

Research Funding Opportunities Bulletin

The monthly Digest of Funding Opportunities is published by the Office of Research Development (ORD) and should be used by all faculty members to learn about funding opportunities, to develop proposals, and to secure funding. The ORD is committed to supporting the pursuit of funding. Navigate funding opportunities by focus: Multidisciplinary, Science & Engineering, and Social Sciences & Humanities. You'll also find helpful icons that indicate the funding vehicle, whether it's from a private foundation, a corporate source, or a federal/state agency.

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- [Check out the private foundations limited submissions calendar **here**.](#)
- [Explore the early career webpage for timely resources and support.](#)
- [Check out the **Private Foundations Limited Submission Funding Opportunities** web page.](#)

Active Limited Submissions

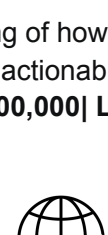
For certain funding opportunities, Rice can only submit a limited number of proposals. When this occurs, we hold **internal competitions** to determine which application(s) will be submitted to the sponsor. If you're interested in a **limited submission opportunity**, you must complete and submit an **Internal Notice of Intent** and/or an **Internal Pre-Proposal** before the internal deadline(s). An **Interdisciplinary Research Awards Committee** will then review all pre-proposals and inform applicants of the results. For more information, visit the [Internal Pre-Proposal](#) page.

Currently active limited submission opportunities:

- [2022-23 to Research the Use of Artificial Neural Networks in the Development of New Materials](#) | **Internal Pre-Proposal Deadline: Monday September 7, 2026**
- [NSF Major Research Instrumentation \(MRI\) Program: Instrument Acquisition or Development](#) | **Internal Pre-Proposal Deadline: Wednesday, August 19, 2026**

If you have any questions about the limited submissions process, please contact [Jalon Martin](#), the Research Development Coordinator in the [Office of Research](#).

Multidisciplinary Opportunities



Foundation Opportunities

Gates Foundation | AI-Enabled Consumer Engagement to Advance Family Planning

The Gates RFP seeks proposals evaluating how AI-enabled direct-to-consumer engagement can improve contraceptive uptake, continuation, and informed method choice at scale among women and girls of reproductive age in sub-Saharan Africa. The strongest applicants will combine a compelling intervention model with a rigorous approach to measurement, analyzing interaction quality and gathering practical learning that can inform future investments in AI-enabled family planning tools. **Funding: Up to \$500,000 | Application Deadline: August 26**

Gates will host an informational webinar on August 4th, 9 - 10 AM CT. To attend, please register and submit your questions in advance.

Coefficient Giving | Global Health and Wellbeing in an Era of Transformative AI

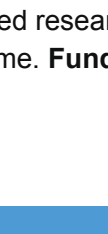
This program supports research, policy development, field building, and implementation that delivers measurable health and economic benefits in a world transformed by AI. Coefficient Giving will fund work along two complementary areas: identifying the preparatory steps global health funders and actors should take and executing on preparatory steps that are likely high-value. **Funding: Up to \$1M | Application Deadline: August 21**

Wellcome Trust | Wellcome Prize for Mental Health Science

The Wellcome Prize for Mental Health Science awards researchers who are developing new, effective interventions for anxiety, depression, or psychosis. **Funding: Up to \$1M | Application Deadline: September 16**

Blood Cancer United | Patients Finding How Health Insurance Affects Equity in Access to Care for Individuals Diagnosed with Blood Cancer

This RFP will fund research that advances understanding of how insurance status, type, design, and policy changes influence equitable access to care as well as generates actionable, policy-relevant findings to improve access across the cancer care continuum. **Funding: Up to \$750,000 - \$1,000,000 | LOI Deadline: September 16**



Corporate Opportunities

Pfizer + Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine (SMFM) | Quality Improvement Grant: Optimizing Maternal RSV Immunization Delivery

