

**Fiscal Year 2026 Congressionally Directed Medical Research Programs
Pancreatic Cancer Research Program (PCARP)
Reference Table of Award Mechanisms and Submission Requirements**

Award Mechanism	Eligibility	Key Mechanism Elements	Funding	Submission Deadline
<p>Focused Pilot Award</p> <p>Go to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program Announcement • General Application Instructions <p>Grants.gov Funding Opportunity Number:</p> <p>HT942526PCARPFPTA</p>	<p>Investigators at any career level, including postdoctoral fellows, clinical fellows and equivalent.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supports the exploration and development of impactful and innovative concepts under a patient-centered focus area that could ultimately lead to major advancements that will have a profound effect on patients' overall quality of life. • Applications must address the following FY26 PCARP focus area: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Supportive care, quality of life and survivorship research • Applications do not require preliminary data. • Applications cannot support preclinical animal studies or clinical trials. • The PCARP requires submission of a letter of intent prior to full application submission. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The maximum allowable funding for the entire period of performance is \$300,000 for total costs.* • The maximum period of performance is 2 years. 	<p>Pre-Application (Letter of Intent): September 16, 2026 5:00 p.m. Eastern time</p> <p>Application: October 7, 2026 11:59 p.m. Eastern time</p>

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<p>Idea Development Award</p> <p>Go to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program Announcement • General Application Instructions <p>Grants.gov Funding Opportunity Number:</p> <p>HT942526PCARPIDA</p>	<p>Single Principal Investigator (PI) Applications: Independent investigators at any career level.</p> <p>Partnering PI Option for Early-Career Investigator Applications: At the time of the application deadline, investigators must meet the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initiating PI (Mentor): Independent investigators at any career level. • Partnering PI (Early-Career Investigator): No more than eight years from first faculty appointment, i.e., instructor level or above, or equivalent, excluding time spent on family medical leave. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supports the development of innovative, high-risk/high-reward research that could lead to critical discoveries or major advancements that will accelerate progress in improving outcomes for individuals with pancreatic cancer. • Applications must address at least one of the FY26 PCARP focus areas. • Applications must include preliminary data. • Applications cannot support clinical trials. • Partnering PI Option for Early-Career Investigator supports applications that propose to partner an experienced PI with an early-career investigator who wishes to pursue a career in pancreatic cancer research. • The PCARP requires submission of a preproposal; application submission is by invitation only. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Single PI: The maximum allowable funding for the entire period of performance is \$700,000 for total costs.* • Partnering PI Option for Early-Career Investigator: The maximum allowable funding for the entire period of performance is \$950,000 for total costs.* • The maximum period of performance is 3 years. 	<p>Pre-Application (Preproposal): July 7, 2026 5:00 p.m. Eastern time</p> <p>Application: October 7, 2026 11:59 p.m. Eastern time</p>
<p>Translational Research Partnership Award</p> <p>Go to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program Announcement • General Application Instructions <p>Grants.gov Funding Opportunity Number:</p> <p>HT942526PCARPTRPA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Independent investigators at any career level. • At least one member of the partnership must demonstrate expertise in either pancreatic cancer research or pancreatic cancer patient care. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supports partnerships between clinicians, population scientists, applied scientists and/or basic scientists that accelerate the movement of promising ideas in pancreatic cancer toward clinical applications. • Applications must address at least one of the FY26 PCARP focus areas. • Applications must include preliminary data. • Applications can support retrospective tissue analysis, correlative studies and small pilot clinical trials. • The PCARP requires submission of a preproposal; application submission is by invitation only. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The maximum allowable funding for the entire period of performance is \$1,100,000 for total costs.* • The maximum period of performance is 3 years. 	<p>Pre-Application (Preproposal): July 7, 2026 5:00 p.m. Eastern time</p> <p>Application: October 7, 2026 11:59 p.m. Eastern time</p>

*Total costs include direct and indirect costs