

# 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.**

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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/>

**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](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/natural_disasters/corona-virus.htm)

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

**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>

## **NON-FEDERAL**

### **MARCH OF DIMES FOUNDATION**

#### **2020 COVID-19 Fund**

The purpose of this fund is to support translational and actionable science leading directly to improved diagnosis, treatment, and ultimately prevention for mothers and infants in a pandemic climate. Funding is available to health professionals, health researchers, epidemiologists, and social scientists with doctoral or terminal academic degrees with a faculty appointment or equivalent at academic universities, hospitals and research institutions; small businesses or startup companies in biotech and/or pharmaceuticals, committed to research in the area of maternal and child health are welcome to apply.

Applications due: September 4, 2020

<https://gamod.marchofdimes.org/research/request-for-applications-2020-covid-19-fund.aspx>

### **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](https://www.pcori.org/blog/introducing-engagement-awards-funding-cycle-address-covid-19?utm_source=weeklyemail&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=042120)

### **ROBERT WOOD JOHNSON FOUNDATION**

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

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

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

[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](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)

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

**BILL & MELINDA GATES FOUNDATION, WELLCOME TRUST, MASTERCARD**  
COVID-19 Therapeutics Accelerator

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

<https://www.therapeuticsaccelerator.org/>

Deadline: None specified

**COVID-19 EARLY TREATMENT FUND (CETF)**

The CETF is the only organization in the world that exclusively funds outpatient clinical trials for COVID-19.

CETF is funding outpatient trials that have the potential to significantly reduce hospitalization rates. CETF will also fund science that leads quickly to outpatient trials (such as reformulating niclosamide or monoclonal antibodies).

<http://www.treatearly.org/>

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis

**DRAPER RICHARDS KAPLAN FOUNDATION (DRK)**

**Coronavirus Urgent Response Initiative**

DRK is ready to find, fund, and support the people and ideas that are tackling the most acute and time-critical social problems caused by the Covid-19 pandemic right now. DRK want to help jumpstart projects that can realistically deploy within 30 days.

<https://www.drkfoundation.org/apply-for-funding/>

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis.

**BOEHRINGER INGELHEIM**

**Investigator Initiated Studies (IIS) – Established Products**

Funding supports clinical and non-clinical investigations involving COVID-19 related matters including safety, clinical outcomes, antiviral effects, or antithrombotic benefits. Applicants must be U.S. academic or community- based scientists individually or through consortia.

Deadline: open

<https://lectrona.boehringer-ingelheim.com/us/external-research-grants/investigator-initiated-studies-iis>

## WEBSITES LISTING FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES SPECIFIC TO COVID-19

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

**INFOED GLOBAL** <https://www.infoedglobal.com/COVID19/COVID-19.html>

**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](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/>

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