Pfizer, in collaboration with the Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine (SMFM), is pleased to announce a competitive grant opportunity to support independent Quality Improvement (QI) initiatives focused on advancing maternal immunization with a specific emphasis on Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) vaccination during pregnancy. This initiative builds upon insights generated from the Maternal Immunization Needs Assessment (MINA) project, a multi-stakeholder collaboration that identified persistent clinical, behavioral, and system-level gaps in the delivery and uptake of maternal vaccines. Funded projects must implement evidence-based interventions to improve real-world vaccine delivery, optimize patient access, enhance care coordination, and address structural or behavioral barriers to equity. Priority will be given to system-level changes—such as integration and multidisciplinary care-team models, provider education, and outreach—those targeting maternal care deserts or communities disproportionately burdened by vaccine-preventable diseases. Clinical research projects evaluating drug efficacy are not eligible. **Funding: Projects may receive funding ranging from \$100,000 USD for single-site or regional projects and up to \$200,000 USD for larger, multi-site projects with broader regional impact. | Application Deadline: September 10, 11:59 a.m. ET**

Immigrant Language Technology Innovation Grants

Immigrant was founded to help innovators who share the goal of making it easier for everyone living in our multilingual world to understand and be understood by everyone else. Each year, Immigrant allocates \$100,000 to fund five original research projects that explore the most advanced frontiers in the world of language services, providing grants of \$200,000 some of the world's most pressing problems. Click the link below for ORO's library of links to further resources to help track the sundry AI opportunities that will come out this year.

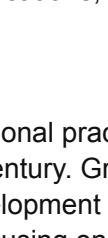
National Science Foundation | Research Expeditions for Undergraduates (REU)

The Research Expeditions for Undergraduates (REU) program supports active research participation by undergraduate students in any of the areas of research funded by the National Science Foundation. REU projects involve students in meaningful ways in ongoing research programs or in research projects specifically designed for the REU program. This solicitation features two mechanisms for supporting student research:

- REU Sites are based on independent proposals to initiate and conduct projects that engage a number of students in research. REU Sites may be based in a single discipline or academic department or may offer interdisciplinary or multi-department research opportunities with a coherent intellectual theme.
- REU Supplements may be included as a component of proposals for new or renewed NSF grants or cooperative agreements or may be requested for ongoing NSF-funded research projects.

REU projects with an international dimension are welcome. **Funding: Up to \$75,000 | Application Deadline: August 19**

Social Sciences & Humanities Funding Opportunities



Foundation Opportunities

Jerry M. Lewis Mental Health Research Foundation | Research Grants

The Jerry M. Lewis Foundation is requesting research on the crucial aspects of interpersonal relationships, connections between interpersonal relationship characteristics and psychological/physical health or dysfunction, and/or evaluations of relevant mental or educational programs. Please inquire with [Jodi@jmlf.org](#) if you are interested in this opportunity. **Funding: Up to \$45,000 | Application Deadline: November 3**

Jerry M. Lewis Mental Health Research Foundation | Educational or Service Programs Grants

The Jerry M. Lewis Foundation is looking to support educational or service programs focusing on suicide, parent-child, or family system psychological health or dysfunction; psychoeducational transmission of interpersonal system concepts; and/or dissemination of interpersonal system information to healthcare systems or the public. Please inquire with [Jodi@jmlf.org](#) if you are interested in this opportunity. **Funding: Up to \$45,000 | Application Deadline: November 3**

Sociological Initiatives Foundation | Research Grants

The National Geographic Society is accepting proposals on the following topics for its Economic Opportunity Grant Program: Regional Revitalization and Rural Wealth Building, Investor Identity, Financial Literacy, and Resilience, Access to Capital, and Employee and Community Ownership. **Funding: Varies | LOI Deadline: July 31**

Brady Education Foundation | Research Projects

The Brady Education Foundation is soliciting proposals for developmental or educational research that will inform future research on cognitive, achievement, and/or learning outcomes for children. Projects may also explore one of the following topics: Whether program effects are stronger for certain groups and/or under certain conditions; Mediators and moderators of program effects; and/or dissemination of research findings to inform practice. **Funding: Studies collecting data: Up to \$125,000; Studies using existing data sets: Under \$100,000 | LOI Deadline: September 15-30**

Brady Education Foundation | Existing Program Evaluations

The Brady Education Foundation is requesting proposals that evaluate the effectiveness of programs promoting positive cognitive, achievement, and/or learning outcomes for children. Projects may also explore one of the following topics: Whether program effects are stronger for certain groups and/or under certain conditions; Mediators and moderators of program effects; and/or dissemination of research findings to inform practice. **Funding: Studies collecting data: Up to \$125,000; Studies using existing data sets: Under \$100,000 | LOI Deadline: September 15-30**

