JUST RELEASED! FY20 DoD Funding Opportunities

The Department of Defense (DoD) Spinal Cord Injury Research Program (SCIRP) recently released three funding opportunities for fiscal year 2020 (FY20). Submission is a two-step process requiring both pre-application (Deadline: May 21, 2020) and full application (Deadline: August 25, 2020). Independent investigators at all academic levels (or equivalent) may be named by the organization as the Principal Investigator (PI) on the application.

Applications submitted to the FY20 SCIRP must address one or more of the following focus areas:

- Preserving and protecting spinal cord tissue at time of injury for improved neurologic outcomes
- Identifying and validating biomarkers for diagnosis, prognosis, and for evaluation of treatment efficacies (Translational Research Award and Investigator-Initiated Research Award only)
- Bowel, genitourinary, cardiopulmonary dysfunction, and neuropathic pain **Updated FY20**
- Psychosocial issues relevant to people with SCI, their families, and/or their care partners
- Rehabilitation and regeneration—maximizing the function of the residual neural circuitry, including harnessing neuroplasticity and recovery to improve function after SCI

SCIRP is offering the following award mechanisms for FY20:

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<td>Clinical Trial Award</td>
<td><strong>Preproposal is required; application submission is by invitation only.</strong></td>
<td>Maximum funding of $3M for direct costs (plus indirect costs)</td>
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<td>Grants.gov Funding Opportunity Number:</td>
<td>Fund Phase 0, I, or II clinical trials with the potential to have a major impact on treatment or management of SCI and its consequences.</td>
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<td>Applications must include at least two individuals with lived SCI experience as members of the research team.</td>
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| Translational Research Award                             | • Preproposal is required; application submission is by invitation only.  
• Fund studies that accelerate the movement of promising ideas in SCI research into clinical applications.  
• Applications must include at least one individual with lived SCI experience as a member of the research team.  
• The SCIRP TRA may include a pilot clinical trial as part of the proposed research where limited clinical testing of a novel intervention or device is necessary to inform the next step in the continuum of translational research.  
• Preliminary data required.                                                                                | • Maximum funding of **$1.25M** for direct costs (plus indirect costs)  
• Maximum period of performance is **3** years                                                                |
| grants.gov Funding Opportunity Number: W81XWH-20-SCIRP-TRA |                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                   |
| Investigator-Initiated Research Award                     | • Preproposal is required; application submission is by invitation only.  
• Fund SCI-related research that has the potential to make an important contribution to SCI research and/or patient care.  
• Clinical trials not allowed.  
• Preliminary data required.                                                                                  | • Maximum funding of **$500,000** for direct costs (plus indirect costs)  
• Maximum period of performance is **3** years                                                                |
| grants.gov Funding Opportunity Number: W81XWH-20-SCIRP-IIRA |                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                   |

For more information about the SCIRP or other CDMRP-administered programs, please visit the CDMRP website ([https://cdmrp.army.mil](https://cdmrp.army.mil)). All current CDMRP funding opportunities can be accessed at [https://cdmrp.army.mil/funding/prgdefault](https://cdmrp.army.mil/funding/prgdefault).

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