Funding for Research on COVID-19 and Information for NIH Applicants re: Impact of COVID-19 on Grants and Submissions

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FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES SPECIFIC TO COVID-19

Internal

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND BALTIMORE, INSTITUTE FOR CLINICAL AND TRANSLATIONAL RESEARCH (UMB ICTR)

COVID-19-Specific Accelerated Translational Incubator Pilot (ATIP) Grant competition to provide starter funds for projects specifically focused on clinical and translational research related to COVID-19 that involve faculty from the UMB Schools of Dentistry, Law, Medicine, Nursing, Pharmacy and Social Work; UMBC and UMB community partnerships.

Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis up to the deadline of April 23, 2020 and will have an expedited review. Funds will be awarded up to $50K. To be considered for this COVID-19 grant opportunity, all proposals must be submitted electronically through the ICTR website by 5 PM EST April 23, 2020. You can access the application and find out more information regarding this funding opportunity by visiting: https://www.umaryland.edu/ictr/funding/atip-grant-program---covid-19---foa/

For questions regarding application guidelines, please contact ICTR-navigator@umaryland.edu

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND BALTIMORE, INSTITUTE FOR CLINICAL AND TRANSLATIONAL RESEARCH (UMB ICTR)

Special Call for COVID-19 ICTR Voucher Applications

UMB ICTR Announces Special call for Rolling Voucher Applications related to SARS-CoV-2 and COVID-19 Clinical & Translational Research. Up to $10,000 will be awarded to help defray the costs of UMB Cores of Service. Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis. You can access the application and find out more information regarding this funding opportunity by visiting: https://www.umaryland.edu/ictr/funding/voucher-program---covid-19/
UM VENTURES

UMCP / UMB Coronavirus Medical Device Challenge Program
UM Ventures are seeking applications from tenured/tenure-track faculty at University of Maryland, College Park or the University of Maryland, Baltimore. Joint proposals between the two institutions are highly encouraged. Details are in the attached document.

The proposed research should contribute to commercialization of evidence-based medical devices related to the COVID-19 pandemic across a wide range of outcomes, including but not limited to testing, personal protection, treatment and prevention. UM Ventures will award up to $50,000 per project. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis through May 2020 (or until funds are exhausted). Funding decisions will be made bi-weekly.

Please direct questions to:

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Federal

NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH (NIH)

Information for NIH Applicants and Recipients of NIH Funding during COVID-19 Pandemic (including Funding Opportunities Specific to COVID-19):
https://grants.nih.gov/grants/natural_disasters/corona-virus.htm

Notice of Special Interest (NOSI): National Cancer Institute Announcement Regarding Availability of Urgent Competitive Revision and Administrative Supplements on Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) NOT-CA-20-042

NIH News, Videos and Blogs related to COVID-19 impact:

To Subscribe to the NIH Guide LISTSERV to receive notices:
https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/listserv.htm
NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION
Rapid Response Research (RAPID):

AGENCY FOR HEALTHCARE RESEARCH AND QUALITY (AHRQ)

CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION (CDC)
Information for CDC Applicants and Recipients of CDC Funding

SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ADMINISTRATION (SAMHSA)
Emergency Grants to Address Mental and Substance Use Disorders During COVID-19
https://www.samhsa.gov/grants/grant-announcements/fg-20-006
Deadline: April 10, 2020

US ARMY
Special Notice: xTech COVID-19 Ventilator Challenge

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
Peer Reviewed Medical Research Program (PRMRP) open to Emerging Viral Diseases and Respiratory Health with a focus on COVID-19
- Clinical Trial Award (W81XWH-20-PRMRP-CTA-COV)
- Investigator Initiated Research Award (W81XWH-20-PRMRP-IIRA-COV)
- Technology/Therapeutic Development Award (W81XWH-20-PRMRP-TTDA-COV)
https://cdmrp.army.mil/funding/prmrp
Non-Federal

AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION  
COVID-19 and Its Cardiovascular Impact  
https://professional.heart.org/professional/ResearchPrograms/UCM_505867_AHA-Rapid-Response-Grant-COVID-19-and-its-Cardiovascular-Impact.jsp  
Deadline: April 6, 2020

HARRINGTON DISCOVERY INSTITUTE  
Transatlantic Call for Proposals to Treat Coronavirus and its Clinical Impact  
Application Deadline: April 30, 2020

