

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

Award Mechanism	Eligibility	Key Mechanism Elements	Funding	Submission Deadline
<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>HT942526ATRPCRA</p>	<p>Independent investigators at all academic levels, or equivalent.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supports clinical research that evaluates disease-specific factors and interventions. Funded research should generate clinically useful evidence with potential to optimize patient outcomes and inform clinical care or policy. • Applications require preliminary and/or published data. • The following are general descriptions, although not all-inclusive, of the scope of research projects that would be appropriate to for each research level: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Research Level 1: Applications proposing clinical research or early phase/pilot clinical trials not yet ready for a full-scale randomized controlled clinical trial. ○ Research Level 2: Applications proposing a full-scale clinical trial. • <i>It is the responsibility of the applicant to select the research 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> • Applications should include a community collaborator (e.g., patient/care partner, community-based organization consultant) who will provide advice and consultation during study design and throughout study planning and implementation. The ATRP encourages a community collaborator for Research Level 1 and requires a community collaborator for Research Level 2 applications. • Applications must address one of the following FY26 ATRP focus areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Prevention and Early Diagnosis ○ Treatment and Mitigation of Disease Progression/Burden – Topic 1 • Preproposal submission is required; application submission is by invitation only. 	<p>Research Level 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The maximum allowable funding for the entire period of performance is \$1.3 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 \$3.25M for total costs.* • The maximum period of performance is 4 years. 	<p>Pre-Application (Preproposal): July 22, 2026 5:00 p.m. Eastern time</p> <p>Application: October 22, 2026 11:59 p.m. Eastern time</p>

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<p>Translational 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>HT942526ATRPTRA</p>	<p>Independent investigators at all academic levels, or equivalent.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supports high-impact translational research that will accelerate critical findings into clinically relevant solutions. • Applications must explicitly state how outcomes of the proposed research will have a significant impact on the advancement of arthritis research and/or patient care practices. • Applications require preliminary and/or published data, originating from research conducted by the applicant(s) or by other researchers. • Applications cannot request support for clinical research or clinical trials. • Applications must address one of the following FY26 ATRP focus areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Prevention and Early Diagnosis ○ Treatment and Mitigation of Disease Progression/Burden – Topic 2 • <i>Preproposal submission is required; application submission is by invitation only.</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The maximum allowable funding for the entire period of performance is \$800,000 for total costs.* • The maximum period of performance is 3 years. 	<p>Pre-Application (Preproposal): July 22, 2026 5:00 p.m. Eastern time</p> <p>Application: October 22, 2026 11:59 p.m. Eastern time</p>

*Total costs include direct and indirect costs.