

OFFICE OF ADVANCEMENT

New Private Funding Opportunities

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The Corporate and Foundation Relations (CFR) team within the Office of Advancement circulates this bi-weekly digest of private philanthropic funding opportunities. Please contact the CFR team to strategize on any of these requests for proposals (RFPs) or get additional information.

BIOMEDICAL

Fondation Charles Defforey-Institut de France

Scientific Grand Prize 2026 - The Challenges of Scientific Instrumentation

- €400,000 over 1 year; 1 award
- Deadline 2/28/2026
- **Website**

Richard and Susan Smith Family Foundation

Odyssey Award

- Full-time, Independent Faculty
- Assistant Professor
- Must have received their first independent faculty appointment (normally tenure-track Assistant Professor) on or between November 1, 2017 and December 1, 2022
- \$400K over 2 years; 5 awards
- Deadline 2/10/2026 LOI
- UMass Recipients: 2023 Paul Greer, PhD
- **Website**

ENDOCRINOLOGY

Breakthrough T1D

In Vitro Disease Modeling: Type 1 Diabetes-on-a-Chip Platforms for Translational Research

- Faculty position or equivalent
- MD, DMD, DVM, DO, PhD, or equivalent degree
- Contact CFR for more information prior to contacting this sponsor as we have existing relationships
- \$300K over 1 year
- Deadline 1/28/2026 LOI
- **Website**

Translational Strategies to Define, Enhance, and Monitor Vascularization for Durable Islet Replacement Therapies

- MD, DO, DMD, DVM, PhD, or equivalent
- Contact CFR for more information prior to contacting this sponsor as we have existing relationships
- \$900K over 3 years
- Deadline 1/28/2026 LOI
- **Website**

GENETICS

Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine - Neurofibromatosis Therapeutic Accelerations Program (NTAP)

Open Proposal Program

- Early to established career
- Amount and/or duration vary and/or are unpublicized

- Over 1-5 years
- Rolling basis LOI
- UMass Recipients: 2025 John Landers, PhD
- **Website**

HEALTH CARE

Commonwealth Fund

Non-RFP Grants

- The Fund supports independent research on health care issues and making grants to improve health care practice and policy
- Amount and/or duration vary and/or are unpublicized
- Over 1 year
- Rolling basis LOI
- **Website**

IMMUNOLOGY

Jeffrey Modell Foundation

C.H.I.L.D.R.E.N. (Child Health Initiative to Lessen Disease Through Research and Education Now)

- Early to established career
- \$50K over 2 years
- Rolling basis
- **Website**

Specific Defect Research Program

- Early to established career
- \$50K over 2 years
- Rolling basis
- **Website**

The G. Harold and Leila Y. Mathers Charitable Foundation

Grant Awards Program **LIMITED SUBMISSION**

- Faculty
- Nominations must be submitted at least two weeks before the application due date
- Nominations and Portal Registration due date is January 30, 2026
- See email dated 12/23/25 from the Office of Research/Center for Clinical and Translational Science or **InfoReady** for more information
- Contact CFR as there are limited applicants we can put forth and CFR is coordinating our applications
- \$700K over 3 years
- Internal deadline 1/19/2026 LOI
- UMass Recipients: 2021 William E. Theurkauf, PhD; 2020 Robert Finberg, MD; 2019 Jane Freedman, MD; 2016 Evgeny Rogaev, PhD; 2012 Oliver Rando, MD, PhD; 2010 Oliver Rando, MD, PhD
- **Website**

Thermo Fisher Scientific

Allergy Research Award

- Early career
- MD or PhD
- Have completed their terminal degree (MD or PhD) within the past 10 years
- \$50K over 1 year
- Deadline 1/31/2026
- **Website**

INFECTIOUS DISEASE

National Foundation for Infectious Diseases

Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter Humanitarian Award - Global Public Health & Infectious Diseases

- Self-nominations are not accepted
- Deadline 1/28/2026
- **Website**

Maxwell Finland Award for Scientific Achievement - Global Public Health & Infectious Diseases

- Self-nominations are not accepted

- Deadline 1/28/2026
- **Website**

NEUROLOGY

American Migraine Foundation

Research Grants

- Amount and/or duration vary and/or are unpublicized
- Rolling basis LOI
- **Website**

