Cycled funding opportunities
Continued programs at OHSU with cycled deadlines each year

General Cycled Funding Opportunities with Upcoming Deadlines

**Medical Research Foundation (MRF) – Early Clinical Investigator Award**
**Due: Feb 15, May 15, Aug 15, Nov 15 annually - $20,000**
To encourage the development of research careers in clinical investigation, small grants will be offered to qualified applicants interested in developing preliminary data in support of a NIH (or similar) career development application.
The goals of the MRF Early Clinical Investigator Support Program are to:
- Stimulate the professional development of post-doctoral trainees intent on pursuing a career in clinical research at an Oregon institution.
- Foster initial experiences in clinical research that will be useful for subsequent requests for career development support.
- Facilitate training by stimulating research collaboration between early investigators and senior research mentors.
- Promote biomedical research in Oregon by fostering the development of academic researchers.
OHSU faculty members or established investigators are not eligible to apply. This opportunity is for trainees.
Contact: Valerie Scott
tel. 503.494-7159

**Medical Research Foundation (MRF) Award**
**Due: Feb 15, May 15, Aug 15, Nov 15 annually - $40,000**
The Medical Research Foundation (MRF) Award provides New Investigator Support for promising biomedical exploration and development of research careers in Oregon. Applicants must be independent investigators at the rank of Assistant Professor or above with institutional commitment. Medical Research Foundation also provides Emergency Interim Support for established investigators faced with a fiscal emergency that may jeopardize their existing program.
Contact: Valerie Scott
tel. 503.494-7159

**Presidential Bridge Funding**
**Due: May 17th, 2010 - Up to $50,000**
Presidential Bridge Funding is specifically to support established investigators threatened by an imminent lapse in research support. It is expected that in most cases attempts to secure re-funding have not been successful, but that additional attempts are planned and are likely to succeed. New for 2009-2010, applicants may request bridge funding for one of the following two tracks:
- Track 1: Traditional Bridge Funding
- Track 2: Retooling Funding
Awards will be made only to OHSU investigators. The Principal Investigator must be an independent scientist. Post-doctoral fellows and similar trainees are not eligible to apply as principal investigators.
Contact Research Funding & Development Services
tel: 503.494.2848
Targeted Cycled Funding Opportunities with Upcoming Deadlines

**Methamphetamine Abuse Research Center Pilot Projects (MARC)**

Due: April 5th, 2010 - $25,000 - approximately three projects to be funded

Each year, the MARC provides funding for approximately three 1-2 year projects intended to bring new research directions, approaches, and investigators into the Center. Proposals will be evaluated on their scientific merit and innovation and on their alignment with the MARC's research themes, which include:

- impulsivity and stressor responsivity (both as predictors of methamphetamine-related problems or as characteristics that may be altered by methamphetamine)
- neuroadaptation to methamphetamine
- neuroanatomy of methamphetamine effects
- translation between preclinical and clinical models of methamphetamine effects/abuse.

Projects are also intended to generate preliminary data for future R-type grant applications.

All OHSU and VA faculty interested in methamphetamine research may submit proposals. Because of the MARC's translational emphasis, they also welcome proposals from clinical researchers in non-academic settings so long as their objectives fit into the MARC's research themes. Postdoctoral trainees are not eligible.

Contact: Tamara Phillips, PhD, MARC Scientific Director tel: 503-220-8262 x56674

**Oregon Tax Check-off Alzheimer’s Research Fund sponsored by The Oregon Partnership for Alzheimer's Research (OPAR)**

Due: March 10th, 2010 - Up to $25,000 for one year

The Oregon Tax Check-off Program for Alzheimer's Research funds research grants for clinical, biological, behavioral, or health systems research that will advance the understanding, treatment, and prevention of Alzheimer's disease. The proposed research should investigate relevant scientific questions that will improve our understanding of Alzheimer’s disease or related dementias and that will advance health care treatment or prevention strategies. Priority for funding is given to investigators just entering the field of dementia research and to new or innovative projects. Applicants may be investigators who are launching their careers, established researchers exploring new areas of investigation, or doctoral level students with appropriate mentoring. Special attention will be given to projects that foster collaboration across disciplines or institutions.

1. **Support for graduate students and fellows.** Doctoral students, fellows, or other persons within the first two years post-doctorate may apply for grants up to $25,000. Funding may be for doctoral dissertation research but not for other research by pre-doctoral or other students.

