

***Fiscal Year 2021 Melanoma Research Program (MRP)  
Reference Table of Award Mechanisms and Submission Requirements***

Award Mechanism	Eligibility	Key Mechanism Elements	Funding	Submission Deadline
<p><b>Discovery Award</b></p> <p><b>Go to:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Program Announcement</li> <li>• General Application Instructions</li> </ul> <p><b>Grants.gov Funding Opportunity Number:</b></p> <p>W81XWH-21-MRP-DA</p>	<p>Investigators at the level of postdoctoral fellow or clinical fellow (or equivalent) and above</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><i>A letter of intent if required; an invitation to submit a full application is not required.</i></b></li> <li>• Supports innovative, non-incremental, high-risk/potentially high-reward research in melanoma research.</li> <li>• Emphasis on Innovation and Impact.</li> <li>• <b><i>Preliminary data are not required.</i></b></li> <li>• <b><i>Clinical trials are not allowed.</i></b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The maximum allowable funding for the entire period of performance is <b>\$200,000</b> for direct costs.</li> <li>• Indirect costs may be proposed in accordance with the institution’s negotiated rate agreement.</li> <li>• The maximum period of performance is <b>2</b> years.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Pre-Application (Letter of Intent):</b> October 20, 2021 5:00 p.m. ET</p> <p><b>Application:</b> November 10, 2021 11:59 p.m. ET</p>
<p><b>Idea Award</b></p> <p><b>Go to:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Program Announcement</li> <li>• General Application Instructions</li> </ul> <p><b>Grants.gov Funding Opportunity Number:</b></p> <p>W81XWH-21-MRP-IA</p>	<p>Independent investigators with a faculty-level appointment (or equivalent)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><i>Pre-application submission is required; application submission is by invitation only.</i></b></li> <li>• Supports new ideas that represent innovative, high-risk/high-gain approaches to melanoma research that are beyond an incremental advancement.</li> <li>• Emphasis on Innovation and Impact.</li> <li>• <b>Must</b> address at least one of the FY21 MRP Focus Areas.</li> <li>• <b><i>Preliminary data are not required.</i></b></li> <li>• <b><i>Clinical trials are not allowed.</i></b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The maximum allowable funding for the entire period of performance is <b>\$500,000</b> for direct costs.</li> <li>• Indirect costs may be proposed in accordance with the institution’s negotiated rate agreement.</li> <li>• The maximum period of performance is <b>3</b> years.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Pre-Application (Preproposal):</b> June 29, 2021 5:00 p.m. Eastern time (ET)</p> <p><b>Application:</b> September 28, 2021 11:59 p.m. ET</p>
<p><b>Melanoma Academy Leadership Award</b></p> <p><b>Go to:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Program Announcement</li> <li>• General Application Instructions</li> </ul> <p><b>Grants.gov Funding Opportunity Number:</b></p> <p>W81XWH-21-MRP-MALA</p>	<p>Academy Director must be an independent, established melanoma researcher at the level of Associate Professor or equivalent.</p> <p>Deputy Director must be an independent, established melanoma researcher at the level of Associate Professor or equivalent.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><i>A letter of intent if required; an invitation to submit a full application is not required.</i></b></li> <li>• Supports visionary individuals who are established melanoma researchers with a strong record of mentoring and commitment to leadership.</li> <li>• The Melanoma Academy Leadership Award is an opportunity to establish a virtual melanoma research center focused on fostering the next generation of melanoma researchers across the spectrum of research disciplines.</li> <li>• The Academy Director with Deputy</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The maximum allowable funding for the entire period of performance is <b>\$1,300,000</b> for direct costs.</li> <li>• Indirect costs may be proposed in accordance with the institution’s negotiated rate agreement.</li> <li>• The maximum period of performance is <b>4</b> years.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Pre-Application (Letter of Intent):</b> August 4, 2021 5:00 p.m. ET</p> <p><b>Application:</b> August 26, 2021 11:59 p.m. ET</p>