Caplan Foundation for Early Childhood | Early Childhood Grants

The Caplan Foundation RFP seeks to advance the knowledge base about potentially effective U.S. policies, programs, and interventions by funding rigorous, causal research using quasi experimental methods in the following AV policy areas: Higher Education, Career Pathways, Health Care, Medicaid, Online Gambling, Infrastructure, and Public Finance. Refer to the full [RFP](#) for more details regarding the research priorities of the above areas. **Funding: Varies | LOI Deadline: September 30**

Samuel H. Kress Foundation | History of Art Grants

This program supports projects that will enhance the appreciation and understanding of European works of art and architecture from antiquity to the early 19th century. Grants are awarded to projects, including those that explore the use of digital methodologies and tools, that create and disseminate specialized knowledge, such as archival projects, development and dissemination of scholarly databases, documentation projects, museum exhibitions and publications, photographic campaigns, scholarly catalogues and publications, and technical and scientific studies. **Funding: Varies | LOI Deadline: September 30**

Samuel H. Kress Foundation | Conservation Grants

The Conservation Grants program supports the professional practice of art conservation, especially as it relates to European works of art from antiquity to the early 19th century. Grants are awarded to projects that create and disseminate specialized knowledge, including archival projects, development and dissemination of scholarly databases, documentation projects, exhibitions and publications focusing on art conservation, scholarly publications, and technical and scientific studies. **Funding: Varies | LOI Deadline: September 30**

William T. Grant Foundation | Institutional Challenge Grant

The Institutional Challenge Grant supports university-based research institutes, schools, and centers in building sustained research-practice partnerships with public agencies or nonprofit organizations in order to reduce inequality in youth outcomes. Program goals include: 1) Grow an existing institutional partnership with a public agency or nonprofit organization, 2) Pursue a joint research agenda to reduce inequality in youth outcomes, 3) Create institutional change to value research-practice partnerships within research institutions, and 4) Enhance the capacity of both partners to collaborate on producing and disseminating research evidence. **Funding: \$650,000 | Application Deadline: September 9**

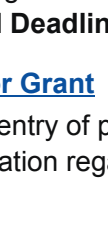
Arnold Ventures | Building Evidence: Support for OEDs to Evaluate Social Programs and Policies

The Building Evidence RFP seeks to advance the knowledge base about potentially effective U.S. policies, programs, and interventions by funding rigorous, causal research using quasi experimental methods in the following AV policy areas: Higher Education, Career Pathways, Health Care, Medicaid, Online Gambling, Infrastructure, and Public Finance. Refer to the full [RFP](#) for more details regarding the research priorities of the above areas. **Funding: Varies | LOI Deadline: September 11**

Arnold Ventures | Strengthening Evidence: Support for RCTs to Evaluate Social Programs and Policies

The Strengthening Evidence RFP aims to strengthen the body of proven, effective policies, programs, and interventions by funding researchers to conduct rigorous RCTs across the spectrum of social policy. Alignment with AV focus areas is not required, but may be considered, particularly for higher-budget projects. **Funding: Varies | LOI Deadline: September 11**

Science and Engineering Funding Opportunities



Foundation Opportunities

Gates Foundation | Multiple Platforms to Assess Indicators of Microenvironment Status, Inflammation and Infectious Disease

The Gates Foundation is seeking proposals to improve the current multiplex immunological test for nutritional-status analyses. Projects must align with either Alternative A's or Alternative B's objectives (refer to the RFP) and should offer novel approaches that extend analytical coverage, improve sensitivity/specificity, simplify measurement, reduce cost, and enable frequent monitoring of microenvironment status. Because no single institution is likely to hold all the necessary expertise, collaborative research involving human metabolism, biomolecule characterization, and immunology is strongly encouraged. **Funding: Alternative A: Up to \$200,000; Alternative B: Up to \$800,000 | Application Deadline: September 8**

Angelman Syndrome Foundation | Research Grants

ASF funds groundbreaking scientific research towards effective treatments and improved care for individuals with Angelman syndrome. The foundation invites proposals that align with one or more of the following research priorities: UBE3A Regulation & Function, Cutting-Edge Therapeutic Strategies, Clinical Care & Innovation, and Therapeutic Endpoints & Biomarkers. Refer to the [Research Roadmap](#) for more details on these priorities. **Funding: Up to \$200,000 | Application Deadline: August 15**

