

Congressionally Directed Medical Research funding

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The following funding opportunity information may interest **bio-life scientists and clinicians** considering funding for specific disease research. All details for application are available in the Program Announcement for each funding mechanism located on the CDMRP website: <http://cdmrp.army.mil/funding/ocrp.htm> and on the Grants.Gov web site <http://www.grants.gov> .

A) The Fiscal Year 2008 (FY08) Defense Appropriations Act provides \$50 million to the Department of Defense Peer Reviewed Medical Research Program (PRMRP) to support research that will make significant contributions in the following topic areas:

- 1. Alcoholism Research**
- 2. Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis**
- 3. Blood Cancer**
- 4. Drug Abuse**
- 5. Epilepsy Research**
- 6. Eye and Vision Research**
- 7. Inflammatory Bowel Diseases**
- 8. Integrated Tissue Hypoxia Research**
- 9. Interstitial Cystitis**
- 10. Kidney Cancer**
- 11. Leishmaniasis**
- 12. Lupus**
- 13. Mesothelioma**
- 14. Multiple Sclerosis**
- 15. Nutrition and Health Promotion**
- 16. Paget's Disease**
- 17. Polycystic Kidney Disease**
- 18. Pulmonary Hypertension**
- 19. Scleroderma**

20.Social Work Research

21.Tinnitus

There is an additional \$1M Congressional appropriation for **Bone Marrow Failure Disorder** research.

This program is administered by the U.S. Army Medical Research and Materiel Command through the Office of the Congressionally Directed Medical Research Programs (CDMRP). Detailed descriptions of each of the funding mechanisms, evaluation criteria, and submission requirements can be found in the FY08 PRMRP Program Announcements. Each Program Announcement is available electronically for downloading from the Grants.gov website (<http://www.grants.gov>), the CDMRP website (<http://cdmrp.army.mil/funding/prmrp.htm>) and the CDMRP eReceipt Website (<https://cdmrp.org>).

The synopsis chart with eligibility, key elements, funding, and deadlines is available on <http://cdmrp.army.mil/funding/pdf/08prmrpreftable.pdf> .

There is a Program Announcement specific to the following funding mechanisms:

- **Investigator-Initiated Research Award**
- **Investigator-Initiated Research Award (Specific appropriation for bone marrow failure disorder research only)**
- **Translational Research Award (Single PI)**
- **Translational Research Award (Partnering PI option)**
- **Advanced Technology/Therapeutic Development Award**
- **Clinical Trial Award**

Submission Deadlines for all FY08 DoD PRMRP offerings:

- 1. Pre-Application (Letter of Intent): June 4, 2008**
- 2. Proposal: July 2, 2008**

B) Fiscal Year 2008 Ovarian Cancer Research Program offers their Fourth of Four Funding Mechanisms, the Ovarian Cancer Consortium Development

Awards (note: each funding mechanism has a separate Program Announcement). The useful chart, the Synopsis of all of the OCRP FY08 Award Mechanisms - (Adobe PDF) <http://cdmrp.army.mil/funding/pdf/08ocrpreftable.pdf> - provides a brief description and key elements of the award mechanism including funding amounts and deadlines.

The **Ovarian Cancer Consortium Development Awards** support efforts of a Principal Investigator and collaborators to create a **development plan** for a consortium which will **focus only on the issue of identification and characterization of early changes associated with ovarian cancer**. This award will require that applicants describe approach, propose, collaborators, estimate overall project duration, and costs. This award does not provide funding for research costs. Funding can be requested for up to \$150,000 for direct costs for up to a 1-year performance period, plus indirect costs as appropriate. More details are available in the Program Announcement located http://cdmrp.army.mil/ocrp/08ocrp/ideadev_pa.doc .

a. Pre-application Submission Deadline: 5:00 p.m. Eastern time, June 25, 2008

b. Proposal Submission Deadline: 11:59 p.m. Eastern time, July 9, 2008

Other notes:

1) New for 2008 - In order to clarify the CDMRP Program Announcements and proposal submission process, CDMRP has divided these documents into the following:

- a.** Program Announcement - contains all program information, scientific proposal components, and peer review criteria.
- b.** Application Instructions - contains instructions and detailed information on all pre-application and proposal requirements, including directions for Grants.gov submissions. This document also contains Regulatory Requirements and Award Administration information. Each Application Instruction document will only apply to the specific award mechanism listed; however this document is intended to be utilized in conjunction with the Program Announcement.

2) The CDMRP has all funding offerings posted for several fiscal year 2008 Programs.

- Breast Cancer Research Program (\$138 million)
<http://cdmrp.army.mil/funding/bcrp.htm> .
- Prostate Cancer Research Program (\$80 million)
<http://cdmrp.army.mil/funding/pcrp.htm> .
- Ovarian Cancer Research Program (\$10 million)
<http://cdmrp.army.mil/funding/pcrp.htm> .
- Neurofibromatosis Research Program (\$8 million)
<http://cdmrp.army.mil/funding/nfrp.htm>.
- Tuberous Sclerosis Complex Research Program (\$4 million)
<http://cdmrp.army.mil/funding/nfrp.htm>.
- Peer Reviewed Medical Research Program (\$50 million)
<http://cdmrp.army.mil/funding/prmrp.htm>.

3) Still to come, Autism Research Program (\$ 6.4 million) and Gulf War Illness Research Program (\$10 million) Program Announcements are in the planning stage. More news about these funding opportunities will be released later this year.