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CIHR Launches new Equity and Diversity Questionnaire for Applicants
CIHR manages over 100 funding competitions each year. As outlined in the CIHR Equity Strategy, we are committed to ensuring that all CIHR programs and peer review processes result in the fair and impartial treatment of all participants. To fulfill this commitment, CIHR must collect data on a number of equity dimensions to allow us to identify and address potential inequities. As of May 15, 2018, ALL application participants for ALL CIHR programs must complete an Equity and Diversity Questionnaire. BE PROACTIVE: If you have a ResearchNet (RNet) account login NOW and complete the survey info in RNet Account Settings per the linked RNet instructions here. Read More

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**CIHR – Operating Grant: AMR: Point of Care Diagnostics in Human Health – Phase 2**

The Antimicrobial Resistance: Point of Care Diagnostics in Human Health Phase 2 funding opportunity is expected to:

- Improve rational use of antibiotics and clinical management by increasing availability, timeliness, and uptake of clinically relevant point-of-care diagnostic tools in AMR.
- Integrate evidence-informed therapeutic approaches and prevention interventions into health care practice and policy.
- Determine commercial viability and show direct clinical applicability of a technology or tool that has passed the preliminary design developmental phase.
- Enhance capacity to conduct international, intersectoral and interdisciplinary AMR research through collaboration and training of researchers and health care professionals.

**Funding Details:** The total amount available for this funding opportunity is $2,025,000, enough to fund approximately 3 grants. The maximum amount per grant is $225,000 per year for up to 3 years for a total of $675,000 per grant.

**Additional Details**

Internal HRS Deadline: **August 1, 2018**

Sponsor Deadline: **August 15, 2018**
**CIHR – Operating Grant: Understanding the Health Impact of Inactivity**

The ultimate goals of this call are to develop solutions for:

- Older adults experiencing periods of inactivity in order to inform transitions in care and/or improve their quality of life.
- Astronauts in order to stay in good health during spaceflights and during their extended stays in the International Space Station, as well as in the foreseen deep space exploration program.

The objectives of the Understanding the Health Impacts of Inactivity funding opportunity are to:

1. **Enhance our understanding of the**
   - Health impacts of inactivity by:
     - Identifying impact through biological measures
     - Identifying relevant biological measures to support care transitions
     - Identifying biological changes that may inform our mechanistic understanding of pre-frailty and progression to frailty
   
   And
   - Impact and effectiveness of a specific countermeasure protocol by:
     - Identifying biological changes induced by its use
     - Evaluating the effectiveness of the countermeasure
     - Generating new knowledge to further inform the development of interventions and rehabilitation solutions to counteract the adverse effects of inactivity

   For older people and individuals who experience inactivity or reduced activity over an extended period, and for astronauts during space missions.

2. **Build capacity of the next generation of researchers through the meaningful involvement of trainees and/or early career investigators in the research program.**

**Funding Details:** The total amount available for this funding opportunity is $1,600,000, enough to fund approximately 8 grants. The maximum amount per grant is $200,000 for up to 18 months.

**Additional Details**

**LOI Deadline:** July 24, 2018

**Internal HRS Deadline:** August 7, 2018

**Sponsor Deadline:** August 21, 2018

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**CIHR – Team Grant: Pathways Implementation Research Teams Component 3**

The specific objectives of the Team Grant: Pathways Implementation Research Team Component 3 funding opportunity are to:

- Increase the equitable reach, access and sustainability of culturally appropriate population health interventions using an implementation science approach
- Develop and share recommendations, guidelines and policies for sustainability and enhanced equitable reach and access of interventions that incorporate reciprocal learning between participating Indigenous communities and research teams
- Build capacity for implementation research in Indigenous communities by training and mentoring junior researchers through partnerships with communities, including students and trainees with Indigenous living experience, and community members

**Funding Details:** The total amount available for this funding opportunity is $3,000,000, enough to fund approximately 2 grants. This amount may increase if additional funding partners participate. The maximum amount per grant is $300,000 per year for up to 5 years, for a total of $1,500,000 per grant. Applicants must secure partner contribution from non-federal sources to match the CIHR contribution at a minimum of 25% of the total grant amount requested as cash and/or in-kind.

**Additional Details**

**Internal HRS Deadline:** August 23, 2018

**Sponsor Deadline:** September 6, 2018

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**CIHR – Clinical Trials Network in HIV/AIDS (2018)**

The Clinical Trials Network in HIV/AIDS is expected to:

- Develop and implement a strategic, outcome-oriented clinical trials research agenda to ensure alignment with current and emerging priorities in HIV, hepatitis C and/or other STBBIs and related health conditions;
• Sustain a high quality national infrastructure (including methodological expertise, data management and analysis, research support staff and regulatory expertise) to enable Canadian researchers to collaboratively and efficiently conduct innovative and excellent clinical trials and related research across Canada and internationally;

• Accelerate the translation and uptake of new knowledge into clinical applications and guidelines for patient care to support the adoption of best practices by clinicians, caregivers and patients;

• Engage stakeholders and partners (including people living with HIV, hepatitis C and/or other STBBIs; community organizations; Indigenous peoples; clinicians; policy makers; and relevant national networks) in CTN activities and governance committees to ensure their active and meaningful involvement;

• Strengthen Canadian research capacity to conduct and apply clinical research through training and mentoring initiatives; and

• Strengthen the networking and partnership strategies and secure additional funding to maximize the impact and outcomes of the Network and work toward sustainability.

Eligibility:

• Since this funding opportunity is a directed grant, only the CIHR Canadian HIV Trials Network (CTN) is eligible to apply.

• The Nominated Principal Applicant must be an independent researcher. The Nominated Principal Applicant will serve as the National Director of the CTN.

• The Nominated Principal Applicant must be appointed at an eligible institution (See Institutional Eligibility Requirements for eligibility process and associated timelines) at the time of application.

• At least two other Principal Applicants, to be National Co-Directors, must be independent researchers. The members of the leadership team (i.e., National Director and Co-Directors) must be located in at least three different CIHR-eligible institutions, in two or more provinces/territories.

• At the time of application, one new Core co-lead for each Core must be clearly identified in the Participant table.

Funding Details: The total amount available for this funding opportunity is $22,850,000, enough to fund 1 grant. This amount may increase if additional funding partners participate. The maximum amount is $4,570,000 per year for up to 5 years.

Additional Details
Internal HRS Deadline: August 28, 2018
Sponsor Deadline: September 11, 2018

CIHR – Fellowship: Banting Postdoctoral Fellowships Program
The fellowships will be known as the Banting Postdoctoral Fellowships, in memory of Sir Frederick Banting, the Canadian physician, researcher, Nobel laureate and war hero who, together with his assistant Dr. Charles Best, is credited with the discovery of insulin. The Banting Postdoctoral Fellowships program provides funding to the very best postdoctoral applicants, both nationally and internationally, who will positively contribute to the country’s economic, social and research-based growth. The program is jointly administered by Canada’s three federal granting agencies: the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR), the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC) and the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC). CIHR has been designated as the operational lead for the implementation of the program.

Funding Details: The total amount available for this funding opportunity is $9,800,000, enough to fund approximately 70 awards. The maximum amount per award is $70,000 (taxable) per year, for up to two (2) years and a total of $140,000 per award. The funding is not renewable.