International Brain Research Organization

IBRO Rising Stars Awards

- Faculty
- Early career
- Within the first five years from their initial faculty appointment
- Starting their first independent laboratory anytime in 2026
- \$30K over 1 year
- Deadline 4/15/2026
- **Website**

Massachusetts General Hospital | The Sean M. Healey & AMG Center for ALS

ALS Scholars in Therapeutics Program *(partnered with ALS Finding a Cure and FightMND)*

- Clinician-Scientist, Postdoctoral Fellow
- Early to established career
- PhD, MD
- For MDs, scholars will be considered if they have completed their specialist qualification (i.e. U.S. Residency, Fellowship of the Royal Australasian College of Physicians, etc.)
- For PhDs, they can be no more than 5 years post-degree
- \$300K over 2 years
- Deadline 1/30/2026
- **Website**

Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research

Parkinson's Disease Therapeutics Pipeline Program (Clinical & Pre-Clinical)

- Accepting LOIs on a rolling basis throughout the year with deadlines for invited full proposals on 2/22/26, 4/23/26, 6/25/26
- \$250K-\$2M over 1-3 years
- Rolling basis LOI
- **Website**

UMass Chan Medical School | Center for Clinical & Translational Science

The Dan and Diane Riccio Fund for Neuroscience **LIMITED SUBMISSION**

- Tenured/Tenure Track Faculty
- Assistant Professor or above
- Early to established career
- Each proposal must be submitted by a team of at least two eligible MPI investigators
- A faculty member may be an MPI investigator on only one application per funding cycle
- See email dated 12/19/25 from the Office of Research/Center for Clinical and Translational Science for more information
- Full applications are to be a single pdf submitted by email to **RiccioFundRFA@umassmed.edu**
- \$45K over 1 year; 2 awards
- Deadline 3/23/2026
- UMass Recipients: 2025 Dorothy P. Schafer, PhD; 2025 Travis Carle Thomson, PhD

NURSING

Hospice and Palliative Nurses Foundation

Grants and Scholarships

- Amount and/or duration vary and/or are unpublicized
- Over 1 year
- See website for multiple deadlines
- **Website**

ONCOLOGY

Fanconi Anemia Research Foundation

Research Grants (Pre-clinical and Clinical)

- Faculty
- Assistant Professor, Associate Professor, Professor
- Early career
- PhD, MD, or equivalent
- \$25K-\$250K over 1-2 years
- Deadline 3/6/2026 LOI
- UMass Recipients: 2020 Sharon B. Cantor, PhD
- **Website**

The Hope Foundation for Cancer Research

SWOG Secondary Data Analysis Projects

- Any SWOG investigator eligible for NIH funding is encouraged to submit to this program
- Investigators are expected to adhere to Group policies and procedures as applicable to the project
- Amount and/or duration vary and/or are unpublicized
- Rolling basis
- **Website**

SWOG Trial Support (STrS)

- STrS funding is not intended for salary support of Principal Investigators or Co-PIs
- \$150K over 2 years
- Rolling basis
- **Website**

ORTHOPEDICS

American Shoulder and Elbow Surgeons

Research Grants

- An orthopaedic surgeon must serve as the principal or co-principal investigator
- PhDs or DVMs may serve as the principal or co-principal investigator, as long as they are affiliated with an orthopaedic department with an orthopaedic surgeon as the co-principal investigator
- \$20K over 1-2 years
- Deadline 2/20/2026
- **Website**

Scoliosis Research Society

Biedermann Innovation Research Award

- Early career
- Age 45 or younger at the time the award is given
- SRS member
- \$75K over 1 year
- Deadline 3/15/2026 LOI
- **Website**

Exploratory Micro Research Grant

- Early career
- Applicants do not need to be members of the SRS but do need to have at least one SRS member as a co-investigator
- \$5K over 1 year
- Deadline 3/15/2026
- **Website**

New Investigator Research Grant

- Early career
- Applicants do not need to be members of the SRS but do need to have at least one SRS member as a co-investigator
- \$30K over 2 years
- Deadline 3/15/2026 LOI
- **Website**

