

**Fiscal Year 2026 Congressionally Directed Medical Research Programs
Alzheimer's Research Program (AZRP)
Reference Table of Award Mechanisms and Submission Requirements**

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| <p>Transforming Care Award</p> <p>Go to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program Announcement • General Application Instructions <p>Grants.gov Funding Opportunity Number: HT942526AZRPTrCA</p> | <p>Single Principal Investigator (PI) Option: Independent investigators at any career level. Postdoctoral fellows are not considered independent investigators.</p> <p>Career Initiation or Transition (CIT) Partnership Option: At least one independent investigator must meet the CIT Partnership Option eligibility requirements. Postdoctoral fellows are not considered independent investigators.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Career Initiation investigators must have at least three years of research experience beyond a terminal degree (but no more than seven years) within their first independent research position with only nominal, if any, research support or publications in the field. • Career Transition investigators must be new to military health, traumatic brain injury (TBI), and/or Alzheimer's Disease and Alzheimer's Disease Related Dementias (AD/ADRD) fields, with nominal, if any, publications and/or research support for their intended field. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supports well-designed non-incremental clinical research to reduce barriers/trials in dementia care that provides significant impact on, and improves diagnosis and prognosis of, solutions for Service Members, Veterans, their Families, and the public who are living with AD/ADRD following military service. • Clinical research and clinical trials are allowed. • Preliminary data are required. • Community collaboration is required for studies prospectively enrolling human subjects. • The AZRP encourages studies to leverage existing cohorts/datasets. Cohorts consisting of individuals 65 years or younger are also encouraged. • CIT Partnership Option: Up to two investigators may collaborate on a single application, each of whom will be recognized as a PI and receive a separate award. One investigator must meet the definition of a career initiation or career transition investigator. • Preproposal submission is required; application submission is by invitation only. | <p>Single PI Option:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The maximum allowable funding for the entire period of performance is \$1.6 million (M) for total costs.* • The maximum period of performance is 4 years. <p>CIT Partnership Option:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The maximum allowable funding for the entire period of performance is \$1.9M for total costs.* • The maximum period of performance is 4 years. | <p>Pre-Application (Preproposal): June 22, 2026 5:00 p.m. Eastern time</p> <p>Application: September 24, 2026 11:59 p.m. Eastern time</p> |

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| <p>Transforming Diagnosis Award</p> <p>Go to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Program Announcement General Application Instructions <p>Grants.gov Funding Opportunity Number: HT942526AZRPTrDA</p> | <p>Independent investigators at any career level. Postdoctoral fellows are not considered independent investigators.</p> <p>CIT Partnership Option: At least one independent investigator must meet the CIT Partnership Option eligibility requirements. Postdoctoral fellows are not considered independent investigators.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Career Initiation investigators must have at least three years of research experience beyond a terminal degree (but no more than seven years) within their first independent research position with only nominal, if any, research support or publications in the field. Career Transition investigators must be new to military health, traumatic brain injury (TBI), and/or AD/ABRD fields, with nominal, if any, publications and/or research support for their intended field. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supports non-incremental, solutions-oriented research that reduces or overcomes important barriers to obtaining a diagnosis, meaningful disease monitoring, and accurate prognosis. Clinical trials and animal research are not allowed. Clinical research is allowed. Preliminary data are required. Community collaboration is required for studies prospectively enrolling human subjects. The AZRP encourages studies to leverage existing cohorts/datasets. Cohorts consisting of individuals 65 years or younger are also encouraged. CIT Partnership Option: Up to two investigators may collaborate on a single application, each of whom will be recognized as a PI and receive a separate award. One investigator must meet the definition of a career initiation or career transition investigator. Preproposal submission is required; application submission is by invitation only. | <p>Single PI Option:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The maximum allowable funding for the entire period of performance is \$1.5M for total costs.* The maximum period of performance is 4 years. <p>CIT Partnership Option:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The maximum allowable funding for the entire period of performance is \$1.7M for total costs.* The maximum period of performance is 4 years. | <p>Pre-Application (Preproposal): June 22, 2026 5:00 p.m. Eastern time</p> <p>Application: September 24, 2026 11:59 p.m. Eastern time</p> |

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| <p>Transforming Research Award</p> <p>Go to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Program Announcement General Application Instructions <p>Grants.gov Funding Opportunity Number: HT942526AZRPTrRA</p> | <p>Independent investigators at any career level. Postdoctoral fellows are not considered independent investigators.</p> <p>CIT Partnership Option: At least one independent investigator must meet the CIT Partnership Option eligibility requirements. Postdoctoral fellows are not considered independent investigators.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Career Initiation investigators must have at least three years of research experience beyond a terminal degree (but no more than seven years) within their first independent research position with only nominal, if any, research support or publications in the field. Career Transition investigators must be new to military health, traumatic brain injury (TBI), and/or AD/ADRD fields, with nominal, if any, publications and/or research support for their intended field. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supports non-incremental, robust, well-designed research that drives transformative advancements in reducing risk and preventing the development of AD/ADRD. Clinical trials are not allowed. Clinical research is allowed. Preliminary data are required. Community collaboration is required for studies prospectively enrolling human subjects. The AZRP encourages studies to leverage existing cohorts/datasets. Cohorts consisting of individuals 65 years or younger are also encouraged. CIT Partnership Option: Up to two investigators may collaborate on a single application, each of whom will be recognized as a PI and receive a separate award. One investigator must meet the definition of a career initiation or career transition investigator. Preproposal submission is required; application submission is by invitation only. | <p>Single PI Option:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The maximum allowable funding for the entire period of performance is \$1.0M for total costs.* The maximum period of performance is 3 years. <p>CIT Partnership Option:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The maximum allowable funding for the entire period of performance is \$1.0M for total costs.* The maximum period of performance is 3 years. | <p>Pre-Application (Preproposal): June 22, 2026 5:00 p.m. Eastern time</p> <p>Application: September 24, 2026 11:59 p.m. Eastern time</p> |

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