Elsa U. Pardee Foundation | Cancer Research Grants

The Elsa U. Pardee Foundation is seeking research proposals directed toward identifying new treatments or cures for breast cancer. Research may include: 1) Early detection, prevention, or cure should be clearly identified in your application. **Funding: Varies | Application Deadline: August 31**

Schmidt Sciences | YESRI Climate Modeling Challenge: Accelerating Development Cycles for Coupled Climate Models

This Climate Modeling Challenge aims to enhance coupled climate model development cycles, with a focus on efficient coupled model calibration to make climate projections more realistic and useful for decision-making. Phase 1 of this program requires teams 1) Integrate a model update in a coupled climate model, 2) Implement a systematic coupled calibration/recalibration workflow, 3) Demonstrate systematic bias reduction, and 4) Exhibit long-term stability in the improved, calibrated, coupled model. **Funding: Up to \$2M | LOI Deadline: September 11**

BrightFocus Foundation | National Glaucoma Research Standard Awards

The National Glaucoma Research Standard Awards provide support for high-risk, high reward research that will enhance our understanding of the etiology, prevention, or treatment of glaucoma. **Funding: Up to \$150,000 | Application Deadline: September 24**

BrightFocus Foundation | Alzheimer's Disease Research Standard Awards

The Standard Awards program is divided into two tracks, each designed to support high risk, high reward, innovative research in Alzheimer's disease and related dementias (ADRD). Refer to the linked RFP for more information regarding the two tracks: Early-onset research and independent investigator track. **Funding: \$200,000 | Application Deadline: September 1**

Thrasher Research Fund | E.W. "Al" Thrasher Awards

E.W. "Al" Thrasher Awards support novel approach to problems plaguing pediatric and the program funds applications focusing on any disease or topic within the umbrella of pediatrics, both in and outside the United States. Projects should be innovative and have potential for broad applicability with low barriers to implementation. AI systems for severe or high incidence diseases and research with a shorter distance to clinical applicability are given priority. **Funding: Up to \$600,000 | LOI Deadline: July 14**

Kenneth Rainin Foundation | Innovator Awards

Through the Innovator Awards program, the Kenneth Rainin Foundation provides early support for innovative ideas can lead to improvements in preventing, predicting, diagnosing and treating Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD). Eligible research topics include Cell Biology, Complementary Therapies, Diet & Nutrition, Immunity & Inflammation, Microbiome, and New Technologies in regards to IBD. **Funding: Up to \$300,000 | LOI Deadline: September 30**

Alzheimer's Disease Research Foundation and CSF Biomarker RFP

The aim of this program is to further develop and validate established biomarkers with a defined context of use, a clear advantage over other relevant biomarkers, and a path to commercialization and/or clinical use in treating Alzheimer's disease and related dementias. Specifically, this RFP focuses on developing novel PET ligands for clinical trials, supporting novel CSF biomarkers, validating innovative MRI approaches in larger cohorts, and developing novel measures of functional status and cognitive function as EEG. **Funding: Up to \$600,000 | LOI Deadline: September 14**

Alzheimer's Drug Discovery Foundation | Prevention RFP

ADDF seeks to support precision prevention studies, combination therapy studies, and comparative effectiveness research that probe whether the use or choice of interventions may reduce the risk of Alzheimer's disease or other dementias. Studies that are not in humans will not be considered. **Funding: Up to \$5,000,000 | LOI Deadline: September 14**

Alzheimer's Drug Discovery Foundation | Drug Development RFP

The Drug Development RFP supports investigational new drug (IND)-enabling studies (or the international equivalent) and early-phase clinical trials that test promising pharmaceutical interventions and devices for Alzheimer's disease (AD) and related dementias. This funding opportunity concentrates on diverse drug mechanisms and modes of action related to the biology of aging and other emerging therapeutic areas for dementia. **Funding: Up to \$5,000,000 | LOI Deadline: September 14**

Science Philanthropy Alliance | Muscatelli CHD Alliance Blue-Sky Therapeutics Program

This RFP is looking for projects that catalyze early-stage, high-risk, non-device therapeutic innovation for congenital heart defects (CHD). The program will support the development of new technologies and programs at nascently, helping innovators get their new therapies across the finish line. **Funding: \$350,000 | LOI Deadline: August 17**

American Society for Reproductive Medicine | ASRM Research Institute Discovery & Innovation Grant

