

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

Award Mechanism	Eligibility	Key Mechanism Elements	Funding	Submission Deadline
<p>Clinical Trial Award</p> <p>Go to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program Announcement • General Application Instructions <p>Grants.gov Funding Opportunity Number: HT942526PRCRPCTA</p>	<p>Independent investigators at all career levels.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supports clinical trials that will advance previously completed preclinical research to the clinic, progress treatments to the next stage of study or improve the standard of care for individuals living with cancer. • Proposed projects may range from small proof-of-concept-trials to demonstrate feasibility or inform the design of more advanced trials through large-scale trials to determine efficacy in patient populations. • Applications must address at least one of the FY26 PRCRP topic areas and at least one of the FY26 PRCRP strategic goals. • Applications must address at least one of the FY26 PRCRP Military Health focus areas. • Applications must include preliminary data. • Applications must include at least two patient advocates on the research team. • Applications must provide Investigational New Drug/Investigational Device Exemption application by application submission deadline. • Funding from this award mechanism must support a clinical trial. Preclinical research is not supported. • Submission of a Preproposal is required; full application submission is by invitation only. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The maximum allowable funding for the entire period of performance is \$4.5 million (M) for total costs.* • The maximum period of performance is 4 years. 	<p>Pre-Application (Preproposal): June 26, 2026 5:00 p.m. Eastern time</p> <p>Application: October 5, 2026 11:59 p.m. Eastern time</p>

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<p>Idea 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>HT942526PRCRPIA</p>	<p>Established Investigator: Independent investigator at all career levels.</p> <p>Early Career Investigator: Independent Investigator and below the level of Associate Professor, or equivalent.</p> <p>Be within seven years of his/her last postdoctoral research position (Ph.D.), clinical fellowship (M.D.), or equivalent at the time of full application submission deadline (excluding time spent in residency, clinical fellowship or on family medical leave).</p> <p>Have received less than \$150,000 (direct cost) in extramurally funded, non-mentored funding for research annually.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supports innovative basic research that may introduce a new paradigm, challenge existing paradigms, look at existing problems from new perspectives or exhibit other highly creative qualities. • Innovation is a key element of the award. The award is not intended to support well-developed research. • Applications must address at least one of the FY26 PRCRP topic areas and at least one of the FY26 PRCRP strategic goals. • Applications must address at least one of the FY26 PRCRP Military Health focus areas. • Preliminary data are not required. • Applications cannot support clinical trials. • Early-Career Investigator Option: Designed to support the continued development of promising independent investigators that are early in their faculty appointments. The Early Career Investigator category is designed to allow applicants early in their faculty appointments to compete for funding separately from established investigators. • Submission of a Preproposal is required; full application submission is by invitation only. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The maximum allowable funding for the entire period of performance is \$600,000 for total costs.* • The maximum period of performance is 2 years. 	<p>Pre-Application (Preproposal): June 26, 2026 5:00 p.m. Eastern time</p> <p>Application: October 5, 2026 11:59 p.m. Eastern time</p>

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<p>Impact 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>HT942526PRCRPIPA</p>	<p>Independent investigators at all career levels.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supports hypothesis-driven, high-impact research. • Supports mature research projects that specifically focus on critical scientific or clinical cancer issues and have the potential to make a major near-term impact. • Applications must address at least one of the FY26 PRCRP topic areas at least one of the FY26 PRCRP strategic goals. • Applications must address at least one of the FY26 PRCRP Military Health focus areas. • Applications must include preliminary data. • Applications can support, but do not require, clinical trials. • Partnering PI Option: The Impact Award includes an option for more than one PI. Both PIs should contribute significantly to the development and execution of the proposed research project. If recommended for funding, each PI will be named on separate awards to the recipient organization(s). • Submission of a Preproposal is required; full 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 3 years. <p>Partnering PI Option:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The maximum allowable funding for the entire period of performance is \$2.0M for total costs.* • The maximum period of performance is 3 years. 	<p>Pre-Application (Preproposal): June 26, 2026 5:00 p.m. Eastern time</p> <p>Application: October 5, 2026 11:59 p.m. Eastern time</p>

*Total costs include direct and indirect costs.