Additional Details
Contact Correen Smith in Graduate Studies to Apply
Sponsor Deadline: September 19, 2018

CIHR - Operating Grant: Epigenetics Clinical Translation
The specific objectives of this funding opportunity are to:

• Evaluate applications of epigenetics in the clinical setting, including through clinical trials, demonstrating proof-of-concept utility of epigenetic changes as biomarkers, diagnostics and targets for potential therapeutics;

• Support and build upon existing Canadian research expertise in epigenetics for clinical translation outcomes;

• Build capacity for epigenetics clinical research through training and mentoring.
Funding Details: The total amount available for this funding opportunity is $6,000,000, enough to fund up to four grants. The maximum amount per grant is $375,000 per year for up to four years.

Additional Details
LOI Deadline: September 5, 2018
Internal HRS Deadline: September 26, 2018
Sponsor Deadline: October 10, 2018

CIHR – Team Grant: HIV/AIDS Biomedical and Clinical Research
The Team Grant: HIV/AIDS Biomedical Clinical Research funding opportunity is expected to contribute to the global search for a safe and effective cure for HIV, and to develop prevention strategies and tools. The specific objectives of this funding opportunity are to:

- transform HIV biomedical and clinical research in Canada into a collaborative, interdisciplinary model of knowledge creation and application through the funding of innovative research programs;
- create an inclusive and sustainable pipeline of HIV research capacity from across disciplines, sectors, and perspectives (e.g., HIV basic scientists, clinical investigators, knowledge users and/or community members [people living with HIV]);
- effectively translate knowledge into clinical and/or commercial applications which contribute to the design, development and evaluation of research strategies; and
- create a critical mass of technical and scientific expertise in Canada that engages meaningfully with one another and with relevant national stakeholders, and participates in international research efforts.

Funding Details: The total amount available for this funding opportunity is $20,000,000, enough to fund approximately 6 grants.

Additional Details
Internal HRS Deadline: October 23, 2018
Sponsor Deadline: November 6, 2018

CIHR – Centres for HIV/AIDS, Hepatitis C and other STBBIs Research
The Centres for HIV/AIDS, Hepatitis C and other STBBIs Research are expected to improve health and access to effective programs and services for people living with and at risk of HIV, Hepatitis C and other STBBIs, particularly for populations most affected. The specific objectives of the Centres are to:

- foster coordination of research efforts by developing and supporting a network of collaborative Centres;
- develop and/or strengthen high quality infrastructure for implementation science, health services and population health research to enable Canadian HIV, Hepatitis C and other STBBI researchers to conduct innovative, high quality, collaborative research;
- facilitate implementation science, health services and population health research training and mentoring initiatives to strengthen the capacity of trainees; and
- accelerate the translation and uptake of knowledge and implementation of evidence to inform practices, policies and programs through models of integrated knowledge translation and innovative strategies that engage stakeholders and partners (including people living with HIV, community organizations, clinicians, policy makers and relevant networks).

Funding Details: The total amount available for this funding opportunity is $10,000,000, enough to fund approximately two to three grants. This amount may increase if additional funding partners participate. Centres may be variable in size; it is anticipated that requested budgets will range from $400,000 to $1,000,000 per annum. The maximum amount per grant is $1,000,000 per year for up to 5 years for a total of $5,000,000 per grant.

Additional Details
Internal HRS Deadline: November 27, 2018
Sponsor Deadline: December 11, 2018

The Steacie Prize in the Natural Sciences, 2018
The Steacie Prize is a Canadian award of $10,000 presented once a year to a scientist or engineer of 40 years of age or less for outstanding scientific research carried out in Canada. The winner is selected by a distinguished panel which is appointed annually by the E.W.R. Steacie Memorial Fund, a private foundation dedicated to the advancement of science and engineering in Canada. Nominations of candidates should be made by a colleague, and should include a description and evaluation of the nominee’s work, together with a curriculum vitae, a publication list, and a list of referees.
**AGE-WELL National Impact Challenge**

The AGE-WELL National Impact Challenge is looking for new and unique technology-based solutions that can benefit Canadians as they age. Contestants will compete for prizes totaling over $100,000 in cash and in-kind services by showcasing how their solution could positively impact older Canadians or their caregivers. To take part in the AGE-WELL National Impact Challenge, contestants are asked to submit their idea in video format (not more than five minutes). Videos meeting competition criteria will be posted on AGE-WELL’s website for public voting. The contestant in each of five geographic zones who receives the most votes will be invited to pitch their idea at a finale in Vancouver at the AGE-WELL Annual Conference, taking place Oct. 16-18, 2018.

**Additional Details**
- Internal HRS Deadline: June 15, 2018
- Sponsor Deadline: June 30, 2018

**Mitacs Elevate Spring 2018 Call for Proposals**

Mitacs Elevate is a postdoctoral fellowship with a customized research management training component. Fellows address complex challenges through:

- An exclusive research management curriculum for postdoctoral fellows in any discipline
- A minimum one-year research project (normally two years in duration) with a partner organization in need of high-level expertise
- A Partner Organization Business Case, developed to outline project objectives, risks, and stakeholder success criteria, and ensure project value

Elevate fellows progress through the program in a cohort, giving them cross-disciplinary networking and peer-learning opportunities they might not have otherwise in their careers.

**Funding Details**: Elevate fellows receive $55,000 minimum annual stipend/salary (for fellowships awarded after April 1, 2018) and training curriculum valued at $7,500 per year. Maximum 2 years.

**Additional Details**
- LOI Deadline: June 13, 2018
- Internal HRS Deadline: June 27, 2018
- Sponsor Deadline: July 11, 2018

**The Royal-Mach-Gaensslen Prize for Mental Health Research**

The Royal-Mach-Gaensslen Prize for Mental Health Research was established in 2015 and is awarded annually to recognize and support rising star Canadian research scientists with a focus in the area of mental health. This annual national Prize provides funding to outstanding rising star researchers who are affiliated with a Canadian academic or clinical research institution in the field of mental health, to encourage them to continue to pursue their research interests in Canada. It recognizes those with a demonstrated track record in research with excellence in scientific rigor, innovative thinking, imagination and originality and a clear ability to work in partnership with other disciplines and/or research teams external to the institution with which they are affiliated. This competition will occur once a year for 10 years.

**Funding Details**: $100,000 for one year

**Additional Details**
- Internal HRS Deadline: July 1, 2018
- Sponsor Deadline: July 15, 2018
**Canadian Blood Services: Blood Efficiency Accelerator Award Program**

The objective of the Canadian Blood Services’ Blood Efficiency Accelerator Award Program is to improve the efficient and appropriate utilization of blood products, while maintaining the safety of the blood system. To achieve this objective, the Program will support innovative research projects that seek new knowledge or accelerate the application of existing knowledge. In the context of this competition, blood product is defined as a therapeutic product derived from the donation of blood or blood components and includes red blood cell and platelet concentrates, plasma and plasma derivatives (including plasma protein products), and hematopoietic stem cells (including those derived from cord blood).

**Funding Details:** Canadian Blood Services has allocated $60,000 per year for the Blood Efficiency Accelerator Award Program and anticipate funding two (2) projects annually at a maximum value of $30,000 per project.

**Additional Details**

**Internal HRS Deadline:** July 1, 2018  
**Sponsor Deadline:** July 15, 2018

**Simons Foundation Autism Research Initiative (SFARI): Genomic Analysis for Autism Risk Variants in SPARK (Simons Foundation Powering Autism Research for Knowledge)**

SPARK (Simons Foundation Powering Autism Research for Knowledge) is an autism research initiative that aims to recruit, engage and retain a community of 50,000 individuals with autism and their family members living in the U.S. Participation in this cohort will involve contribution of medical and behavioral information, mailing in of saliva for genetic analysis, the option to have genetic findings related to autism returned, and consent to be invited to participate in future research studies. The project is operated by the Simons Foundation Autism Research Initiative (SFARI) in collaboration with approximately 25 university-affiliated research clinics, whose roles are to help enroll individuals with autism and their families in the study. Numerous national and local autism community organizations across the U.S. are also helping to find research participants and spread the word about this landmark initiative.