Resident/Fellow Research Grant

- Early career
- Applicants do not need to be members of the SRS but do need to have at least one SRS member as a co-investigator
- \$10K over 1 year
- Deadline 3/15/2026
- **Website**

SRS-Cotrel Foundation Basic Science Research Grant

- Early to established career
- Applicants do not need to be members of the SRS but do need to have at least one SRS member as a co-investigator
- \$50K over 2 years
- Deadline 3/15/2026 LOI
- **Website**

Standard Research Grant

- Early to established career
- Applicants do not need to be members of the SRS but do need to have at least one SRS member as a co-investigator
- \$75K over 2 years
- Deadline 3/15/2026 LOI
- **Website**

PSYCH

American Psychoanalytic Foundation

American Psychoanalytic Foundation Grants

- Amount and/or duration vary and/or are unpublicized
- Rolling basis
- **Website**

International OCD Foundation

Innovator Award

- Senior Researcher
- Established career
- Applicants must have at least five years of research experience following the completion of their terminal degree
- \$300K over 3 years
- Deadline 4/14/2026
- **Website**

Michael Jenike Young Investigator Awards

- Graduate Student, Researcher
- Early career
- Must have completed their residency or their PhD (or equivalent) on or after September 1, 2021
- Applicants who are still in training must submit a letter from their mentor with their application
- \$50K over 1 year
- Deadline 4/14/2026
- **Website**

PULMONOLOGY

Cystic Fibrosis Foundation

EnVision CF: Emerging Leaders in CF Endocrinology IV Program

- Faculty
- Instructor, Assistant Professor
- Early career
- Within 6 years of completion of post-graduate training at program onset
- CFF strongly encourages all applicants pre-register their profile, institution, contacts, and title of their application at least two weeks prior to the application deadline
- \$162K over 3 years
- Deadline 2/24/2026
- **Website**

RADIOLOGY

Association of Academic Radiology (formerly the Association of University Radiologists)

AAR Clinical Effectiveness Radiology Research Academic Fellowship (CERRAF) Award (formerly the AUR GE - Radiology Research Academic Fellowship Award)

- Junior Faculty
- MD degree (or equivalent)
- Be board-eligible or board-certified in radiology
- Individuals must have completed their terminal research degree or end of post-graduate clinical training, whichever date is later, within the past seven years
- Candidates should hold, or have been offered, an academic appointment in a radiology department of an accredited medical school or research institute in the U.S. or Canada
- \$140K over 2 years

- Deadline 1/23/2026
- **Website**

RARE DISEASE

Erdheim-Chester Disease Global Alliance

Mark Heaney Memorial Award for Awareness

- Submit nominations **Here**
- Deadline 2/1/2026 LOI
- **Website**

REPRODUCTIVE SCIENCE

Lalor Foundation

Fellowship Program - Advancing Research and Innovation in Reproductive Health

- Faculty
- Instructor, Lecturer, or higher
- PhD or MD
- The foundation prefers that potential fellows have not held the doctoral degree for more than two years
- \$110K over 2 years
- Deadline 1/15/2026
- UMass Recipients: 2022 Adriano Biasini, PhD; 2022 Pablo Bora, PhD; 2021 Adriano Biasini, PhD; 2010 Xin Li, PhD
- **Website**

RHEUMATOLOGY

Rheumatology Research Foundation

Mentored Nurse Practitioner/Physician Assistant Award for Workforce Expansion

- Must be an ACR member at the time of submission and for the duration of the award
- \$25K over 1 year
- Deadline 5/1/2026
- UMass Recipients: 2025 William Edward Traverse, MD, FACR, MT; 2024 Elise Pyun, MD
- **Website**

SLEEP

ResMed Foundation

Clinical Research Grants Supporting Sleep and Respiratory Health

- Amount and/or duration vary and/or are unpublicized
- Over 1 year
- Deadline 3/15/2026, 6/15/2026, 9/15/2026, 12/15/2026
- **Website**

SURGERY

Intuitive Foundation

Robotic Surgery Fellowship

- Amount and/or duration vary and/or are unpublicized
- Over 1 year
- Rolling basis
- **Website**

WOMEN'S HEALTH

Foundation for Women's Wellness

Research Awards

- Faculty
- MD and/or PhD
- \$25K over 1 year
- Deadline 3/14/2026
- **Website**

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