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		<p>Director will establish an interactive network of early-career investigators (Scholars) to work independently and collaboratively on issues within the scope of melanoma research.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Melanoma Academy will include Scholars from multiple, different organizations.</li> </ul> <p>The Academy Director, with the Deputy Director, will oversee the interactive Melanoma Academy of Scholars and their designated Career Guides (mentors), facilitate regular interactive communication among all members, and assess research progress and career progression of the Scholars.</p>		
<p><b>Melanoma Academy Scholar Award</b></p> <p><b>Go to:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Program Announcement</li> <li>General Application Instructions</li> </ul> <p><b>Grants.gov Funding Opportunity Number:</b></p> <p>W81XWH-21-MRP-MASA</p>	<p>Must be within 7 years of their last terminal degree, as of the full application submission deadline.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>A letter of intent is required; an invitation to submit a full application is not required</i></li> <li>Supports Scholars to the unique, interactive virtual academy that provides intensive mentoring, national networking, collaborations, and a peer group for early-career melanoma investigators/faculty.</li> <li>A Career Guide who is an experienced melanoma researcher with melanoma cancer funding is required.</li> <li>The Career Guide is not required to be at the same institution as the Scholar.</li> <li>The Career Guide will participate in the Melanoma Academy on an advisory board.</li> <li><b>Must</b> address at least one of the FY21 MRP Focus Areas.</li> <li><i>Preliminary data are not required.</i></li> <li><i>Clinical trials are not allowed.</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The maximum allowable funding for the entire period of performance is <b>\$500,000</b> for direct costs.</li> <li>Indirect costs may be proposed in accordance with the institution's negotiated rate agreement.</li> <li>The maximum period of performance is <b>4</b> years.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Pre-Application (Letter of Intent):</b> August 4, 2021 5:00 p.m. ET</p> <p><b>Application:</b> August 26, 2021 11:59 p.m. ET</p>
<p><b>Mid-Career Accelerator Award</b></p> <p><b>Go to:</b></p>	<p>Assistant or Associate Professors <i>at least 7 years or more</i> from</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>A letter of intent is required; an invitation to submit a full application is not required.</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The maximum allowable funding for the entire</li> </ul>	<p><b>Pre-Application (Letter of Intent):</b> September 9, 2021 5:00 p.m. ET</p>

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<p><b>Team Science Award</b></p> <p><b>Go to:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Program Announcement</li> <li>General Application Instructions</li> </ul> <p><b>Grants.gov Funding Opportunity Number:</b> W81XWH-21-MRP-TSA</p>	<p>At least two and up to three investigators must partner in one overarching multidisciplinary research study.</p> <p>Independent investigators at or above the level of Associate Professor (or equivalent).</p> <p>Inclusion of at least one military, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs investigator, or early-career investigator is encouraged.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>A letter of intent is required; an invitation to submit a full application is not required.</i></li> <li>Supports new or existing partnerships between two or three independent investigators focusing research across the whole research spectrum.</li> <li>Investigators are expected to demonstrate within the application, the synergistic components (i.e., leveraging disciplines, expertise, or critical resources) that will significantly advance the project that could not otherwise be accomplished through independent efforts of a single investigator.</li> <li>Emphasis on synergy, multidisciplinary research, and impact.</li> <li><b>Must</b> address at least one of the FY21 MRP Focus Areas.</li> <li><i>Preliminary data are required.</i></li> <li><i>Clinical trials are not allowed.</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The maximum allowable funding for the entire period of performance is <b>\$700,000</b> for direct costs.</li> <li>Indirect costs may be proposed in accordance with the institution’s negotiated rate agreement.</li> <li>The maximum period of performance is <b>3</b> years.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Pre-Application (Letter of Intent):</b> September 9, 2021 5:00 p.m. ET</p> <p><b>Application:</b> September 28, 2021 11:59 p.m. ET</p>
<p><b>Translational Research Award</b></p> <p><b>Go to:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Program Announcement</li> <li>General Application Instructions</li> </ul> <p><b>Grants.gov Funding Opportunity Number:</b> W81XWH-21-MRP-TRA</p>	<p>Independent investigators at or above the level of Assistant Professor (or equivalent)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>A letter of intent is required; an invitation to submit a full application is not required.</i></li> <li>Supports studies aiming to leverage existing biobanks, biorepositories, ongoing or completed clinical trials to address a translational question or problem in melanoma.</li> <li><b>Collaborator Option</b> allows two Principal Investigators (PIs), termed</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The maximum allowable funding for the entire period of performance is <b>\$600,000</b> for direct costs.</li> <li><b>Collaboration Option:</b> The maximum allowable funding for the entire</li> </ul>	<p><b>Pre-Application (Letter of Intent):</b> September 9, 2021 5:00 p.m. ET</p> <p><b>Application:</b> September 28, 2021 11:59 p.m. ET</p>

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		<p>Initiating PI and Partnering PI, to collaborate on a single application.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Emphasis on translation and impact.</li> <li>• <b>Must</b> address at least one of the FY21 MRP Focus Areas.</li> <li>• <i>Preliminary data are required.</i></li> <li>• <i>Clinical trials are not allowed.</i></li> </ul>	<p>period of performance is <b>\$700,000</b> for direct costs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Indirect costs may be proposed in accordance with the institution's negotiated rate agreement.</li> <li>• The maximum period of performance is <b>3</b> years.</li> </ul>	