**Funding Details:** SFARI is expected to fund several awards in the range of $100,000 (direct costs) for 18 months. Higher budgets will be considered, but such budgets are expected to be strongly justified.

**Additional Details**

**LOI Deadline:** June 22, 2018  
**Internal HRS Deadline:** July 13, 2018  
**Sponsor Deadline:** July 27, 2018

**Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) Connection Grants**

Connection Grants are expected to respond to the objectives of the Connection program. They support events and outreach activities geared toward short-term, targeted knowledge mobilization initiatives. These events and activities represent opportunities to exchange knowledge and to engage on research issues of value to those participating. Events and outreach activities funded by a Connection Grant may often serve as a first step toward more comprehensive and longer-term projects potentially eligible for funding through other SSHRC funding opportunities listed in SSHRC’s Funding search tool. Connection Grants support workshops, colloquia, conferences, forums, summer institutes, or other events or outreach activities that facilitate:

- disciplinary and/or interdisciplinary exchanges in the humanities and social sciences;
- scholarly exchanges between those working in the social sciences and humanities and those working in other research fields;
- intersectoral exchanges between academic researchers in the humanities and social sciences and researchers and practitioners from the public, private and/or not-for-profit sectors; and/or
- international research collaboration and scholarly exchanges with researchers, students and non-academic partners from other countries.

**Funding Details:** $7,000 to $25,000 for events, and up to $50,000 for other outreach activities; higher amounts for outreach activities may be considered if well justified. Duration is 1 year.

**Additional Details**

**NOI Due to ROADS:** June 13, 2018  
**Draft Application Due to ROADS:** July 3, 2018  
**Final Application Due to ROADS:** July 24, 2018  
**Sponsor Deadline:** August 1, 2018

* To Apply, Contact Christina Pellegrini, Senior Advisor, Development, ROADS at pellegrc@mcmaster.ca or extension 21581**
**Vasculitis Foundation: Research Program**

The Vasculitis Foundation, a leading international supporter of research on vasculitis, is pleased to announce requests for grant applications for our 2019 research funding cycle. With a goal to improve the quality of life for patients with vasculitis, and ultimately find the cause/s and cure for vasculitis, the VF Research Program provides one- or two-year seed grants to support pilot studies in researching:

- Etiology/Pathogenesis (could include a broad range of studies of immunity, inflammation, or vascular biology. Relevance to human vasculitis will be taken into account by the reviewers.)
- Epidemiology, including genetics
- Diagnosis, including identification of disease subtypes
- Treatment/Management, including therapeutics to treat vasculitis or prevent complications, bio markers, and psychosocial outcomes

**Funding Details:** Maximum awards will be for $50,000 for 12 months. Some awards will be available for two years at a maximum of $50,000 per year.

**Additional Details**

**LOI Deadline:** June 15, 2018

**Internal HRS Deadline:** July 20, 2018

**Sponsor Deadline:** August 3, 2018

**Escher Fund for Autism: Grants**

The Escher Fund for Autism has recently announced two Requests for Proposals (RFP):

1) **Examining molecular impacts of drug exposures on developing germline, and implications for nongenetic inheritance** - the objective: to support projects that directly focus on early (primordial germ cell in embryo through neonatal period) germline molecular impacts of high and sustained dose pregnancy drugs.

2) **Intensive investigation of multi-hit families affected by autism and related neurodevelopmental disorders** - the objective: to support intensive investigation into exposure histories and characteristics of “multi-hit families” with three or more children (including half-siblings) affected by autism and related disorders. The related disorders include but are not limited to attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, Asperger’s, learning disabilities and intellectual disability, social-communication impairments, speech and language impairments, oppositional defiant disorder, intermittent explosive disorder, mood disorders, anxiety, depression, schizophrenia spectrum and psychotic disorders.

**Funding Details:** $25,000 grant available.

**Additional Details**

**LOI Deadline:** June 30, 2018

**Internal HRS Deadline:** TBD

**Sponsor Deadline:** TBD

**Elton John Aids Foundation: Open Call for Proposals**

The objective of the Open Call for Proposals is to support

1) any organization working to address HIV and AIDS, and

2) organizations working toward one or more of the following goals:

- Wellness: Improving the health of people living with HIV or at risk, or otherwise affected by HIV
- Rights: Upholding the rights of people living with and affected by HIV
- Quality of Life: addressing the social and economic needs of people living with and affected by HIV
- Resilience: strengthening the skills and strategies of organizations and activists addressing HIV

The EJAF values programs that:

- are led by and based in the communities being served;
- are advocating for improved government health policies and funding;
- are piloting or scaling up innovative programs to promote health and rights;
- can show a history of activism, creativity and urgency in working to address and curtail the HIV epidemic;
- are grounded in evidence regarding where and among whom HIV infections are happening, and the best interventions to help people avoid infection or, if HIV-positive, to live healthy lives.
Funding Details: First-time applicants should apply for grants of between $20,000 and $100,000 for 1 year. The EJAF will consider requests up to $300,000 from organizations with a national focus or working in multiple countries, and have a proven ability to implement large-scale programs.

Additional Details
LOI Deadline: June 30, 2018
Internal HRS Deadline: TBD
Sponsor Deadline: TBD

**Autism Speaks 2018 Treatment Research Grants**
Autism Speaks invites Treatment Research Grant applications to conduct innovative studies of novel treatments and interventions for people with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) throughout the life span. These may include medical approaches such as pharmacological treatments and complementary and alternative forms of health care, as well as behavioral and/or psychosocial interventions. Successful applications will focus on evaluation of the efficacy, effectiveness or other therapeutic benefits of the targeted intervention.

**Funding Details:** Two awards are anticipated at $250,000/year for three years with a maximum of $750,000 per award.

Additional Details
LOI Deadline: July 18, 2018
Internal HRS Deadline: September 5, 2018
Sponsor Deadline: September 19, 2018

**QUEST Resident Research Resource Opportunity**
Hamilton Health Sciences and McMaster University’s commitment to quality research and patient care led to the creation of the QUEST Resident Research Resource. This fund provides a unique opportunity to support resident investigators under the mentorship of senior staff, coupled with support in KT/Health Services research.

The primary objective of QUEST is to support the development and evaluation of simple, cost-effective resident initiated cardiovascular KT interventions. The Quest Framework would utilize KT research and the knowledge to action cycle (Graham et al) to address key evidence-practice gaps in the following realms:
1. Quality: Applying best care and developing effective tools for continuous quality improvement.
2. Utilization: Optimizing the use of needed investigations/treatments. Reducing unnecessary or even harmful investigations/treatments. Maximizing productivity, human and physical resources.
3. Evidence: Developing simple, cost-effective toolkits to optimize the delivery of evidence-based medicine.
5. Translational: The use of KT research skills to disseminate lessons learned.

**Funding Details:** Up to 2 projects may receive a maximum of $10,000 depending on the number and quality of submissions.

