

**Fiscal Year 2023 (FY23) Department of Defense Breast Cancer Research Program (BCRP)
Reference Table of Award Mechanisms and Submission Requirements**

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<p>Breakthrough Award Levels 1 and 2</p> <p>Go to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Program Announcement General Application Instructions <p>Grants.gov Funding Opportunity Number: HT9425-23-BCRP-BTA12-2</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Investigators at all academic levels (or equivalent) Applications from postdoctoral fellows are encouraged under Funding Levels 1 and 2. <i>Each investigator may be named as a Principal Investigator (PI) or Initiating PI on only one application per funding level for the Breakthrough Award Levels 1 and 2.</i> <i>There are no limitations on the number of applications for which an investigator may be named as a Partnering PI. However, investigators are discouraged from being named as a Partnering PI on multiple FY23 Breakthrough Award Levels 1 and 2 applications unless they are clearly unique, meaningful partnerships addressing distinct research questions.</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supports promising research that has high potential to lead to or make breakthroughs in breast cancer. Research should have the potential for a major impact and accelerate progress toward ending breast cancer. Potential impact of the research may be near-term or long-term, but it must move beyond a minor advancement and have the potential to lead to a fundamentally new approach that is significantly more effective than interventions already approved or in clinical development. Partnering PI Option allows two PIs, termed the Initiating and Partnering PIs, to collaborate on a single application. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Each PI is expected to bring distinct contributions to the application. The application should clearly demonstrate that both PIs have equal intellectual input into the design of the project and will devote similar and appropriate levels of effort to the conduct of the project. <i>Applications where one PI is providing samples, animal models, or investigational agents while the other PI is conducting most or all of the experiments and analyses do not meet the intent of the Partnering PI Option.</i> 	<p>Funding Level 1:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The maximum allowable funding for the entire period of performance is \$450,000 for direct costs. Indirect costs may be proposed in accordance with the institution’s negotiated rate agreement. The maximum period of performance is 3 years. <p>Funding Level 1 with Partnering PI Option:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The maximum allowable funding for the entire period of performance is \$750,000 for direct costs. Indirect costs may be proposed in accordance with the institution’s negotiated rate agreement. The maximum period of performance is 3 years. <p>Funding Level 2:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The maximum allowable funding for the entire period of performance is \$1 million (M) for direct costs. Indirect costs may be proposed in accordance with the institution’s negotiated rate agreement. The maximum period of performance is 3 years. 	<p>Pre-Application (Letter of Intent): July 25, 2023 5:00 p.m. Eastern time</p> <p>Application: August 8, 2023 11:59 p.m. Eastern time</p>

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<p>Era of Hope Scholar Award</p> <p>Go to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program Announcement • General Application Instructions <p>Grants.gov Funding Opportunity Number: HT9425-23-BCRP-EOHS-2</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Independent, non-mentored investigators within 6 years of their last training position as of the application submission deadline (excluding time spent on family medical leave) • Postdoctoral fellows, clinical fellows (including residents and interns), and other researchers currently in training positions are not eligible. • <i>Investigators named as a PI on an application submitted under funding opportunity HT9425-23-BCRP-EOHS are not eligible as a PI under the current funding opportunity.</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supports individuals early in their careers who have demonstrated significant potential to effect meaningful change in breast cancer. • Individuals should be exceptionally talented scientists who have shown that they are the “best and brightest” in their field(s) through extraordinary creativity, vision, innovation, and productivity. • PIs should have demonstrated experience in forming effective partnerships and collaborations and must exhibit strong potential for future leadership in breast cancer research. • Applications should articulate a vision that challenges current dogma and demonstrates an ability to look beyond tradition and convention. • <i>Experience in breast cancer research is not required</i>; however, the application must focus on breast cancer, and the PI must commit a minimum of 25% level of time and effort during the period of performance to conduct breast cancer research under this award. <p><u>Additional Elements</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submission of a Letter of Intent is required prior to full application submission. • Applications must include two or more breast cancer advocates on the research team. • Clinical trials are allowed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The maximum allowable funding for the entire period of performance is \$3M for direct costs. • Indirect costs may be proposed in accordance with the institution’s negotiated rate agreement. • The maximum period of performance is 4 years. 	<p>Pre-Application (Letter of Intent): July 25, 2023 5:00 p.m. Eastern time</p> <p>Application: August 8, 2023 11:59 p.m. Eastern time</p> <p>Confidential Letters of Recommendation Submission Deadline: August 11, 2023 5:00 p.m. Eastern time</p>