2. **Support for new investigators or established investigators who are seeking funds for new direction of research related to Alzheimer's disease or dementia.** This funding category is primarily for junior researchers, but more established researchers with a clearly-defined direction of research related to Alzheimer's disease may also apply. Grants of up to $40,000 are available. New, or "junior" investigators are defined as those between two and six years of receiving their doctorate-level degree.

Contact: Linda Boise, PhD, MPH

tel: 503-494-6370

**Circle of Giving – OHSU Center for Women's Health & Department of Obstetrics & Gynecology**

Due: March 2, 2010 - One award for $125,000 for one year

The Circle of Giving Women's Health Research Program is intended to support new and established investigators interested in developing new directions in research that will lead to improvements in women's health; this effort is targeted to established investigators exploring a new or expanded area of focus (applicants must have a...
primary or secondary faculty appointment within the OHSU Center for Women’s Health and/or the Department of Obstetrics & Gynecology at the rank of Lecturer, Assistant, Associate or Full Professor. Applications may be in basic science, clinical investigation, population health or behavioral research—proposed research must be intended to produce a tangible improvement in women’s health. These funds are expected to lay the groundwork for additional research funding. Funds are unrestricted and may be used for equipment, salary or travel.

Contact: Nicole Good, Development Coordinator, OHSU Center for Women’s Health
tel: 503.494.9336

Tartar Trust Research Fellowship  
Due: February 19th, 2010 by 12:00 p.m. / Annually in February - Up to $2,000  
The Tartar Trust Research Fellowship award is to support biomedical research in Oregon. The foundation states, "In choosing research projects, the award committee should give consideration . . . to the practical importance of the research, the probability of finding new facts which will benefit humanity, as far as possible. Purely theoretical research is to be avoided." Medical and graduate students, postdoctoral fellows and faculty are eligible for this award. Applicants must be residents of Oregon who are affiliated with the School of Medicine.

Contact your department chair or division head for an application form and further information. Research Funding & Development Services and Valerie Scott can also assist applicants.

Medical Research Foundation (MRF) - Oregon Scientist Development Award  
Due: February 15, 2010 - $75,000  
Deadline will be updated with next cycle is announced  
Supports highly promising, biomedical scientists seeking to develop their research careers in Oregon. The award is designed for exceptional, but not yet fully independent, young investigators seeking to make the transition from an intermediate rank to scientific independence. Proposals can be for basic and applied studies, but must relate to human health. As this award is aimed at investigators of the highest quality, it is expected that the applicant will have significant first-author publications in top quality journals. Award criteria include exceptional quality of the applicant, strength of the research plan, strength of the career development plan, the research environment and degree of institutional/mentor commitment. Eligibility includes investigators who are transitioning to full independence from the rank of research assistant professor, instructor, staff scientist (non-tenured), or similar transitional appointments. Applicants can be from any of the Oregon universities or research institutes.

Contact: Amy Von Jenef, OHSU Foundation
tel: 503.220.8348

Friends of Doernbecher Grant Program  
Due: February 5th, 2010 - up to $100,000  
Deadline will be updated with next cycle is announced  
The Friends of Doernbecher Grant Program supports clinical research projects at Doernbecher Children’s Hospital. One or more grants of up to $10,000 (combined total) will be awarded to Doernbecher and OHSU faculty or staff for the fiscal year 2010-2011 based on criteria set by the selection committee. Graduate students, medical students, fellows, post-doctoral fellows, and clinical staff are all eligible to apply.

Carolanne Wipfli, Special Programs Manager, Doernbecher Foundation
tel: 503.220.8341
Oregon Alzheimer Disease Center (OADC) Pilot Project Program  
Due: January 19th, 2010 - $30,000 for 1-year projects. Anticipate funding two projects.  
The pilot project program of the NIH-funded Oregon Alzheimer Disease Center promotes basic or clinical biomedical, epidemiological, caregiving, educational or behavioral research on Alzheimer’s disease (AD), other dementias and normal brain aging. The funding provides modest support to develop preliminary data sufficient to provide the basis for an application for independent research support through other granting mechanisms. Applicants can be new investigators with an interest in research in AD before the study has developed to the point of being suitable to apply for individual grant support, established investigators with experience in areas other than AD research who want to work in the Alzheimer research field, or established investigators who want to try a new hypothesis, method, or approach that is not an extension of ongoing research.  
Contact: Diane Waggoner, OADC Administrator  
tel: 503-494-6977