Internal HRS Deadline: September 7, 2018
Sponsor Deadline: September 21, 2018
*For additional information and to apply, contact Susie Hanson at shanson@mcmaster.ca*

**Alex’s Lemonade Stand Foundation Psychosocial Launch Grant**
Alex’s Lemonade Stand Foundation (ALSF) is committed to addressing the psychosocial and behavioral health outcomes for children diagnosed with cancer and their families. Their Psychosocial Launch Grant fills a direct need for research funding by supporting studies that aim to explain and/or improve psychosocial outcomes of those affected by childhood cancer. This grant is designed to fund researchers who have novel approaches to understanding the psychosocial aspects of pediatric cancer and whose proposals will have clinically significant impact.

**Funding Details:** Up to $100,000 over 2 years.

Additional Details
LOI Deadline: June 11, 2018
Internal HRS Deadline: September 17, 2018
Sponsor Deadline: October 1, 2018
**Alex’s Lemonade Stand Foundation Psychosocial Family Impact Grant**

Alex’s Lemonade Stand Foundation (ALSF) is committed to addressing the psychosocial and behavioral health outcomes for children diagnosed with cancer and their families. Our Psychosocial Family Impact Grant fills a direct need for research funding by supporting studies that aim to explain and/or improve psychosocial outcomes of those affected by childhood cancer. This grant is designed to fund researchers who have novel approaches to understanding the psychosocial aspects of pediatric cancer and whose proposals will have clinically significant impact.

**Funding Details:** The award amount is up to $100,000 per year for 3 years.

**Additional Details**
**LOI Deadline:** June 11, 2018
**Internal HRS Deadline:** September 17, 2018
**Sponsor Deadline:** October 1, 2018

**Alex’s Lemonade Stand Foundation Familial RUNX1 Research Program**

ALSF is committed to creating opportunities for new and innovative research into treatments and cures for childhood cancers. The Babich Family Foundation ([runx1.com](http://runx1.com)) is dedicated to advancing areas of research of particular importance to families affected by familial platelet disorders (FPDs) leading to acute myeloid leukemia (AML) due to germline RUNX1 mutations with the ultimate goal of developing effective therapies to prevent the onset of AML.

**Funding Details:** Up to $250,000 over two years.

**Additional Details**
**LOI Deadline:** July 2, 2018
**Internal HRS Deadline:** September 17, 2018
**Sponsor Deadline:** October 1, 2018

**Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI) Implementation of Effective Shared Decision Making Approaches in Practice Settings – Cycle 2 2018**

This initiative will support projects that propose active, multi-component approaches to implementing effective shared decision making strategies that address existing barriers and obstacles to uptake and maintenance of shared decision making. The SDM strategy must have demonstrated effectiveness on patient, caregiver, or healthcare provider decision making using widely-accepted metrics; the corresponding implementation approach must have potential for use and scalability beyond the targeted implementation setting. Patients and others whose involvement is central to success of the proposed project should be involved in its design and execution. In addition, applicants should assure that the proposed project team draws on sufficient expertise in both shared decision making and implementation science. Projects must incorporate rigorous evaluation of the implementation of shared decision making approaches, as well as the impact of the shared decision making processes in the targeted settings.

**Funding Details:** Total Direct costs, $1.5 Million. Funds available up to $6.5 Million. Maximum Project Period is up to 3 years.

**Additional Details**
**LOI Deadline:** July 24, 2018
**Internal HRS Deadline:** September 26, 2018
**Sponsor Deadline:** October 10, 2018

**BrightFocus Foundation: Macular Degeneration Research Grants**

The objective of the Macular Degeneration Research Program is to support
1) pioneering research leading to a greater understanding, prevention and treatment of age-related macular degeneration,
2) exciting pilot projects that have already generated some amount of preliminary data, however, would not at their present stage be competitive for large government or industry awards, and
3) interdisciplinary investigations that may apply to two or three of the BrightFocus disease interests (i.e., Alzheimer’s disease, Glaucoma, Macular Degeneration).

**Funding Details:** Maximum $200,000 for up to 2 years.

**Additional Details**
Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC) Discovery Grants Program

The Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC) is now accepting Notices of Intent to Apply (NOIs) for the 2019 Discovery Grants competition. The Discovery Grants Program supports ongoing programs of research with long-term goals, rather than a single short-term project or collection of projects. These grants recognize the creativity and innovation that are at the heart of all research advances. The objectives of the Discovery Grants Program are to:

- promote and maintain a diversified base of high-quality research capability in the natural sciences and engineering in Canadian universities;
- foster research excellence; and
- provide a stimulating environment for research training.

Funding Details: The final rating assigned, the applicant category, and the outcome of the assessment of the relative costs of research will determine the grant level. Discovery Grants are normally awarded for five years.

Weston Brain Institute Rapid Response: Canada 2019 (Parkinson’s & Related Diseases)

The Weston Brain Institute (the “Institute”) supports research that accelerates the development of therapeutics for neurodegenerative diseases of aging. To help achieve this, the Institute addresses gaps and inefficiencies in the funding market by supporting high-risk, high-reward translational projects, while leveraging world-class business and scientific expertise in a fast and flexible granting process. Neurodegenerative diseases of aging are among the least understood and most undertreated diseases today. Diseases such as Alzheimer’s and Parkinson’s are placing a large and increasing burden on society. If ignored, the social and economic costs to manage these diseases will rise significantly within a generation.

Funding Details: A maximum of $200,000 over up to 18 months per project.

Weston Brain Institute Transformational Research: Canada 2019 (Parkinson’s & Related Diseases)

NEW for 2018/2019: Accepting applications on diet, physical activity, sleep and nutritional supplements, if these applications meet our other scope criteria. Encouraging applications that bring in expertise, technologies or approaches in the following areas to advance the development of therapeutics and tools for neurodegenerative diseases of aging: artificial intelligence, big data, machine learning, data science, computer science, medicinal chemistry, biostatistics and engineering.

Funding Details: A maximum of $1,500,000 over up to 3 years per project.

Leukemia & Lymphoma Society: Specialized Centre of Research Program

LLS’s Specialized Center of Research (SCOR) grant program is intended to bring together established investigators from one or several institutions to develop a focused research program, foster new interactions and cooperation, and enhance interdisciplinary research among the participants. The overall goal of this mechanism is to enhance the development of innovative strategies for the
treatment, diagnosis or prevention of hematological malignancies. Strategies that move discoveries from the bench to the clinic are of high importance as are integrated translational projects.

**Funding Details:** The maximal annual total cost is $1,000,000 for each year of the five year grant. The maximum annual direct cost is $833,333.33 while the maximum annual indirect cost is $166,666.66.

**Additional Details**
- **LOI Deadline:** August 31, 2018
- **Internal HRS Deadline:** February 1, 2019
- **Sponsor Deadline:** February 15, 2019

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**Weston Brain Institute Postdoctoral Scholars at Oxford**

The Weston Brain Institute Postdoctoral Scholars at Oxford program supports top-tier Canadian postdoctoral scholars by providing international training at the University of Oxford and affiliation with Merton College. Prior to submitting an application, candidates should independently identify a host lab and potential supervisor at the University of Oxford who agrees to supervise them if awarded. Awardees will receive salary support for their postdoctoral positions at Oxford.

**Funding Details:** £57,000 per year (£44,000 per year + benefits) for 2 years.

**Additional Details**
- **Sponsor Deadline:** Applications are being accepted on a rolling basis, until 2 positions at a time are filled.

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**Weston Brain Institute International Fellowships: Canada**

Neurodegenerative diseases of aging are among the least understood and most undertreated diseases today. If ignored, the social and economic costs of managing these diseases will continue to rise. Meeting these challenges requires pioneering approaches to accelerating treatments. The Weston Brain Institute is pleased to launch our International Fellowships: Canada program. The program will support top Canadian PhD students to travel to and work in world-renowned international labs for up to 12 months, to further their translational research on neurodegenerative diseases of aging.

