. Grants of up to \$100,000 are intended as seed funding to enable future larger-scale funding applications.	*Dec. 2025 (last: Dec. 1, 2024)
FDN	<b><u>St. Baldrick's Foundation</u></b>	St. Baldrick's Scholar Award is a three-year grant (with an option for two additional years based on progress) meant to help develop the independent research of highly qualified individuals still early in their careers.	*Dec. 2025 (LOI; last: Dec. 9, 2024)
NSF	<b><u>Launching Early-Career Academic Pathways in the Mathematical and Physical Sciences</u></b>	Supports the research of pre-tenure faculty in mathematical and physical sciences at institutions that traditionally do not receive significant NSF funding, such as minority-serving institutions, predominantly undergraduate institutions and R2 universities.	Jan. 22, 2026
FDN	<b><u>National Psoriasis Foundation</u></b>	Supports early career researchers entering the psoriatic disease research community, with the goal of positioning them for future major funding from NPF or other funders.	*Jan. 2026 (Last: Jan. 31, 2025)



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FDN	<a href="#"><u>McKnight Endowment Fund for Neuroscience</u></a>	Scholar Awards support young scientists who: hold an M.D. and/or Ph.D. degree; have completed formal postdoctoral training; and demonstrate a commitment to neuroscience.	*Jan. 2026 (last: Jan. 13, 2025)
FDN	<a href="#"><u>American Academy of Sleep Medicine Foundation</u></a>	Focused Projects Grants for Junior Investigators and Physician Scientist Training Grants support mentored research in sleep and circadian science, while the Bridge to Success Grant for Early Career Investigators supports early career scientists working to revise and resubmit an unfunded NIH or Dept. of Veteran Affairs mentored research grant.	*Jan. 2026 (Last: Jan. 6, 2025)
FDN	<a href="#"><u>Esther A. &amp; Joseph Klingenstein Fund</u></a>	The Klingenstein Fellowship Awards in Neuroscience support early career investigators researching topics relevant to understanding the mechanisms underlying neurological and behavioral disorders.	Feb. 1, 2026
NSF	<a href="#"><u>EHR Core Research: Building Capacity in STEM Education Research</u></a>	Seeks to fund STEM research career development activities on topics that are relevant to qualitative and quantitative research methods and design.	Feb. 27, 2026
FDN	<a href="#"><u>Leukemia and Lymphoma Society</u></a>	Career development awards to support the salaries of postdoctoral fellows and instructors, as well as early-career independent investigators, who are engaging in basic, clinical, or translational research to help understand and treat hematologic malignancies and relevant premalignant conditions.	*Fall 2026 (Last: Oct. 18, 2024)
FDN	<a href="#"><u>National Kidney Foundation</u></a>	The Young Investigator Research Grant program supports clinical research studies addressing important issues for patients with kidney disease.	*Feb. 2026 (Last: Feb. 10, 2025)
FDN	<a href="#"><u>Damon Runyon Cancer Research Foundation</u></a>	The Damon Runyon Clinical Investigator Award supports early career physician-scientists conducting patient-oriented cancer research.	*Feb. 2026 (Last: Feb. 3, 2025)
DOD	<a href="#"><u>DARPA Young Faculty Award</u></a>	Aims to identify and engage rising stars in junior faculty positions in academia and equivalent positions at non-profit research institutions and expose them to Department of Defense (DoD) needs and DARPA's program development process.	*Feb. 2026 (Last: Feb. 5, 2024)
FDN	<a href="#"><u>Foundation for Food and Agriculture Research</u></a>	The New Innovator in Food & Agriculture Research Award supports early-career faculty members working in any of FFAR's research priority areas: cultivating thriving production systems; sustaining vibrant agroecosystems; bolstering healthy food systems; and strengthening the scientific workforce. Applicants must be nominated by their institution.	*Feb. 2026 (nomination; last: Feb. 19, 2025)
FDN	<a href="#"><u>Brain &amp; Brain Behavior Research Foundation</u></a>	BBRF Young Investigator Grants provide each scientist with up to \$35,000 per year for two years totaling \$70,000 to enable promising investigators to either extend research fellowship training or begin careers as independent research faculty.	*Mar. 2026 (Last: Mar. 12, 2025)
FDN	<a href="#"><u>American Speech-Language-Hearing Foundation</u></a>	The New Investigators Research Grant funds small preliminary studies with the goal of launching larger-scale investigations, while the Clinical Research Grant program has options for larger mentored and independent research studies by early-career researchers.	*April 2026 (last: April 16, 2025)
DOE	<a href="#"><u>Office of Science Early Career Research Program</u></a>	Invites early career applications in core Department of Energy research focus areas, including: Advanced Scientific Computing Research; Biological and Environmental Research; Basic Energy Sciences; Fusion Energy Sciences; High Energy Physics; Nuclear Physics; Accelerator R&D and Production; and Isotope R&D and Production. An update for the FY2022 funding opportunity will be posted after July 1, 2022.	*Spring 2026 (Last: Feb. 18, 2025, for pre-applications; April 22, 2025 for full proposals)



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DOD	<a href="#"><u>Army Research Office BAA for Fundamental Research - Early Career Program (ECP)</u></a>	Seeks to attract outstanding early career university faculty members to pursue fundamental research in areas relevant to the Army, to support their research in these areas, and to encourage their teaching and research careers.	Rolling through Nov. 20, 2027
DOD	<a href="#"><u>Congressionally Directed Medical Research Programs</u></a>	CDMRP provides a variety of new investigator / early career tracks for many types of medical research (varies by year).	Varies by program
FDN	<a href="#"><u>PhRMA Foundation</u></a>	Faculty Starter Grants provide \$100,000 for one year to early-career faculty working on drug discovery, drug delivery, translational medicine, or value assessment and health outcomes.	Varies by program
FDN	<a href="#"><u>American Association for Cancer Research</u></a>	Supports a range of career development programs in cancer research that provide early-career investigators with the resources to jump-start their research and their careers.	Varies by program
FDN	<a href="#"><u>Rheumatology Research Foundation</u></a>	Offers four career development award programs supporting early career investigators researching the cause, prevention, and treatment of rheumatic disease.	Varies by program
FDN	<a href="#"><u>American Society of Clinical Oncology</u></a>	The Young Investigator Award (YIA) provides funding to promising young physician-scientists to encourage and promote quality research in clinical oncology by supporting the transition from fellowship to faculty appointment. The Career Development Award (CDA) provides mentored research experience for new faculty establishing their independent clinical cancer research program.	Varies by program





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