ASRM invites investigators to submit research proposals addressing fundamental research in reproductive medicine. Applications must fall within one of these four priority areas: 1) Projects involving gametes, 2) Projects involving human embryos, 3) Projects evaluating outcomes following fertility treatments, and 4) Projects on access to fertility care. **Funding: Up to \$750,000 | LOI Deadline: September 24**

National Scleroderma Foundation | New Investigator Grant

The New Investigator Grant is designed to facilitate the entry of promising new investigators into areas of research related to scleroderma. Refer to the linked RFP for more information regarding eligibility. **Funding: \$200,000 | Application Deadline: September 15**

National Scleroderma Foundation | Established Investigator Grant

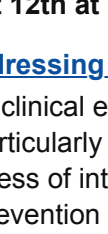
The National Scleroderma Foundation is seeking pilot studies from promising established investigators both inside and outside the field of scleroderma research. Projects should aim to obtain preliminary data with a high degree of novelty and/or highly relevant theme related to the scleroderma. **Funding: \$200,000 | Application Deadline: September 15**

Nancy Lurie Marks Family Foundation | Auditory and Hearing Assessment in Autism Spectrum Disorders

This foundation is seeking proposals from multidisciplinary teams designing, testing, and evaluating new models for hearing assessment in autistic adults, especially those with limited language skills and/or other communication or sensory challenges. Research may include: 1) Behavioral and objective auditory tests, patient-centered reported outcomes, and/or hearing assessment. **Funding: Up to \$250,000 | Application Deadline: September 9**

Alfred P. Sloan Foundation | Public Understanding: Books

Sloan Foundation funds a wide range of books advancing the public understanding of science and technology. This program tends to support books that: 1) elucidate important subjects where the science is confusing or controversial; 2) profile important figures in science and technology; 3) relate science and technology to daily life; 4) explore the relationship between science, technology, and art; 5) research the relationship between science and technology; and 6) investigate the culture and philosophy of science. **Funding: Up to \$60,000 | Application Deadline: September 1**



Corporate Opportunities

Samsung | Global Research Outreach

The GRO program is an annual call for proposals that invites the world's leading universities to propose innovative research ideas aimed at advancing technological breakthroughs and solving complex technical challenges. Proposals will be evaluated for their novelty and alignment with Samsung's various research fields. Key research themes include scientific artificial intelligence, quantum computing, next-generation computing, advanced devices, AI systems architecture, and environmental sustainability technologies. Joint proposals submitted by multiple universities are highly encouraged. **Funding: Up to \$159,000 | Application Deadline: August 23, 11:59 p.m. UTC | August 24, 08:59 a.m. KST**

KSTF | Current and Emerging Therapies: The future of Recurrent or Metastatic (rm) Cervical Cancer

This opportunity supports research projects focused on the treatment landscape and disease management for patients with recurrent or metastatic (rm) cervical cancer. Funded activities must aim to increase the knowledge, confidence, and competence of community-based oncology clinicians and care teams, including oncologists, pharmacists, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, and nurses. Projects should address educational gaps regarding rm cervical cancer, including: 1) Understanding the current treatment landscape, 2) Understanding the role of biomarkers in treatment decisions, 3) Understanding the role of clinical trials, 4) Understanding the role of patient-reported outcomes, and 5) Understanding the role of patient-reported outcomes. **Funding: Up to \$250,000 | Application Deadline: September 1**

BAF | Outcomes Rearing and Testing on Field Crops

BAF is seeking service providers capable of maintaining relevant field crop systems under controlled conditions and, where available, conducting greenhouse or field testing to evaluate crop resistance. Eligible partners must have demonstrated experience in controlled-environment insect rearing, field crop cultivation, and high-quality data management. Selected providers will be supplied with the necessary plant materials, starting seeds, and technical protocols to execute the evaluations. **Funding: Compensation based on successful production of a defined quantity of seedlings. | Application Deadline: September 4**

Cargill | Valorization of Side Streams from Pectin Production

This opportunity supports projects aimed at valorizing the residual biomass and side streams generated during pectin production. Funded approaches should focus on the extraction, separation, or biological transformation of pectin and its derivatives, or utilization of pectin and its derivatives in food, feed, or other applications. The biochemicals. Projects must demonstrate a clear pathway to industrial scalability and possess a baseline technology readiness level (TRL) of 5 or higher. **Funding: Up to \$100,000 | Application Deadline: September 4**