Gerlinger Research Award  
Due: November 20th, 2009 (annually in November) - $40,000 for one year  
Deadline will be updated with next cycle is announced  
Applicants for the Gerlinger Research Award must have a faculty appointment within the School of Medicine. Preferences will be given to research dealing with collagen disease, arthritis or DMSO. Funds for a one-year period may be sought for salary, equipment or supplies. Indirect costs cannot be provided. Applicants may seek all or part of the $40,000 available annually. Previous awards have averaged $10,000. Applicants should follow guidelines provided in the Gerlinger application.  
Contact: Valerie Scott  
tel. 503.494-7159
Other OHSU funding opportunities

Historical, targeted, and one-time opportunities – may or may not be available

**Knight OHSU Cancer Institute - Cancer Research Development Award**

Due: July 15th, 2009 - $10,000

*Deadline will be updated when the next funding opportunity is released*

Four awards of up to $10,000 each (plus 20 hours of biostatistics support) These awards are to support new investigators who are developing careers in cancer research. Proposal will be accepted from investigators who are faculty members within five years of their first faculty appointment or are in a senior fellowship or post-doctoral position in transition to independent funding.

Contact: Kristin Bialobok, Associate Director of Administration and Finance, Knight Cancer Institute
tel: 503.484.1617

**OCTRI anticipates announcing their next round of targeted funding in late spring (May or June).**

**Oregon Clinical & Translational Research Institute (OCTRI) – Multiple Pilot Project Opportunities**

Each year, OCTRI offers several targeted funding opportunities. Because these opportunities are topic-specific, they vary on a yearly basis. Eligibility for these awards varies as well. Examples of awards offered in the past include:

- Pilot Funding for Rare Disease Research
- Pilot Project Funding for Investigations into the Ethical Conduct of Research
- Pilot Project Funding for Proteomics Collaborations with the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory
- Pilot Project Funding for TI Translational Research
- Pilot Project Funding for Kaiser Permanente Center for Health Research/OHSU Joint Projects
- Pilot Project Funding for Methods in Biostatistic, Bioinformatics, and Research Design

Contact: OCTRI Front Door
tel: 503.418.9790

**Heart Research Center (HRC) Grants – Pilot Project and Shared Equipment**

Due: Not currently available *(October 15th, annually - $30,000 (pilot project) / $25,500 (shared equipment))*

*Deadline will be updated when the next funding cycle is released*

- **Pilot Projects**
  - Open to all HRC-affiliated scientists. The principal investigator must be at the rank of assistant professor or above. The intent is to:
    - foster new collaborations between HRC scientists.
    - encourage application of different technologies, ideas and disciplines in cardiovascular research.
    - provide seed money for innovative new research projects that are unlikely to be funded through traditional sources.

- **Shared Equipment**
  - Open to all active HRC scientists. The principal investigators must be at the rank of assistant professor or above. The intent is to:
    - provide research resources in the way of needed equipment to HRC scientists.
    - encourage collaboration between HRC scientists.
    - encourage application of different technologies, ideas and disciplines in cardiovascular research.

Contact: Lisa Rhuman or Cheryl Maslen, 503.494.2011 (contact and application submission)
Portland Alcohol Research Center (PARC) Pilot Projects
Due: August 28th, 2009 by 12 noon - Up to $35,000
*Deadline will be updated when the next funding cycle is released.*

The PARC is especially interested in encouraging investigators new to alcohol research to submit applications for pilot projects. Pilot proposals that focus on the neuroadaptation to ethanol exposure and those with relevance to behavioral genomics are especially welcome. The process for evaluating applications will be similar to that used in previous years and is described on the website. All OHSU faculty (Assistant Professor or above) interested in alcohol research are invited to submit pilot project proposals. These proposals can outline new projects or projects that were previously submitted but not funded (as long as they are suitably revised and contain all of the information requested below).

Contact Robert Hitzemann, PhD, PARC Scientific Director
tel: 503-402-2858

Oregon Center for Aging & Technology (ORCATECH) Pilot Funding
Due: Not currently available.
*Deadline will be updated when the next funding cycle is released.*

The Oregon Center for Aging & Technology (ORCATECH) offers annual pilot funding opportunities to improve technology and translate that technology into useful tools to improve health and maintain independence in our aging population. ORCATECH focuses on two key reasons for loss of independence among the elderly: decline in cognitive function and decline in mobility. Several areas of related focus are encouraged for this request, but applications are not limited. $50,000 with additional indirect costs.