**Funding Details:** $60,000 per year, prorated at $5,000 per month to fit shorter travel and specific project needs.

**Additional Details**
- **Sponsor Deadline:** Applications are being accepted on a rolling basis

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**Weston Brain Institute Big Ideas: Canada**

The Weston Brain Institute (the “Institute”) supports research that accelerates the development of therapeutics for neurodegenerative diseases of aging. To help achieve this, the Institute addresses gaps and inefficiencies in the funding market by supporting hypothesis driven, high-risk, high-reward translational research projects of up to $1.5m. Based on success of previous programs, the Institute is expanding our support to new formats while maintaining the same mandate of accelerating the developments of therapeutics for neurodegenerative diseases of aging through translational research. One format they are considering is supporting a large-scale research effort that would provide ~$5-20m over ~5 years in support of a large project(s). With this call, the Institute aims to identify highly impactful ideas for consideration.

**Funding Details:** From $5,000,000 to $20,000,000

**Additional Details**
- **Sponsor Deadline:** Applications are being accepted on a rolling basis

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**McMaster University, McMaster Institute for Research on Aging (MIRA), Labarge Centre for Mobility in Aging (LCMA): Matching Funds for Research Opportunities**

The McMaster Institute for Research on Aging (MIRA) aims to optimize the health and longevity of the aging population through leading-edge research, education and stakeholder collaborations. The institute intends to amplify McMaster’s strength in aging-focused research through stimulating new partnerships, facilitating access to research funding, raising the profile of McMaster’s research platforms, and building capacity among students and faculty members. In order to improve the positioning of McMaster’s researchers in external funding competition, MIRA and the Labarge Centre for Mobility in Aging (LCMA) have allocated funding that
could be used to match or leverage external funds. This process is intended to be used for requests related to externally funded, peer-reviewed grant competitions that require a matching component.

**Funding Details:** maximum $100,000 (total cash and/or in-kind) non-renewable funding anticipated support 1-2 projects per year

**Additional Details**
**Sponsor Deadline:** Ongoing

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**MITACS Accelerate Fellowship**

The Mitacs Accelerate Fellowship provides a long-term funding and internship option for master’s and PhD students. Recipients can also access professional development training that helps them ensure project success and gain in-demand career skills. Interested applicants can apply for the Accelerate Fellowship at any time. All other Accelerate program guidelines apply.

**Funding Details:**
- **Master’s students** - $40,000 total research award for 18 mos. Minimum intern stipend is $30,000 and partner organization contribution is $18,000
- **PhD students** - $80,000 total research award for 36 mos. Minimum intern stipend is $72,000 (24,000/year) and partner organization contribution is $36,000

**Additional Details**
**Sponsor Deadline:** Ongoing

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**Weston Brain Institute: Early Phase Clinical Trials: Canada**

Neurodegenerative diseases of aging are among the least understood and most undertreated diseases today. If ignored, the social and economic costs of managing these diseases will continue to rise. Meeting these challenges requires pioneering approaches to accelerating treatments. The Early Phase Clinical Trials: Canada program was created to provide funding support for clinical trials and clinical trial sub-studies that have excellent preliminary data. Eligible Principal Applicants must be at or above the level of Assistant Professor or equivalent, and be affiliated with a Canada Revenue Agency-qualified donee institution located in Canada. Co-applicants and Collaborators must be at the post-doctoral level or above, and can be working outside Canada.

An application requires the submission of a Letter of Intent which will be reviewed by our scientific review committee. Applicants with high potential projects will then be invited to submit a Proposal. Instructions for submitting the Proposal will be forwarded to those invited. Applicants can expect to receive the outcome of their LOI application approximately 2 months after submission.

**Funding Details:** A maximum of $1,500,000 per project over up to 4 years.

**Additional Details**
**Sponsor Deadline:** Ongoing

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**OCE Voucher for Innovation and Productivity (VIP I) Program**

The VIP I Program brings industry and academia together to solve industry’s innovation challenges. It helps eligible companies develop, implement and commercialize technical innovations by supporting partnerships between Ontario’s industry and publicly funded post-secondary institutions. The program supports collaborations between industry and post-secondary institutions up to 12 months in duration that lead to knowledge mobilization, commercialization and increased productivity with significant economic impact (i.e. generating new revenues and high-value jobs) for Ontario including the development of new products and/or processes, facilitate productivity improvements. Open to all disciplines, but it has to be a for-profit. Company must have been in operation for a minimum of two years, AND have a minimum of two full-time employees.

**Funding Details:** OCE will support up to 50% of the eligible research costs, to a maximum OCE investment of $20,000.

**Additional Details**
**Sponsor Deadline:** Ongoing

*To Apply, Contact Bertha Monrose, Contracts Advisor, MILO at monrose@mcmaster.ca or extension 22416*
**OCE Voucher for Innovation and Productivity II (VIP II) Program**

The VIP II program helps established Ontario-based companies develop, implement and commercialize technical innovations by supporting partnerships with publicly-funded post-secondary institutions. Projects funded through VIP II address company needs by enabling the development of new products and/or processes, or facilitating productivity improvements, by leveraging post-secondary institutions’ skills and resources. Projects must ultimately help generate new revenues and create high-value jobs for Ontario companies. You can also leverage your sponsor’s contribution through the NSERC CRD program for additional research funds.

**Funding Details:** The VIP II program supports collaborations between companies and publicly-funded post-secondary institutions for durations of 12 and 24 months to a maximum of $150,000.

**Additional Details**

**Sponsor Deadline:** Ongoing

*To Apply, Contact Bertha Monrose, Contracts Advisor, MILO at monrose@mcmaster.ca or extension 22416*

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**TalentEdge Internship Program (TIP)**

Ontario’s TalentEdge Internship Program (TIP) provides support for current college and university students (specifically current graduate students and final year undergraduate students), and recent Masters graduates (within three years of graduation), to work on industry-driven research and development projects. Projects must have a clearly-defined R&D component, where R&D is defined by the discipline and is inclusive of all areas of specialization and disciplines. The TalentEdge Internship Program is open to students and recent graduates from across all disciplines, and all areas of specialization.

**Funding Details:** Each four-month internship is valued at $20,000 as follows: $10,000 contribution from OCE; $5,000 company cash contribution; $5,000 company in-kind contribution. It is possible to also leverage your sponsor’s contribution through the NSERC CRD program for additional research funds.

**Additional Details**

**Sponsor Deadline:** Ongoing

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**TalentEdge Fellowship Program**

Ontario’s TalentEdge Fellowship Program (TFP) provides support for Ontario-based PhD graduates and post-doctoral fellows to work on industry-driven research and development projects. Companies can tap into world-class talent coming out of Ontario’s publicly-funded post-secondary institutions and strengthen their capacity to develop new products, services, and processes.

**Funding Details:** Each 12-month fellowship is valued at $85,000 as follows

- $35,000 contribution from OCE
- $25,000 company cash contribution
- $25,000 company in-kind contribution

**Additional Details**

**Sponsor Deadline:** Ongoing

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**MITACS Accelerate Program**

Canada’s premiere research internship program provides interns with the opportunity to transfer their skills from theory to real-world application, while companies gain a competitive advantage by accessing high-quality research expertise. Interns spend approximately half their time on-site with the industry partner; the remainder is spent at the university advancing the research under the guidance of a faculty supervisor. Not-for-profit organizations are eligible.

