

# EPILEPSY RESEARCH PROGRAM



**CDMRP**  
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE  
CONGRESSIONALLY DIRECTED  
MEDICAL RESEARCH PROGRAMS

**MISSION:** To understand the mechanisms of post-traumatic epilepsy, and associated comorbidities to improve quality of life, especially in Service Members, Veterans, and caregivers

FY24  
Appropriation:  
**\$12M**

## FY24 Funding Mechanisms

### BUILDS UPON SUCCESS



#### LRA

**Leveraging  
Research Award  
\$500,000**

Solicits research that leverages ongoing or completed research studies for which post-traumatic epilepsy, or PTE, was **not** an original focus and to provide support to expand the research to develop such a focus and increase our understanding of PTE.

### PRIORITIZES COLLABORATION



#### RPA

**Research  
Partnership Award  
\$1,200,000**

Creates an avenue for synergistic, collaborative research partnerships among investigators to address a research problem or question in a manner that would be unachievable through separate efforts.



**Virtual P-TERC  
Faculty  
\$525,000**

Solicits Faculty members to join the Virtual Post-Traumatic Epilepsy Research Center, P-TERC, in order to advance PTE research through the development of early-career investigators and investigators new to the PTE field.



#### IDA

**Idea Development Award  
Level I - \$450,000  
(Early-Career Investigators)  
Level II - \$650,000  
(Investigators at All Levels)**

Supports novel, innovative research with the potential to increase our understanding of PTE to improve quality of life, especially in Service Members, Veterans, and/or their care partners.

**Pre-Application (Letter of Intent\*) Due: 5 June 2024**

**Full Application Due: 20 June 2024**

*\*Letters of intent are used for program planning purposes only and will not be reviewed during either the peer or programmatic review. An invitation to submit a full application is NOT provided after LOI submission. Applicants are encouraged to develop pre-application and full application components concurrently and submit a full application AFTER successful submission of the pre-application.*

Research teams are encouraged to establish and utilize effective and equitable collaborations with the PTE lived experience community to maximize the translational and impact potential of the proposed research.

**Focus Areas:** The ERP employs focus areas to target its investment into specific program priority areas. Applications to the FY24 ERP should address at least one of the following:



#### Innovative Research

Tools intended to better inform or improve upon PTE research and care



#### Epidemiology

Epidemiological characterization of PTE following traumatic brain injury



#### Markers and Mechanisms

Identifying biomarkers or mechanisms of PTE



#### Longitudinal Studies

Studies of the evolution of PTE

Additional details can be found at: **[cdmrp.health.mil](https://cdmrp.health.mil)**

*International organizations are eligible to apply to all award mechanisms.*

Check the  
ERP web page  
for more information