LifeArc  
Funding available for the development and testing of therapeutics to treat COVID-19  
https://www.lifearc.org/funding/covid-19/covid-19-funding  
Deadline: April 6, 2020

PATIENT CENTERED OUTCOMES RESEARCH INSTITUTE (PCORI)  
PCORI’s Board also approved funding for new research and programs seeking to improve COVID-19 care while making supplemental funds available to existing studies and projects that can address this issue. Altogether, PCORI is investing up to $110 million in high-quality, patient-centered research targeting coronavirus.  
https://www.pcori.org/funding-opportunities

CURES WITHIN REACH  
Repurposing Funding Opportunities in COVID-19:  
https://www.cureswithinreach.org/

MEDICAL TECHNOLOGY ENTERPRISE CONSORTIUM (MTEC)  
MTEC posted a pre-announcement for a Request for Project Proposals (RPP) to rapidly develop and deploy the National Emergency Telecritical Care Network (NETCCN)  
https://www.mtec-sc.org/upcoming-solicitations/
MCDC CONSORTIUM MANAGEMENT FIRM
MCDC has released a Request for Information (RFI) on the MCDC Website. This RFI has been put forth by Joint Program Executive Office for Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear Defense (JPEO-CBRND). This RFI requests solutions to the novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) pandemic in the United States and is for the following Sub-Objective areas:

MCDC RFI: CoV Pandemic Response
- Diagnostics/Monitoring
- Surveillance
- Information Systems for Point of Care
- Therapeutics
- Prophylactics
- Clinical trials

DONAGHUE FOUNDATION
Greater Value Portfolio Grant Program
The purpose of this award is to advance promising approaches to achieve a higher value healthcare system. The goal of this program is to test approaches and tools that organizations can readily use to improve the value of the healthcare they provide to their patients and communities. Although the foundation has not changed its focus on value, it believes there are many research questions related to our nation’s response to the COVID-19 pandemic that could fit within this topic.

https://donaghue.org/grant-opportunities/greater-value-portfolio/
LOI Due: May 11, 2020
Application Due: August 3, 2020

PFIZER
COVID-19 Competitive Grant Program
This grant is intended to support educational programs for healthcare providers focused on the recognition, diagnosis, treatment, and overall care management of patients with COVID-19.
Deadline: May 22, 2020

Providing Enhanced Medical Support for Patients with Primary Immunodeficiency (PI)
This opportunity supports patient-focused programs that help patients and providers address the heightened medical and educational needs of patients with PI during this pandemic. Priority will be awarded to projects that leverage the utilization of innovative technology platforms for distant learning to reach the intended audience with a focus on patient outreach, medical support and telework
Deadline: June 8, 2020
**NEW** **RUSSELL SAGE FOUNDATION**

The Russell Sage Foundation will only consider LOIs that satisfy the following criteria: research so timely and time-sensitive that the project must start before April 1, 2021; or research that analyzes social, political, economic, or psychological disruptions resulting from the coronavirus crisis affecting social and living conditions in the United States.

[https://www.russellsage.org/how-to-apply](https://www.russellsage.org/how-to-apply)

Letters of Inquiry are due May 21. Upon review, selected applicants will be invited to submit a full proposal by August 17, 2020.

**NEW** **ROBERT WOOD JOHNSON FOUNDATION**

Pioneering Ideas: Exploring the Future to Build a Culture of Health

Pioneering Ideas: Exploring the Future to Build a Culture of Health seeks proposals that are primed to influence health equity in the future. We are interested in ideas that address any of these four areas of focus: Future of Evidence; Future of Social Interaction; Future of Food; Future of Work. Additionally, we welcome ideas that might fall outside of these four focus areas, but which offer unique approaches to advancing health equity and our progress toward a Culture of Health.

Please note: While this call for proposals is focused on broader and longer-term societal trends and shifts that were evolving prior to the COVID-19 outbreak, we recognize the unique circumstances and learning created by the COVID-19 pandemic may inform your response. It is at your discretion whether you propose a project related to the pandemic directly or indirectly.


Proposals will be accepted throughout the year on a rolling admission.

**NEW** **BILL & MELINDA GATES FOUNDATION, WELLCOME TRUST, MASTERCARD**

COVID-19 Therapeutics Accelerator

The COVID-19 Therapeutics Accelerator is a collaborative effort to research, develop and bring effective treatments to market quickly and accessibly.