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<p>Transformative Breast Cancer Consortium Development Award</p> <p>Go to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Program Announcement General Application Instructions <p>Grants.gov Funding Opportunity Number: HT9425-23-BCRP-TBCCDA-2</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Independent investigators at all academic levels (or equivalent) <i>Investigators named as Consortium Director on a pre-application or full application submitted under funding opportunity HT9425-23-BCRP-TBCCA-2 are not eligible.</i> <i>Investigators named as PI on an application submitted under funding opportunity HT9425-23-BCRP-TBCCDA are not eligible to submit a pre-application or full application for the same consortium under the current funding opportunity.</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides the time and resources needed to bring investigators and breast cancer advocates together to establish a consortium framework and conduct preliminary research that will support application to a future, full Transformative Breast Cancer Consortium Award (pending availability of funds). Supports the following: (1) development of the infrastructure of a multi-institutional research team inclusive of scientists, clinicians, and breast cancer advocates (e.g., building appropriate collaborations, outlining integration, research management, administrative management, and communication plans, and devising an intellectual property plan), (2) generation of preliminary data to serve as proof of concept or for project integration, (3) acquisition of research resources, and (4) development of a framework of necessary statistical analyses. <p><u>Additional Elements</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submission of a Letter of Intent is required prior to full application submission. PIs are required to include breast cancer advocate(s) on the research team. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The maximum allowable funding for the entire period of performance is \$100,000 for direct costs. Indirect costs may be proposed in accordance with the institution's negotiated rate agreement. The maximum period of performance is 1 year. 	<p>Pre-Application (Letter of Intent): July 25, 2023 5:00 p.m. Eastern time</p> <p>Application: August 8, 2023 11:59 p.m. Eastern time</p>

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<p>Transformative Breast Cancer Consortium Award</p> <p>Go to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Program Announcement General Application Instructions <p>Grants.gov Funding Opportunity Number: HT9425-23-BCRP-TBCCA-2</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Independent investigators at all academic levels (or equivalent) The Consortium Director is required to commit and maintain a minimum level of time and effort of 25% during the period of performance to direct and manage the consortium and to lead their own project team. <i>An investigator may be named as Consortium Director on only one pre-application or full application.</i> <i>There are no limits on the number of pre-applications for which an investigator may be named as a Project Team PI.</i> <i>Investigators named as PI (Consortium Director) on a pre-application or full application submitted under funding opportunity HT9425-23-BCRP-TBCCDA-2 are not eligible to be named as Consortium Director under the current funding opportunity.</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supports collaborations and ideas that will transform or improve the lives of individuals with, and/or at risk for, breast cancer and will significantly accelerate progress toward ending breast cancer. Requires a synergistic, highly integrated, multidisciplinary, and multi-institutional research team of leading scientists, clinicians, and consumer advocates who will be assembled into a consortium to address a major problem in a way that could not be accomplished by a single investigator or group. The consortium should have at least four, but no more than five, project teams, each investigating different projects under a central hypothesis. Each team’s work must be integrated within the consortium so that every component is working toward the consortium’s central hypothesis. The proposed consortium’s overall work is expected to be innovative. In addition, the Transformative Breast Cancer Consortium Award will include funds for “seed projects” to pursue brand new, high-risk/high-reward concepts that arise from the work, during the award period. <p><i>This award is not intended to replace, supplement, duplicate, or compete with other collaborative research efforts, such as the National Cancer Institute (NCI) Specialized Programs of Research Excellence (SPOREs), and it should not represent a collection of related Program Project grants or subprojects.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The maximum allowable funding for the entire period of performance is \$25M for direct costs. Indirect costs may be proposed in accordance with the institution’s negotiated rate agreement. The maximum period of performance is 4 years. 	<p>Pre-Application (Preproposal): June 29, 2023 5:00 p.m. Eastern time</p> <p>Invited Application: September 26, 2023 11:59 p.m. Eastern time</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research funded under this award mechanism should result in answers that will fundamentally and significantly transform and disrupt the present breast cancer landscape. <p>Applications must include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research that includes truly innovative and brand-new paradigm-shifting work in breast cancer that will address vital issues in a unique way. The issues may be one (or more) of the FY23 BCRP Overarching Challenges or, with justification, may be a different issue that meets the intent of the award mechanism and addresses the mission of ending breast cancer. If the application identifies a different fundamental issue, it must be coupled with at least one of the FY23 BCRP Overarching Challenges. • Research that includes different disciplines that come together to address ending breast cancer with an ecologic approach. The consortium’s proposed research must look at all aspects of the disease and bring together these different perspectives into one overarching plan for a deep, definitive dive into the FY23 BCRP Overarching Challenge(s) or other fundamental issue identified in the application. The plan also should include issues related to the hypothesis that have not been previously addressed or answered. 		