Kimberly-Clark | Film-Free Breathable Barrier Materials for Absorbent Products

This opportunity supports research and co-development projects aimed at creating film-free outercover materials for single-use absorbent hygiene products. The goal is to develop breathable, low-noise, and soft materials—such as synthetic or natural nonwovens, woven fabrics, or hybrids—that match or exceed the fluid barrier and staining performance of traditional film-based laminates at a lower cost. To be eligible, the core technology principles must already be demonstrated at a lab scale, with physical samples available for screening. **Funding: Up to \$250,000 | Application Deadline: September 4**

Private Company | Compact Connected IoT Hardware Development

A leading global agriculture company is seeking partners with experience designing, manufacturing, certifying, and supporting compact connected IoT hardware for industrial, field-deployed, or equipment-adjacent applications. Collaborators should be capable of managing a significant portion of the device lifecycle, including early-stage architecture, wireless connectivity integration, international certifications, and ongoing post-launch technical support. The ideal partner can accommodate moderate-volume production programs (approximately 20,000 units annually) and work closely with internal engineering teams to maintain device reliability and performance. **Funding: Budget is available and will be determined based on the scope and structure of the proposed engagement and areas that the partner could support. | Application Deadline: September 4**

Sony | Sony Research Award Program

This program provides funding for cutting-edge academic research and helps build a collaborative relationship between faculty and Sony researchers. This program has two distinct tracks: one targeting general areas of interest to the company to support its R&D efforts, and another centered on specific topics to facilitate exploration of new and promising research. Applicants must be full-time faculty members or researchers authorized to supervise Ph.D. students at eligible institutions in the U.S., Canada, India, or participating European countries. Selected projects require a mutually agreed sponsored research agreement that grants the sponsor noncommercial use rights for any resulting data and necessary background intellectual property. A PI or other PIs from the same university/institution may submit more than one proposal for different research topics. However, we ask each PI to please not submit identical proposals, and for each PI to not submit more than one proposal for each keyword or focused research theme. Sony will gladly accept an unlimited number of proposals from the same university for the same research topic as long as they each have a different PI's. **Funding: Up to \$150,000 USD | Application Deadline: September 15, 11:59 p.m. PDT**



Foundation Opportunities

National Science Foundation | Chemical Oceanography Program

The National Science Foundation is seeking proposals to investigate the chemistry of the oceans and the role of the oceans in global geochemical cycles. Areas of interest include chemical composition, speciation, and transformation; chemical exchanges between the oceans and other components of the Earth system; internal cycling in oceans, seas, and estuaries; and the use of measured chemical distributions as indicators of physical, biological, and geological processes. **Funding: Varies | Application Deadline: August 17**

National Science Foundation | Cognitive Neuroscience (CogNeuro)

The Cognitive Neuroscience (CogNeuro) program seeks to fund proposals that can advance our understanding of the neural mechanisms underlying human cognition and behavior. Funded proposals typically advance theories in cognitive neuroscience by relating precise and rich quantifications of physiology, cognition and behavior with each other. Intellectual Merit. Funded proposals also typically strengthen the field through, for example, outreach, mentoring the next generation of diverse cognitive neuroscientists and/or increasing awareness and utilization of the research the field produces (Broader Impacts). **Funding: Varies | Application Deadline: August 17**

Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) | Decentralized Artificial Intelligence through Controlled Emergence (DICE)

The Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) is soliciting innovative proposals in the following technical areas: artificial intelligence (AI), control theory, formal methods, and game theory to develop decentralized multi-agent AI collectives. Proposed research should investigate innovative approaches that enable revolutionary advances in science, devices, or systems. DARPA is interested in research that primarily results in evolutionary improvements to the existing state of practice. **Funding: Varies | Application Deadline: August 25**

National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) | Roses 2025: Innovate

With mature Earth observation applications are needed by the public and private sectors, it can be challenging to cross the valley-of-death between proof of concept and meeting user needs, including commercialization, especially because of the lack of research and development funding required to de-risk the application. This RFP will accept applications for research and development funding for value-added activities, technology, and societal benefits (INNOVATE) element solicits projects that cross this proof-of-concept valley by supporting product formulation, development, and implementation, and with providing access to Earth observation expertise. In particular, NASA seeks efforts that: value-centric, and driven innovators to catalyze the integration to data and models (as well as those from its partners) into decision making support systems for the benefit of all.