[https://www.therapeuticsaccelerator.org/](https://www.therapeuticsaccelerator.org/)

Deadline: None specified
WEBSITES LISTING FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES SPECIFIC TO COVID-19

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND: https://umd.infoready4.com/#competitionDetail/1809933

JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY: https://hub.jhu.edu/novel-coronavirus-information/research-preparedness/research-preparedness-covid-19-funding-opportunities/

VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY: https://research.vanderbilt.edu/federal-funding-for-covid-19-research/

STANFORD SCHOOL OF MEDICINE: https://med.stanford.edu/rmg/resources/covid19.html

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN: https://research.umich.edu/covid-19/covid-19-funding-opportunities

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA: https://research.unc.edu/research-development/finding-funding/covid-19/

PENN STATE COLLEGE OF MEDICINE: https://pennstatehealthnews.org/topics/covid-19-research-funding/

STONY BROOK RESEARCH: https://research.stonybrook.edu/Funding_COVID-19

NIH INFORMATION REGARDING IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON NIH GRANT SUBMISSION AND FUNDED APPLICATIONS:

NIH Late Application Policy Due to Public Health Emergency for US for 2019 Novel Coronavirus

General Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)- Proposal Submission and Award Management Related to COVID-19

Flexibilities Available to Applicants and Recipients of Federal Financial Assistance Affected by COVID-19
Guidance for NIH-funded Clinical Trials and Human Subjects Studies Affected by COVID-19

Update: NIH Late Application Policy Due to Public Health Emergency for US for 2019 Novel Coronavirus

FAQs: COVID-19 Flexibilities for Applicants and Recipients

1. Can I request an extension for a Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award (NRSA) fellowship award?
Yes. Recipients may submit extension requests to the funding IC for consideration when the effects of COVID-19 have altered the planned course of the research training. Extension requests must include a description of how COVID-19 affected the fellowship award, and clearly outline how much additional time is needed. All such requests must be signed by the fellow, the Authorized Organization Representative, and the fellowship sponsor.

2. May National Research Service Award (NRSA) trainees and fellows, who receive stipends rather than salaries, continue to receive stipend payments if they are unable to work as a result of COVID-19?
Yes, stipend payments may continue to be charged to NIH NRSA grants affected by COVID-19. Recipients should notify the Grants Management Specialist named in the notice of award and provide documentation demonstrating the effect of COVID-19, and how long the institution will be affected.

3. Will University closings due to COVID 19 be allowed as a reason for ESI end date extensions?
Yes, investigators that have been affected by COVID-19 (e.g. university closure) may submit requests for an extension of ESI status through eRA Commons via the ESI Extension request button in the Education section of their Personal Profile. Refer to 4/1/2020 Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) | grants.nih.gov
the ESI FAQs and eRA Online Help for more information on how to request an extension of ESI status.
4. Our institution’s Office of Sponsored programs has been mandated to work from home and they are not able to send in the original signed Payback forms. How should we provide NIH the forms?
There is no need to submit these forms at this time. NIH will allow for delayed submission of NRSA Payback Agreements due to COVID-19. Recipients should notify the funding IC of the delay and submit the form as soon as feasible.

5. Can I request an extension for a Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award (NRSA) and/or fellowship award?
Yes. Recipients may submit extension requests to the funding IC for consideration when the effects of COVID-19 have altered the planned course of the research training/activities. Extension requests must include a description of how COVID-19 affected the NRSA and/or fellowship award, and clearly outline how much additional time is needed. All such requests must be signed by the fellow, the Authorized Organization and the fellowship sponsor.

6. For awards with an effort level requirement (e.g., Career Development Awards), can PI effort be temporarily reduced below program effort requirements due to the impact of COVID-19?
Yes, recipients can contact the funding IC to request reductions in effort due to COVID-19, which may go below the required effort levels for the grant.

7. Can a K99 applicant apply for an extension of the 4-year eligibility window (for initial applications or resubmissions) due to COVID-19?
Yes, K99 applicants can request an extension to their K99 eligibility window due to the effects of COVID-19 on their research productivity. Affected applicants should consult with the funding IC for further guidance.

FUNDING SOURCE CONSULTATION SERVICE

Stacie Mendoza, Program Director for Research Career Development, assists junior faculty and postdocs with identifying sources of funding for their research including how to navigate the NIH funding database. To schedule a funding consultation, complete a Funding Search Request Form online at https://www.medschool.umd.edu/career/Grant-Funding-Consultation-Service/
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