**Funding Details:** Funding starts at $15,000

**Additional Details**

**Sponsor Deadline:** Ongoing

*To Apply, Contact Bertha Monrose, Contracts Advisor, MILO at monrose@mcmaster.ca or extension 22416*
**MITACS Globalink Partnership Award**

The Mitacs Globalink Partnership Award supports research collaborations between graduate students at Canadian universities and international industry partners. The award is open to graduate students in all disciplines at Mitacs, Full, Associate and Honorary Partner universities and for-profit companies in any country (except the United States).

**Funding Details:** A $15,000 CAD research grant in the Canadian professor’s name to support student travel and accommodation expenses, research-related expenses, and student stipend.

**Additional Details**

**Sponsor Deadline:** Ongoing

*To Apply, Contact Bertha Monrose, Contracts Advisor, MILO at monrose@mcmaster.ca or extension 22416*

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**Department of Defense Tuberous Sclerosis Complex Research Program (TSCRP) Funding Opportunities for Fiscal Year 2018**

The goal of the FY18 TSCRP is to fund exploratory, pioneering and transformative science that promotes discoveries in TSC, from mechanistic insights to clinical application, by supporting new ideas and investigators for the benefit of Service members, their beneficiaries, and the American public. Within this context, the FY18 TSCRP encourages applications that address the critical needs of the TSC community in one or more of the following FY18 Focus Areas:

- Gaining a deeper knowledge of TSC signaling pathways and the cellular consequences of TSC deficiency
- Improving TSC disease models
- Examining the clinical aspects of TSC, including phenotypic heterogeneity
- Facilitating therapeutics, biomarkers, and clinical trials research

**Funding Details:**

- **Exploration Hypothesis Development Award** - The maximum period of performance is 2 years. The maximum allowable funding for the entire period of performance is $100,000 in direct costs. Indirect costs may be proposed in accordance with the institution’s negotiated rate agreement.
- **Idea Development Award** - The maximum period of performance is 3 years. The maximum allowable funding for the entire period of performance is $450,000 in direct costs. Indirect costs may be proposed in accordance with the institution’s negotiated rate agreement.
- **Clinical Translational Research Award** - The maximum period of performance is 3 years. The maximum allowable funding for the entire period of performance is $600,000 in direct costs. Indirect costs may be proposed in accordance with the institution’s negotiated rate agreement.

**Additional Details**

**LOI Deadline:** July 11, 2018 (A Pre-application is required and must be submitted through eBRAP)

**Internal HRS Deadline:** July 19, 2018

**Sponsor Deadline:** August 2, 2018

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**Department of Defense Neurofibromatosis Research Program (NFRP) Funding Opportunities for Fiscal Year 2018**

The NFRP encourages applications that specifically address the critical needs of the NF community in one or more of the FY18 Areas of Emphasis. Not all Areas of Emphasis are applicable to each award mechanism offered by the FY18 NFRP. If the proposed research project does not address one of the FY18 Areas of Emphasis, justification that the proposed research project addresses an important problem related to NF research and/or patient care should be provided.

- Health services research
  - Evidence-based best clinical practices
  - Implementation and access to NF-specific health care
  - Utilization of technology and informatics
- Heterogeneity of neurofibromas and other NF-related tumors
- Nontumor manifestations
  - Cognitive, behavior, sleep, pain, hypotonia, communication, etc., including quality of life measures, self-reported and underreported manifestations

**Additional Details**

**LOI Deadline:** July 11, 2018 (A Pre-application is required and must be submitted through eBRAP)

**Internal HRS Deadline:** July 19, 2018

**Sponsor Deadline:** August 2, 2018
• Novel disease and treatment response markers using genomics, epigenetics, systems biology, metabolomics, or similar approaches
  o Transition from benign to malignant
• Nutritional, environmental, and other modifiers of NF
• Post-adolescent manifestations
• Preclinical efficacy studies
• Target identification, drug discovery, targeted and immunotherapies

**Funding Details:**

- **Clinical Trial Award** - The maximum period of performance is 4 years. The maximum allowable funding for the entire period of performance is $800,000 in direct costs ($1,000,000 in direct costs if requesting a Collaborator). Indirect costs may be proposed in accordance with the institution’s negotiated rate agreement.

- **Exploration-Hypothesis Development Award** - The maximum period of performance is 2 years. The maximum allowable funding for the entire period of performance is $100,000 in direct costs. Indirect costs may be proposed in accordance with the institution’s negotiated rate agreement.

- **Investigator-Initiated Research Award** - The maximum period of performance is 3 years. The maximum allowable funding for the entire period of performance is $525,000 in direct costs ($575,000 in direct costs if requesting an Optional Qualified Collaborator). Indirect costs may be proposed in accordance with the institution’s negotiated rate agreement.

- **New Investigator Award** - The maximum period of performance is 3 years. The maximum allowable funding for the entire period of performance is $450,000 in direct costs. Indirect costs may be proposed in accordance with the institution’s negotiated rate agreement.

- **Early Investigator Research Award** - The maximum period of performance is 2 years. The maximum allowable funding for the entire period of performance is $200,000 in direct costs. Indirect costs may be proposed in accordance with the institution’s negotiated rate agreement.

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**Additional Details**

LOI Deadline: **July 26, 2018** (A Pre-application is required and must be submitted through eBRAP)

Internal HRS Deadline: **August 2, 2018**

Sponsor Deadline: **August 9, 2018**

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**Department of Defense Ovarian Cancer Research Program (OCRP) Funding Opportunities for Fiscal Year 2018**

Ovarian cancer is the leading cause of death among gynecological cancers each year. In 2017, approximately 22,440 women will be diagnosed with ovarian cancer in the United States, and an estimated 14,080 will die from the disease. Ovarian cancer ranks fifth in cancer deaths among women. The Department of Defense (DoD) Ovarian Cancer Research Program (OCRP) was initiated in FY97 to support high-impact, cutting-edge research that fills unmet needs. Appropriations for the OCRP from FY97 through FY16 totaled $276.45 million (M). The FY17 appropriation is $20M.

**Funding Details:**

- **Clinical Development Award** – Maximum Funding of $600,000 for direct and indirect costs for a maximum of 3 years. Funding is increased to $800,000 for direct costs with a qualified nested Early Career Investigator.

- **Omens Consortium Development Award** – Maximum funding of $400,000 for direct and indirect costs for a maximum of 2 years.

- **Ovarian Cancer Academy Award** – Early-Career Investigator – Maximum funding of $725,000 for direct and indirect costs for a maximum of 4 years.

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**Additional Details**

LOI Deadline: **July 25, 2018** (A Pre-application is required and must be submitted through eBRAP)

Internal HRS Deadline: **August 1, 2018**

Sponsor Deadline: **August 8, 2018**
Department of Defense Peer Reviewed Medical Research Program (PRMRP) Funding Opportunities for Fiscal Year 2018

The Department of Defense has released 4 new funding opportunities for their Ovarian Cancer Research Program. Please see Additional Details link for further information. Please note respective deadlines for each award.

Funding Details:
- **Discovery Award** – Maximum funding of $200,000 for direct costs (plus indirect costs) for a maximum of 18 months

**LOI Deadline:** June 14, 2018 (A Pre-application is required and must be submitted through eBRAP)
**Internal HRS Deadline:** June 21, 2018
**Sponsor Deadline:** June 28, 2018

Funding Details:
- **Investigator-initiated Research Award** – Maximum funding of $1.2 million for direct costs (plus indirect costs); $1.5 million for direct costs (plus indirect costs) for applications including a Partnering PI Option Maximum period of performance is 3 years
- **Technology/Therapeutic Development Award** – Maximum funding of $3M for direct costs (plus indirect costs) for a maximum of 3 years

**LOI Deadline:** June 12, 2018 (A Pre-application is required and must be submitted through eBRAP)
**Internal HRS Deadline:** September 6, 2018
**Sponsor Deadline:** September 20, 2018

Funding Details:
- **Focused Program Award** – Maximum funding of $10 million for total costs (includes direct and indirect costs) for a maximum of 4 years.