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<p>Breakthrough Award Level 3 Go to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Program Announcement General Application Instructions <p>Grants.gov Funding Opportunity Number: HT9425-23-BCRP-BTA3-2</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Independent investigators at all academic levels (or equivalent) <i>There are no limits on the number of pre-applications for which an investigator may be named as a PI, Initiating PI, or Partnering PI for the FY23 Breakthrough Award Level 3.</i> <i>Investigators invited to be named on an application submitted under funding opportunity HT9425-23-BCRP-BTA3 are not eligible to submit a pre-application for the same research project under the current funding opportunity.</i> <i>Investigators are discouraged from being named on multiple pre-applications unless they are clearly addressing distinct research questions.</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supports promising research that has high potential to lead to or make breakthroughs in breast cancer. Research should have the potential for a major impact and accelerate progress toward ending breast cancer. Potential impact of the research may be near-term or long-term, but it must move beyond a minor advancement and have the potential to lead to a fundamentally new approach that is significantly more effective than interventions already approved or in clinical development. Partnering PI Option allows two PIs, termed the Initiating and Partnering PIs, to partner on a single application. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Each PI is expected to bring distinct contributions to the application. The application should clearly demonstrate that both PIs have equal intellectual input into the design of the project and will devote similar and appropriate levels of effort to the conduct of the project. <i>Applications where one PI is providing samples, animal models, or investigational agents while the other PI is conducting most or all of the experiments and analyses do not meet the intent of the Partnering PI Option.</i> 	<p>Funding Level 3:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The maximum allowable funding for the entire period of performance is \$4M for direct costs. Indirect costs may be proposed in accordance with the institution’s negotiated rate agreement. The maximum period of performance is 4 years. <p>Funding Level 3 with Partnering PI Option:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The maximum allowable funding for the entire period of performance is \$5M for direct costs. Indirect costs may be proposed in accordance with the institution’s negotiated rate agreement. The maximum period of performance is 4 years. 	<p>Pre-Application (Preproposal): June 29, 2023 5:00 p.m. Eastern time</p> <p>Invited Application: September 26, 2023 11:59 p.m. Eastern time</p>

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<p>Breakthrough Award Level 4</p> <p>Go to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Program Announcement General Application Instructions <p>Grants.gov Funding Opportunity Number: HT9425-23-BCRP-BTA4-2</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Independent investigators at all academic levels (or equivalent) <i>There are no limits on the number of pre-applications for which an investigator may be named as a PI, Initiating PI, or Partnering PI for the FY23 Breakthrough Award Level 4.</i> <i>Investigators invited to be named on an application submitted under funding opportunity HT9425-23-BCRP-BTA4 are not eligible to submit a pre-application for the same research project under the current funding opportunity.</i> <i>Investigators are discouraged from being named on multiple pre-applications unless they are clearly addressing distinct research questions.</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supports promising research that has high potential to lead to or make breakthroughs in breast cancer. Research should have the potential for a major impact and accelerate progress toward ending breast cancer. Potential impact of the research may be near-term or long-term, but it must move beyond a minor advancement and have the potential to lead to a fundamentally new approach that is significantly more effective than interventions already approved or in clinical development. Partnering PI Option allows two PIs, termed the Initiating and Partnering PIs, to partner on a single application. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Each PI is expected to bring distinct contributions to the application. The application should clearly demonstrate that both PIs have equal intellectual input into the design of the project and will devote similar and appropriate levels of effort to the conduct of the project. <i>Applications where one PI is providing samples or investigational agents while the other PI is performing most or all of the research and analyses do not meet the intent of the Partnering PI Option.</i> 	<p>Funding Level 4 and Funding Level 4 with Partnering PI Option:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The maximum allowable funding for the entire period of performance is \$15M for direct costs. Indirect costs may be proposed in accordance with the institution's negotiated rate agreement. The maximum period of performance is 4 years. 	<p>Pre-Application (Preproposal): June 29, 2023 5:00 p.m. Eastern time</p> <p>Invited Application: September 26, 2023 11:59 p.m. Eastern time</p>

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<p>Innovator Award Go to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program Announcement • General Application Instructions <p>Grants.gov Funding Opportunity Number: HT9425-23-BCRP-INNOV-2</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Associate Professor (or equivalent) or above • Previous BCRP Innovator Award recipients are ineligible. • <i>Investigators invited to be named on an application submitted under funding opportunity HT9425-23-BCRP-INNOV are not eligible to submit a pre-application under the current funding opportunity.</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supports <i>visionary individuals</i> who have demonstrated exceptional creativity, innovative work, and paradigm-shifting leadership in any field including, but not limited to, breast cancer. • Provides these individuals with the opportunity and freedom to pursue novel, visionary, high-risk ideas that could accelerate progress toward ending breast cancer. • <i>Experience in breast cancer research is not required</i>; however, the application must focus on breast cancer, and the PI must commit a minimum of 15% level of time and effort during the period of performance to conduct breast cancer research under this award. <p><u>Additional Elements</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Pre-application submission is required; application submission is by invitation only.</i> • Applications must include two or more breast cancer advocates on the research team. • Clinical trials are allowed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The maximum allowable funding for the entire period of performance is \$7M for direct costs. • Indirect costs may be proposed in accordance with the institution’s negotiated rate agreement. • The maximum period of performance is 4 years. 	<p>Pre-Application (Preproposal): June 29, 2023 5:00 p.m. Eastern time</p> <p>Invited Application: September 26, 2023 11:59 p.m. Eastern time</p> <p>Confidential Letters of Recommendation Submission Deadline: September 29, 2023 5:00 p.m. Eastern time</p>