This element invites proposals to rapidly advance the use of satellite observations of the Earth to efficiently support the U.S. economy, national security, and any other applications topics relevant to NASA's Earth Science to Action Strategy. **Funding: Varies | Application Deadline: August 31**

Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute | Addressing Health Outcomes Research for Individuals With Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDD) and/or Rare Diseases (RD)

PCORI is seeking high-impact, patient-centered comparative clinical effectiveness research (CER) projects that focus on people living with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) and/or rare disease(s) (RD). Areas of particular interest include but are not limited to: 1) Better Health Outcomes by Improving Access to Patient-Centered Care, 2) Health System Approaches to Improving Care for Patients, 3) Language and Non-pharmacologic Approaches to Improving Physical and Mental Health, and 4) Addressing the Health and Well-being of Caregivers for Individuals With IDD and RD. **Funding: Up to \$12,000,000 | LOI Deadline: September 9**

PCORI will host an informational webinar on August 12th at 11 AM CT. To attend, please register [here](#).

Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute | Addressing Health Outcomes Research for Individuals With Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDD) and/or Rare Diseases (RD)

PCORI is seeking projects that compare clinical interventions and healthcare delivery system interventions to evaluate potential benefits and harms of different treatment and care delivery options. Areas of particular interest include but are not limited to: 1) Improving Mental Health and Substance Use Outcomes for Pregnant and Postpartum Populations, 2) Addressing the Post-Treatment Follow-Up Care Needs of Cancer Survivors, 3) Diabetes Prevention, Care and Treatment, 4) Management of Neurological Pain, and 5) Management of Pain in Individuals Living With Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities or Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias. **Funding: Category 1: Up to \$5,000,000; Category 2 & 3: Up to \$12,000,000 | LOI Deadline: September 9**

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Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute | Advancing the Science of Engagement in Research

PCORI is seeking to fund research that build an evidence base on engagement in research. This RFP will accept applications in two categories: 1) Development of measures or assessment strategies to capture structure or context, processes and outcomes of engagement, for both stakeholders and investigators and 2) Development and/or testing of engagement methods to generate evidence on the most effective approaches for engagement in research and how effectiveness varies by context. Patients and other healthcare partners are expected to meaningfully contribute their lived experience or professional expertise to ensure studies are patient-centered. **Funding: Category 1: Up to \$1,000,000; Category 2: Up to \$1.5 million | LOI Deadline: September 12**

PCORI will host an informational webinar on August 12th at 11 AM CT. To attend, please register [here](#).

Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute | Improving Methodologies for Conducting Patient-Centered Comparative Clinical Effectiveness Research

PCORI is seeking to fund studies that address high-impact methodological gaps in patient-centered comparative clinical effectiveness research (CER). Program priorities include: Methods To Support the Use of Patient-Centered Measurement in Patient-Centered CER, 2) Methods To Support the Use of Real-World Data (RWD) in Multi-Site Patient-Centered CER, 3) Methods To Improve the Use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Machine Learning (ML) in Patient-Centered CER, and 4) Methods To Improve Study Design in Patient-Centered CER. **Funding: Up to \$750,000 | LOI Deadline: September 9**

Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute | Implementation of Findings From Research Investments

PCORI is seeking to fund research that explore the uptake of peer-reviewed findings from specific research studies into practice. Projects should include: 1) Research on the uptake of findings from research studies into practice. Projects must implement one or more of the following PCORI research topics: 1) Screening and Treatment of Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder in Children and Adolescents, 2) Direct Hospital Admissions Programs for Children, 3) Early Palliative Care for Patients With Advanced Cancer, and 4) Cancer Arrest and Prevention in Children. **Funding: Up to \$1,800,000 | LOI Deadline: September 9**

Internal funding opportunities can be found on the [Rice University Creative Ventures Fund](#) webpage.

Upcoming Events

Rice OTT Connection Corner | Get Expert Tech Transfer Guidance

Have questions about intellectual property, licensing, or commercializing your research? The new OTT Connection Corner offers virtual drop-in office hours where you can get expert guidance without an appointment.

Whether you're a faculty member with a new discovery, a graduate student exploring entrepreneurship, or staff supporting research commercialization, our experts are ready to help. We can answer questions about the intellectual property lifecycle, research contracts, online forms, and general tech transfer procedures.

- **When:** 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of every month
- **Time:** 12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
- **Where:** Virtual Zoom Meeting
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