**LOI Deadline:** June 19, 2018 (A Pre-application is required and must be submitted through eBRAP)
**Internal HRS Deadline:** September 6, 2018
**Sponsor Deadline:** September 20, 2018

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Department of Defense Lung Cancer Research Program (LCRP) Funding Opportunities for Fiscal Year 2018

The Department of Defense has released 5 new funding opportunities for their Ovarian Cancer Research Program. Please see Additional Details link for further information. Please note respective deadlines for each award.

Funding Details:
- **Concept Award** – Maximum funding of $100,000 in direct costs (plus indirect costs). Period of performance not to exceed 1 year

**LOI Deadline:** July 26, 2018 (A Pre-application is required and must be submitted through eBRAP)
**Internal HRS Deadline:** August 2, 2018
**Sponsor Deadline:** August 9, 2018

Funding Details:
- **Idea Development Award** – Maximum funding of $350,000 in direct costs (plus indirect costs). Period of performance not to exceed 2 years.
- **Investigator-Initiated Translational Research Award** – Maximum funding of $400,000 in direct costs (plus indirect costs). Period of performance not to exceed 2 years.
- **Translational Research Partnership Award** – Maximum funding of $900,000 in direct costs (plus indirect costs). Period of performance not to exceed 3 years.

**LOI Deadline:** June 26, 2018 (A Pre-application is required and must be submitted through eBRAP)
**Internal HRS Deadline:** September 12, 2018
Department of Defense Peer Reviewed Cancer Research Program (PRCRP) Funding Opportunities for Fiscal Year 2018

The Department of Defense has released 4 new funding opportunities for their Ovarian Cancer Research Program. Please see Additional Details link for further information. Please note respective deadlines for each award.

Funding Details:
- **Impact Award** – Maximum funding for the entire period of performance is $1,000,000 in direct costs (plus indirect costs). Maximum period of performance is 3 years.
- **Idea Award with Special Focus** – Maximum funding for the entire period of performance is $400,000 in direct costs (plus indirect costs). Maximum period of performance is 2 years.
- **Translational Team Science Award** – Maximum funding for the entire period of performance is $1,000,000 for direct costs (plus indirect costs). Maximum performance is 4 years.

LOI Deadline: June 20, 2018 (A Pre-application is required and must be submitted through eBRAP)
Internal HRS Deadline: September 12, 2018
Sponsor Deadline: September 26, 2018

Department of Defense Tick-Borne Disease Research Program (TBDRP) Funding Opportunities for Fiscal Year 2018

There are currently at least 16 known tick-borne illnesses, with emerging diseases being discovered all the time. In the United States, the yearly cases of Lyme disease and other tick-borne diseases, including spotted fever rickettsiosis, anaplasmosis, and ehrlichiosis, have been increasing steadily for years, currently totaling tens of thousands of people diagnosed annually, with more likely undiagnosed. Globally, the US Military prioritizes tick-borne Crimean-Congo hemorrhagic fever as an operational threat abroad. The vision of the DoD is to prevent the occurrence, better diagnose and resolve or minimize the impact of Lyme disease and other tick-borne illnesses, with emphasis on burden of disease.

Funding Details:
- **Career Development Award** – Maximum funding for the entire period of performance is $300K for direct costs (plus indirect costs). Maximum period of performance is 3 years.
- **Idea Award** – Maximum funding of $250K for direct costs (plus indirect costs). Maximum period of performance is 2 years.
- **Investigator-Initiated Research Award** – Maximum funding of $650K for direct costs (plus indirect costs). Maximum period of performance is 3 years.

LOI Deadline: June 25, 2018 (A Pre-application is required and must be submitted through eBRAP)
Internal HRS Deadline: September 13, 2018
Sponsor Deadline: September 27, 2018
Department of Defense Autism Research Program (ARP) Funding Opportunities for Fiscal Year 2018
The Autism Research Program focuses on improving the lives of those living with ASD by funding innovative, and highly impactful research. Through the program's areas of interest, the Autism Research Program focuses on ways to improve diagnosis, treatment, and studying psychosocial factors for affecting key life time transitions to independence and a better life for those with autism and their families.

Funding Details:
- **Clinical Trial Award** - The maximum period of performance is 4 years. The maximum allowable funding for the entire period of performance is $1,000,000 in direct costs (plus indirect costs).
  - **Early-Career Investigator Partnering PI Option**: The maximum period of performance is 4 years. The maximum allowable funding for the entire period of performance is $1,155,000 for direct costs (plus indirect costs).
- **Idea Development Award** - The maximum period of performance is 3 years. The maximum allowable funding for the entire period of performance is $500,000 in direct costs (plus indirect costs). For multiple PIs, the combined funding for all PIs for the entire period of performance may not exceed $500,000 in direct costs (plus indirect costs).
- **Clinical Translational Research Award** - The maximum period of performance is 3 years. The maximum allowable funding for the entire period of performance is $500,000 in direct costs (plus indirect costs).

Additional Details
LOI Deadline: **July 5, 2018** (A pre-application is required and must be submitted through eBRAP)
Internal HRS Deadline: **September 20, 2018**
Sponsor Deadline: **October 4, 2018**

Department of Defense Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Research Program (ALSRP) Funding Opportunities for Fiscal Year 2018
As directed by the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs, the Defense Health Agency (DHA), J9 Research and Development Directorate manages the Defense Health Program (DHP) Research, Development, Test and Evaluation (RDT&E) appropriation. The managing agent for the anticipated Program Announcements/Funding Opportunities is the Congressionally Directed Medical Research Programs (CDMRP).
The mission of the ALSRP is to fund innovative pre-clinical research to develop new treatments for ALS for the benefit of Service members, Veterans, and the general public.

Funding Details:
- **Therapeutic Development Award** – Maximum funding of $1M for direct costs for the standard award. Maximum funding of $1,250,000 for direct costs for submissions under the Therapeutically Relevant Marker Option. Maximum period of performance is 2 years.
- **Therapeutic Idea Award** – Maximum funding of $500,000 for direct costs for a maximum period of performance of 2 years.

Additional Details
LOI Deadline: **June 22, 2018** (A pre-application is required and must be submitted through eBRAP)
Internal HRS Deadline: **September 27, 2018**
Sponsor Deadline: **October 11, 2018**

Department of Defense Spinal Cord Injury Research Program (SCIRP) Funding Opportunities for Fiscal Year 2018
Spinal cord injuries (SCI) are serious and complex neurotraumatic wounds affecting military service members serving in Iraq and Afghanistan. The SCIRP was established by Congress in FY09 with a $35 million appropriation to support research into regenerating/repairing damaged spinal cords and improving rehabilitation therapies. From FY10-15, Congress appropriated an additional $122.85 million to continue this research. The SCIRP focuses its funding on innovative projects that have the potential to make a significant impact on improving the function, wellness, and overall quality of life for military service members as well as their caregivers, families, and the American public.

Funding Details:
• **Clinical Trial Award** - The maximum allowable funding for the entire period of performance is $3,000,000 for direct costs. Indirect costs may be proposed in accordance with the institution’s negotiated rate agreement. The maximum period of performance is 4 years.

