





FUNDER	PROGRAM	DESCRIPTION	DEADLINES
FDN	<u>Burroughs Wellcome Fund</u>	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.	Sep. 2, 2025 for CASI; Oct. 7, 2025, for CAMS
FDN	<u>Thrasher Research Fund</u>	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	<u>American Chemical Society Petroleum Research Fund</u>	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
NIH	<u>Support for Research Excellence – First Independent Research (SuRE-First) Award (R16 - Clinical Trial Not Allowed)</u>	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.	Sept. 29, 2025; May 27 and Sept. 28, 2026
NSF	<u>Engineering Research Initiation (ERI)</u>	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
NIH	<u>Limited Competition: Mentored Research Career Development Program Award in Clinical and Translational Science Awards (CTSA) Program (K12 Clinical Trial Optional)</u>	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.	Sep. 29, 2025; Jan. 28, May 28, and Sept. 28, 2026
FDN	<u>Whitehall Foundation</u>	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	<u>Maximizing Investigators Research Award (MIRA) for Early Stage Investigators (R35 - Clinical Trial Optional)</u>	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
NSF	<u>HBCU-UP Research Initiation Awards</u>	Provides support for research that seeks to create and study new theory-driven models and innovations related to the participation and success of underrepresented groups in STEM undergraduate education, especially African Americans.	Oct. 7, 2026
NIH	<u>HEAL Initiative: Career Development Awards in Implementation Science for Substance Use Prevention and Treatment (K01/K23)</u>	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



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NIH	<u>Mentored Research Scientist Development Award (Parent K01 - Independent Clinical Trial Not Allowed)</u>	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.	Oct. 12, Feb. 12, Jun. 12
NIH	<u>Mentored Patient-Oriented Research Career Development Award (Parent K23 Independent Basic Experimental Studies with Humans Required)</u>	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.	Oct. 12, Feb. 12, Jun. 12
FDN	<u>Dermatology Foundation</u>	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. 15, 2025
NIH	<u>NIDCD Mentored Career Development Award for Postdoctorate Au.D./Ph.D. Audiologists (K01 Independent Basic Experimental Studies with Humans Required)</u>	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	<u>NCMRR Early Career Research Award (R03 Clinical Trial Optional)</u>	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
NIH	<u>Trailblazer Award for New and Early Stage Investigators (R21 Clinical Trial Optional)</u>	An opportunity for NIH-defined New and Early Stage Investigators to pursue research programs of high interest to NIBIB, NEI, or NIA that integrate engineering and the physical sciences with the life and/or biomedical sciences.	Oct. 16, 2025; Feb. 16, 2026
NIH	<u>NIDCR Small Grant Program for New Investigators (R03 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)</u>	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
FDN	<u>Leukemia and Lymphoma Society</u>	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.	Oct. 17, 2025 (eligibility phase); Nov. 1, 2025 (LOI)
NIH	<u>NIDCD Early Career Research (ECR) Award (R21 Clinical Trial Optional)</u>	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	<u>American Foundation for Suicide Prevention</u>	Early Career Researcher Innovation Grants support two years of mentored research; grants include funding for the mentor.	Nov. 15, 2025
FDN	<u>Gerber Foundation Novice Research Awards</u>	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)



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FDN	<u>McKnight Endowment Fund for Neuroscience</u>	Scholar Awards support young neuroscientists who: hold an M.D. and/or Ph.D. degree; have completed formal postdoctoral training; and demonstrate a commitment to neuroscience.	Dec. 1, 2025
FDN	<u>American Cancer Society</u>	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.	Dec. 1, 2025
FDN	<u>Association for the Advancement of Blood and Biotherapies Foundation</u>	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. 1, 2025
FDN	<u>American Heart Association</u>	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	<u>St. Baldrick's Foundation</u>	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 childhood cancer researchers still early in their careers.	*Dec. 2025 (LOI; Last: Dec. 9, 2024)
FDN	<u>Damon Runyon Cancer Research Foundation</u>	The Damon Runyon Clinical Investigator Award supports early career physician-scientists conducting patient-oriented cancer research.	Jan. 20, 2026
NSF	<u>Launching Early-Career Academic Pathways in the Mathematical and Physical Sciences</u>	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	<u>National Psoriasis Foundation</u>	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)
FDN	<u>American Academy of Sleep Medicine Foundation</u>	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: June 30, 2025; typically two annual cycles)
FDN	<u>Esther A. & Joseph Klingenstein Fund</u>	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	<u>EHR Core Research: Building Capacity in STEM Education Research</u>	Funds STEM education researcher career development activities in areas relevant to qualitative and quantitative STEM education research methods and design.	Feb. 27, 2026
FDN	<u>National Kidney Foundation</u>	The Young Investigator Research Grant program supports clinical research studies addressing important issues for patients with kidney disease.	*Feb. 2026 (Last: Feb. 10, 2025)
DOD	<u>DARPA Young Faculty Award</u>	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, 2025)



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FDN	<u>Foundation for Food and Agriculture Research</u>	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)
DOE	<u>Office of Science Early Career Research Program</u>	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	*Spring 2026 (Last: Feb. 18, 2025, for pre-applications; April 22, 2025 for full proposals)
FDN	<u>Brain & Brain Behavior Research Foundation</u>	BBRF Young Investigator Grants provide up to \$35,000 per year for two years to enable promising investigators to either extend research fellowship training or begin careers as independent research faculty.	*Mar. 2026 (Last: Mar. 12, 2025)
FDN	<u>American Speech-Language-Hearing Foundation</u>	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)
FDN	<u>Mark Foundation for Cancer Research</u>	Emerging Leader Awards are \$750,000 over three years for high-impact, high-risk cancer research.	*Spring/summer 2026 (Last: May 5, 2025)
FDN	<u>Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation for Childhood Cancer</u>	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.	*Summer 2026 (Last: Jun. 16, 2025)
NSF	<u>Faculty Early Career Development Program (CAREER)</u>	Provides stable support at a sufficient level and duration to enable awardees to develop careers as researchers and educators.	Jul. 22, 2026
FDN	<u>William T. Grant Foundation</u>	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.	*Summer 2026
FDN	<u>Cottrell Scholar Award</u>	Awards support the development of outstanding teacher-scholars in chemistry, physics, or astronomy.	*Summer 2026 (Last: Jul. 1, 2025)
DOD	<u>Air Force Young Investigator Research Program</u>	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 2026 (Last: Jul. 25, 2025)
DOD	<u>Army Research Office BAA for Fundamental Research - Early Career Program (ECP)</u>	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





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