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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

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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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/

JOINT STEERING COUNCIL OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP: MPOWERING THE STATE (MPOWER)

MPower COVID-19 Response Fund

The MPower COVID-19 Response Fund is designed to be a strategic and agile mechanism that supports innovative, responsive, high-impact projects. Funded projects should aim to improve the health of the people of Maryland by reducing the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic through scientific, medical, public health, social, behavioral, or policy/legal approaches and/or by supporting those most at risk or experiencing the greatest disparities in care.

https://umd.infoready4.com/#competitionDetail/1814171

Deadline: June 8, 2020 at 5pm

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
https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-CA-20-042.html

NIH News, Videos and Blogs related to COVID-19 impact:
https://grants.nih.gov/news/news.htm

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):
https://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2020/nsf20052/nsf20052.pdf
Due: follow application type

AGENCY FOR HEALTHCARE RESEARCH AND QUALITY (AHRQ)
New Funding Opportunity Announcement to Support Novel, High-Impact Studies Evaluating Health System and Healthcare Professional Responsiveness to COVID-19
https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-HS-20-003.html

CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION (CDC)
Information for CDC Applicants and Recipients of CDC Funding
https://www.cdc.gov/grants/public-health-emergencies/covid-19/index.html

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
Due: follow application type

NON-FEDERAL

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

Introducing an Engagement Awards Funding Cycle to Address COVID-19
https://www.pcori.org/blog/introducing-engagement-awards-funding-cycle-address-covid-19?utm_source=weeklyemail&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=042120

COVID-19 Targeted PFA
https://www.pcori.org/funding-opportunities/announcement/covid-19-targeted-pfa

CURES WITHIN REACH

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

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.
https://pfe-pfizercom-prod.s3.amazonaws.com/GMG_2020GMG_G-COVID-19.pdf
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
https://pfe-pfizercom-prod.s3.amazonaws.com/GMG_2020_IM-L-ManagementPIDisorders.pdf
Deadline: June 8, 2020

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

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

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.
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> **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.
> https://www.rwjf.org/content/rwjf/en/library/funding-opportunities/2020/pioneering-ideas-2020-exploring-the-future-to-build-a-culture-of-health.html?rid=0032S000028Q1zcQAC&et_cid=2046081
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> Proposals will be accepted throughout the year on a rolling admission.

BILL & MELINDA GATES FOUNDATION, WELLCOME TRUST, MASTERCARD
> COVID-19 Therapeutics Accelerator
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> 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/
> Deadline: None specified

EMERGENCY MEDICINE FOUNDATION
> The Emergency Medicine Foundation is awarding funding of up to $100,000 in new research grants on emergency medicine areas related to COVID-19.
> https://www.emfoundation.org/grants/apply-for-a-grant/
> Proposals are due: June 5, 2020

AMERICAN LUNG ASSOCIATION
> **COVID-19 and Emerging Respiratory Viruses Award**
> https://www.lung.org/research/awards-and-grants-opportunities
> Deadline to submit an application is May 30, 2020

AMERICAN DIABETES ASSOCIATION
> **COVID-19 and Diabetes Research Award**
> https://professional.diabetes.org/sites/professional.diabetes.org/files/media/ada-covid-19_rfa_.pdf
> Applications due: May 22, 2020 (5pm ET)

AMERICAN THORACIC SOCIETY

ATS/CHEST Foundation Research Grant in Diversity

Clinical research that contributes to the understanding of the pathophysiology or treatment of conditions related to pulmonary, critical care, or sleep medicine that disproportionately affects URM patient groups. The grant is not specific to COVID-19, but it may be of interest to researchers interested in addressing the pandemic's health effects in communities of underrepresented minorities.

https://research.thoracic.org/grants/chest.php

Applications Due: June 23, 2020

ATS/GSK Research Grant in COVID-19

Funding Assistant Professors conducting research directly related to COVID-19

https://research.thoracic.org/grants/covid-19.php

Applications Due: June 23, 2020

WEBSITES LISTING FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES SPECIFIC TO COVID-19

EDGE FOR SCHOLARS: https://edgeforscholars.org/covid-19-funding-updates/

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
https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-20-082.html

General Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)- Proposal Submission and Award Management Related to COVID-19
https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-20-083.html

Flexibilities Available to Applicants and Recipients of Federal Financial Assistance Affected by COVID-19
https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-20-086.html

Guidance for NIH-funded Clinical Trials and Human Subjects Studies Affected by COVID-19
https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-20-087.html

Update: NIH Late Application Policy Due to Public Health Emergency for US for 2019 Novel Coronavirus
https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-20-091.html

FAQs: COVID-19 Flexibilities for Applicants and Recipients
https://grants.nih.gov/faqs#/covid-19.htm

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
https://grants.nih.gov/faqs#/covid-19.htm?anchor=question55854 18/19
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.umaryland.edu/career/Grant-Funding-Consultation-Service/
Email: smendoza@som.umaryland.edu

Questions of Comments, please contact Stacie Mendoza at smendoza@som.umaryland.edu

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