• **Investigator-Initiated Research Award** - The maximum allowable funding for the entire period of performance is $500,000 for direct costs. Indirect costs may be proposed in accordance with the institution’s negotiated rate agreement. The maximum period of performance is 3 years.

• **Qualitative Research Award** - The maximum allowable funding for the entire period of performance is $500,000 for direct costs. Indirect costs may be proposed in accordance with the institution’s negotiated rate agreement. The maximum period of performance is 3 years.

• **Translational Research Award** - The maximum allowable funding for the entire period of performance is $1,250,000 for direct costs. Indirect costs may be proposed in accordance with the institution’s negotiated rate agreement. The maximum period of performance is 3 years.

**Additional Details**

**LOI Deadline:** **July 9, 2018** (A pre-application is required and must be submitted through eBRAP)
**Internal HRS Deadline:** **October 1, 2018**
**Sponsor Deadline:** **October 15, 2018**

Department of Defense Prostate Cancer Research Program (PCRP) Funding Opportunities for Fiscal Year 2018

The Department of Defense has released 4 new funding opportunities for their Prostate Cancer Research Program. Please see [Additional Details](#) link for further information. Please note respective deadlines for each award.

**Funding Details:**

- **Physician Research Award** – Maximum funding of $750,000 for direct costs (plus indirect costs). Maximum period of performance is 4 years.

- **Early Investigator Research Award** – Maximum of $200,000 for direct costs (plus indirect costs). Maximum period of performance is 2 years.

**LOI Deadline:** **August 16, 2018** (A pre-application is required and must be submitted through eBRAP)
**Internal HRS Deadline:** **August 23, 2018**
**Sponsor Deadline:** **September 6, 2018**

**Funding Details:**

- **Idea Development Award** - Maximum funding of $600,000 for direct costs (plus indirect costs). Maximum period of performance is 3 years.

**LOI Deadline:** **July 6, 2018** (A pre-application is required and must be submitted through eBRAP)
**Internal HRS Deadline:** **September 13, 2018**
**Sponsor Deadline:** **September 27, 2018**

**Funding Details:**

- **Impact Award** - Maximum funding of $750,000 for direct costs (plus indirect costs). Maximum period of performance is 3 years.

**LOI Deadline:** **July 19, 2018** (A pre-application is required and must be submitted through eBRAP)
**Internal HRS Deadline:** **October 4, 2018**
**Sponsor Deadline:** **October 18, 2018**

Department of Defense Multiple Sclerosis Research Program (MSRP) Funding Opportunities for Fiscal Year 2018

The etiology and pathogenesis of MS are largely unknown; however, it is thought to be triggered by a combination of one or more environmental factors in a genetically susceptible individual. MS is a heterogeneous disease that can manifest in many ways across the patient population. The progression, severity, and specific symptoms of MS are unpredictable and vary from one person to another. Currently, there is no cure for MS. Since its inception in fiscal year 2009, the Multiple Sclerosis Research Program (MSRP)
has supported innovative and impactful research that addresses fundamental issues and gaps in MS. The vision of the MSRP is to prevent, cure, reverse, or slow the progression and lessen the personal and societal impact of MS.

**Funding Details:**
- **Investigator Initiated Research Award** – Anticipated that budgets will not exceed $600,000 in direct costs (plus indirect costs). Period of performance not to exceed 3 years.
- **Exploration – Hypothesis Development Award** - Anticipated that budgets will not exceed $150,000 in direct costs (plus indirect costs). Period of performance not to exceed 2 years.

**Additional Details**
**LOI Deadline:** June 26, 2018 (A pre-application is required and must be submitted through eBRAP)
**Internal HRS Deadline:** October 4, 2018
**Sponsor Deadline:** October 18, 2018

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**Department of Defense Bone Marrow Failure Research Program (BMFRP) Funding Opportunities for Fiscal Year 2018**
The objective of the FY18 BMFRP is to fund scientifically meritorious research focused on BMF diseases. Investigator-initiated research is encouraged in the areas of congenital or acquired BMF. Studies focused on BMF diseases and their progressions to other malignancies, such as leukemia, are acceptable. However, research primarily focused on myeloproliferative neoplasms, leukemia, or other malignancies is discouraged. Stem cell biology studies and translational projects including bone marrow transplantation studies should be clearly related to BMF diseases.

**Funding Details:** Maximum funding of $325,000 for direct and indirect costs for a maximum of 2 years.

**Additional Details**
**LOI Deadline:** July 16, 2018 (A pre-application is required and must be submitted through eBRAP)
**Internal HRS Deadline:** October 18, 2018
**Sponsor Deadline:** November 1, 2018

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**Department of Defense Gulf War Illness Research Program (GWIRP) Funding Opportunities for Fiscal Year 2018**
The GWIRP focuses on funding innovative, competitively peer-reviewed research to (1) provide a better understanding of the pathobiology underlying GWI, (2) identify objective markers (biomarkers) for improved diagnosis, and (3) to develop treatments for the complex of GWI symptoms and their underlying causes. Our Vision is to make a significant impact on GWI and improve the health and lives of affected Veterans and their families.

**Funding Details:**
- **Clinical Trial Award** - Maximum funding of $1,000,000 for direct costs (plus indirect costs). Maximum funding of $1,016,000 for direct costs with the Biorepository Contribution Option (plus indirect costs). Maximum period of performance is 4 years.
- **Investigator-Initiated Focused Research Award** - Maximum direct costs and period of performance vary based on Tier
  - Discovery Tier: Maximum funding of $230,000 or 246,000 with the Biorepository Contribution Option for direct costs (plus indirect costs) for a maximum of 2 years.
  - Applied Research Tier: Maximum funding of $700,000 or $716,000 with the Biorepository Contribution Option for direct costs (plus indirect costs) for a maximum of 3 years.
- **Qualitative Research Award** - Maximum funding of $400,000 for direct costs (plus indirect costs). The maximum period of performance is 3 years.

**Additional Details**
**LOI Deadline:** July 13, 2018 (A pre-application is required and must be submitted through eBRAP)
**Internal HRS Deadline:** October 25, 2018
**Sponsor Deadline:** November 8, 2018

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Department of Defense Hearing Restoration Research Program (HRRP) Funding Opportunities for Fiscal Year 2018

The HRRP was initiated in 2017 to pursue promising, necessary research for treatment of burdensome and very prevalent auditory system injury. It is estimated that more than 30 million Americans over the age of 12 years have hearing loss in both ears and an estimated 48 million have hearing loss in at least one ear. In the military the two most prevalent service-connected disabilities are related to hearing disorders. The most recent data from the Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs indicates that there are 1.1 million Veterans with service-connected disability due to hearing loss. The HRRP will fund innovative research that has the potential to maximize operational effectiveness, medical readiness and quality of life for Service members, Veterans and others living with significant auditory system injuries.

Funding Details:

- **Translational Research Award (TRA)** – Maximum funding of $1,000,000 for direct costs (plus indirect costs). Maximum period of performance is 3 years. Indirect costs budgeted must be in accordance with the institution’s rate agreement.

- **Focused Applied Research Award (FARA)** - Maximum funding of $1,000,000 for direct costs (plus indirect costs). Maximum period of performance is 3 years. Indirect costs budgeted must be in accordance with the institution’s rate agreement.

Additional Details

**LOI Deadline:** July 17, 2018 (A pre-application is required and must be submitted through eBRAP)

**Internal HRS Deadline:** October 25, 2018

**Sponsor Deadline:** November 8, 2018