# Fiscal Year 2024 Department of Defense Spinal Cord Injury Research Program (SCIRP)

## Reference Table of Award Mechanisms and Submission Requirements

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| **Clinical Trial Award**         | **Principal Investigator (PI):** Independent investigators at all career levels. **Optional Early-Career PI:** an investigator with at least 3 years research experience (independent or non-independent) beyond a terminal degree but no more than 7 years within their first faculty appointment, or equivalent independent research position. | **Pre-application submission is required; full application submission is by invitation only.**  
- Supports the rapid implementation of clinical trials with the potential to have a significant impact on the treatment or management of spinal cord injury (SCI).  
- Proposed projects may range from small proof-of-concept trials to demonstrate feasibility or inform the design of more advanced trials, through large-scale trials to determine efficacy in relevant populations.  
- Alternative trial designs to traditional randomized clinical trials are allowed but should be appropriate to the objective of the trial.  
- Applications are expected to name at least two community partners (e.g., SCI Lived Experience Consultants, representatives of community-based organizations) who will provide advice and consultation throughout the planning and implementation of the research project. **Allows for an Early-Career Partnership Option.** | **Single PI Option**  
- Maximum funding of $3.00 million (M) for direct costs (plus indirect costs).  
- Maximum period of performance is 4 years.  
**Early-Career Partnership Option**  
- Maximum funding of $3.10M for direct costs (plus indirect costs).  
- Maximum period of performance is 4 years. | Pre-Application (Preproposal): May 20, 2024  
5:00 p.m. Eastern time (ET)  
Application: August 30, 2024  
11:59 p.m. ET |
| **Clinical Translation Research Award** | **PI:** Independent investigators at all career levels. **Optional Early-Career PI:** an investigator with at least 3 years research experience (independent or non-independent) beyond a terminal degree but no more than 7 years within their first faculty appointment, or equivalent independent research position. | **Pre-application submission is required; full application submission is by invitation only.**  
- Supports high-impact and/or new/emerging clinical research that may not be ready for a larger-scale clinical trial and for which feasibility/pilot/optimization studies are necessary.  
- One goal of the FY24 SCIRP Clinical Translational Research Award is to translate current and emerging techniques and interventions into the clinical space by de-risking and informing the design of more advanced trials.  
- Another goal is to identify the most effective diagnosis, treatment, and rehabilitation options. | **Single PI Option**  
- Maximum funding of $1.25M for direct costs (plus indirect costs).  
- Maximum period of performance is 3 years.  
**Early-Career Partnership Option**  
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### Translational Research Award

**Award Mechanism:**
- Available to support critical decision-making for patients, clinicians, care partners, and policymakers.
- Proposed studies may be interventional or observational and may involve some retrospective data analysis but purely retrospective or database-related research will not be supported under this funding opportunity.
- Applications must support clinical research or clinical trials and may not be used for animal research.
- Applications are expected to name at least two community partners (e.g., SCI Lived Experience Consultants, representatives of community-based organizations) who will provide advice and consultation throughout the planning and implementation of the research project.

**Eligibility:**
- PI: Independent investigators at all career levels.
- Optional Early-Career PI: an investigator with at least 3 years research experience (independent or non-independent) beyond a terminal degree but no more than 7 years within their first faculty appointment, or equivalent independent research position.

**Key Mechanism Elements:**
- Pre-application submission is required; full application submission is by invitation only.
- Funds studies that accelerate the movement of promising ideas in SCI research toward clinical application.
- Applications may include preclinical animal studies (except where otherwise specified) and/or clinical research involving human subjects and human anatomical substances.
- May include a pilot clinical trial ONLY as a part of the proposed research where limited clinical testing of a novel intervention or device is necessary to inform the next step in the continuum of translational research.
- Applications are expected to name at least one community partner (e.g., SCI Lived Experience Consultant, representative of community-based organization) who will provide advice and consultation throughout the planning and implementation of the research project.

**Funding:**
- Single PI Option
  - Maximum funding of $1.25M for direct costs (plus indirect costs).
  - Maximum period of performance is 3 years.
- Early-Career Partnership Option
  - Maximum funding of $1.35M for direct costs (plus indirect costs).
  - Maximum period of performance is 3 years.

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  - Maximum funding of $1.25M for direct costs (plus indirect costs).
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| Investigator-Initiated Research Award| Go to: • Program Announcement • General Application Instructions Grants.gov Funding Opportunity Number: HT942524SCIRPIIRA | Pre-application submission is required; full application submission is by invitation only.  
- Funds research that has the potential to make an important contribution to SCI research, patient care, and/or quality of life.  
- Permitted research includes preclinical studies in animal models (except where otherwise specified), research with human subjects, or human anatomical substances, as well as ancillary studies associated with an existing clinical trial.  
- Clinical trials are not allowed.  
- Studies focused exclusively on target identification are discouraged.  

*Allows for an Early-Career Partnership Option.* | Single PI Option  
- Maximum funding of $0.50M for direct costs (plus indirect costs).  
- Maximum period of performance is 3 years.  

Early-Career Partnership Option  
- Maximum funding of $0.60M for direct costs (plus indirect costs).  
- Maximum period of performance is 3 years. | Pre-Application (Preproposal):  
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