

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

Award Mechanism	Eligibility	Key Mechanism Elements	Funding	Submission Deadline
<p>Applied Research 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>HT942526ORPARA</p>	<p>Independent investigators at all career levels.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supports applied research, defined as work that refines concepts and ideas into potential solutions with a view toward evaluating technical feasibility of promising new knowledge products, pharmacologic agents, behavioral and rehabilitation interventions, diagnostic and therapeutic techniques, clinical guidance and/or emerging approaches and technologies. • Research must address one or more of the following focus areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Battlefield Fracture-Related Infection ○ Composite Tissue Regeneration ○ Limb Stabilization and Protection ○ Osteointegration Outcomes ○ Return-to-Duty Strategies • The ORP expects that research findings benefit Service Members, their families, Veterans and the general public. • Preliminary data is required. • <i>Preproposal submission is required; application submission is by invitation only.</i> • <i>Clinical research is not allowed unless exempt under Title 32, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 219, Section 104(d) or eligible for expedited review under 32 CFR 219.110 or 21 CFR 56.110.</i> • <i>Clinical trials are not allowed.</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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): August 19, 2026 5:00 p.m. Eastern time</p> <p>Application: November 18, 2026 11:59 p.m. Eastern time</p>

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<p>Clinical Research 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>HT942526ORPCRA</p>	<p>Independent investigators at all career levels.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supports clinical research that evaluates orthopaedic-specific factors and interventions; the ORP intends for research supported by this mechanism to generate clinically useful evidence with potential to optimize patient outcomes and inform clinical care or policy. Research must address how the proposed research will impact patient care and reduce the burden of orthopaedic injury and sequela. The FY26 ORP CRA offers two research levels: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Research Level 1 supports <i>clinical research</i>. Research Level 2 supports <i>clinical trials</i>. <i>It is the responsibility of the applicant to select the level that aligns with the scope of the proposed research. The Research Level should be selected based on the research scope and not on the amount of the budget.</i> Research must address one or more of the following focus areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ligamentous Trauma Return-to-Duty Strategies Osseointegration Outcomes (<i>Research Level 1 only</i>) Military Women’s Health (<i>Research Level 1 only</i>) Limb Stabilization and Protection (<i>Research Level 2 only</i>) Preliminary data is required. Preproposal submission is required; application submission is by invitation only. Preclinical research studies and/or animal research are not allowed. 	<p>Research Level 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The maximum allowable funding for the entire period of performance is \$2.0 million (M) for total costs.* The maximum period of performance is 4 years. <p>Research Level 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The maximum allowable funding for the entire period of performance is \$3.2M for total costs.* The maximum period of performance is 4 years. 	<p>Pre-Application (Preproposal): August 19, 2026 5:00 p.m. Eastern time</p> <p>Application: November 18, 2026 11:59 p.m. Eastern time</p>

*Total costs include direct and indirect costs.