Contact: Tracy Zitzelberger, Research Associate
tel: 503.494.9635

OHSU Hospital Fund – Translational Neuroscience Research
Due: Not currently available (Concept proposals due March 1st, 2009 / Full proposals (invitation only) due May 1st, 2009 - $100,000/year for up to two years. Anticipate awarding 1 grant.)
*Deadline will be updated when the next funding cycle is released*

The purpose of the Translation Neuroscience Research grant is to accelerate application of research discoveries into the clinical arena. The specific intent of this support mechanism is to provide funding that will result in the application of discoveries made at OHSU in a way that will have a tangible impact on clinical care for an important disease of the nervous system within a 24 month timeframe. Proposals must clearly describe how this funding will enable the investigative team to move its research program forward in such a way that it will have a significant impact on the care of patients with an important disease of the nervous system within the 24 month timeframe of the grant. The proposed research should therefore be translational and

Contact: Bobby Heagerty, Communication Affairs and Education Coordinator, Department of Neurology
tel: 503.494.7242

Research Center for Gender-Based Medicine (RCGBM) - Seed Funding Program
Due: Not currently available. (Up to 5 awards up to $20,000.)
*Deadline will be updated when the next funding cycle is released.*

The RCGBM is offering seed funding to faculty level investigators at OHSU to conduct research on gender-related aspects of human disease, including, but not limited to the role biological sex and sex hormones in disease mechanisms, incidence, clinical course and response to therapy. The goal of this Seed Funding Program is to stimulate research in areas of gender-based medicine by supporting the generation of preliminary data that will form the basis for career development proposals for junior investigators or NIH R01-type proposals for established investigators interested in developing new gender-based research programs. Applicants must hold...
an MD, PhD or an equivalent degree, and must hold a faculty appointment at OHSU at the rank of Instructor or higher.

Contact Cindee Gray, Associate Director
tel. 503.494.5213

OHSU Neuropsychiatric Institute (NPI) - Pilot Project Funding  
**Due: not currently available (May 15th, 2008 - $25,000 – $50,000 for one year (2-4 projects awarded))**  
*Deadline will be updated with the next funding cycle is released*

The purpose of the NPI Pilot Project Funding is to establish multidisciplinary intramural collaborations in basic and clinical research that address important areas of psychiatry. Pilot project funding will focus on a specific disorder/condition. This is the first round of pilot funding and the research focus is on Bipolar Disorder, Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), and Oppositional Defiance in the pediatric and young adult population. The specific intent of this support mechanism is to provide funding for planning, to generate preliminary data to enable successful applications for future larger-scale funding, and to develop a poster for a national meeting. The goal of this funding mechanism is to connect and create partnerships at OHSU for collaborative research on ADHD, Bipolar Disorder, and Oppositional Defiant Disorder in the pediatric and young adult population, with a focus on prevention. Both basic and clinical scientists are eligible.

Contact: Research Funding & Development Services
tel: 503.494.2848

Vertex Pharmaceuticals, Inc. & OHSU Pilot Projects  
**Due: Not currently available. (November 20th, 2008 - Up to $75,000 total (direct and indirect costs included in total))**  
*Deadline will be updated when the next funding cycle is released.*

Under the Vertex Pharmaceuticals/Oregon Health & Sciences University Research Agreement, Vertex Pharmaceuticals, Inc. is looking to fund research from OHSU faculty in two categories: A) multiple sclerosis and other neurodegenerative diseases and B) oncology & cancer stem cell research.

Contact: Arundeep Pradhan, Director, Technology Research Collaborations
tel: 494-4186
MORE INFORMATION

Contact Research Funding & Development Services (RFDS)
web: www.ohsu.edu/research/rda/rfds
email: funding@ohsu.edu

OHSU funding database
http://ozone.ohsu.edu/research/rda/funding/report.shell.php
[search by OHSU, internal, PNW, or local to yield results of funding opportunities offered by agencies in this area]

LOCAL FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

Collins Medical Trust (a local, Portland-based foundation that heavily funds OHSU investigators)
Collins Medical Trust provides seed funding up to $30,000 for one year to OHSU investigators (postdoctoral fellows, faculty, medical residents) to generate pilot data to be used for future larger-scale funding (K23, R01, etc). The grant must highlight the impact the research will have on the Oregon population as well as its impact nationally. Junior investigators and trainees should have a strong mentorship component. CMT traditionally funds both basic and clinical research projects; outreach and education projects are funded less often.