

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

| Award Mechanism                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Eligibility                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Key Mechanism Elements                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Funding                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Submission Deadline                                                                                                                                                            |
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| <p><b>Breakthrough Award Levels 1 and 2</b></p> <p><b>Go to:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Program Announcement</li> <li>• General Application Instructions</li> </ul> <p><b>Grants.gov Funding Opportunity Number:</b><br/>HT942526BCRPBTA122</p> | <p>Applications naming post-doctoral fellows are encouraged.</p> <p>Each investigator may be named as a Principal Investigator (PI) or Initiating PI on one application and as Partnering PI on one additional application for Breakthrough Award Levels 1 and 2 funding opportunity.</p> <p><b><i>Investigators named on an application submitted under HT942526BCRPBTA12 are not eligible to submit the same research project under HT942526BCRPBTA122.</i></b></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supports promising research with high potential to lead to or make breakthroughs in breast cancer.</li> <li>• Research must have the potential for a major impact and accelerate progress toward ending breast cancer.</li> <li>• <b>Partnering PI Option:</b> Supports meaningful and productive partnerships between two PIs.</li> </ul> <p>The following are general descriptions of the research scope for each funding level:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Funding Level 1:</b> Innovative, high-risk/high-reward research that is in the earliest stages of idea development. This level does not require preliminary data.</li> <li>• <b>Funding Level 2:</b> Research already supported by substantial preliminary or published data <b><i>in breast cancer</i></b> and strongly validates clinical translation.</li> <li>• <b>Funding Level 2 – Population Science Studies:</b> Studies analyzing human data and biospecimens that meet the above Funding Level 2 qualifications.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Additional Elements</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Submission of a Letter of Intent is required prior to full application submission.</li> </ul> | <p>Maximum allowable <b>total costs*</b>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Funding Level 1:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ <b>Single PI: \$750,000</b></li> <li>◦ <b>Partnering PI Option: \$1.25 million (M)</b></li> </ul> </li> <li>• The maximum period of performance is <b>3</b> years.</li> <li>• <b>Funding Level 2:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ <b>Single PI: \$1.65M</b></li> <li>◦ <b>Partnering PI Option: \$2.50M</b></li> </ul> </li> <li>• The maximum period of performance is <b>3</b> years.</li> <li>• <b>Funding Level 2- Population Science Studies:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ <b>Single PI: \$2.50M</b></li> <li>◦ <b>Partnering PI Option: \$3.35M</b></li> </ul> </li> <li>• The maximum period of performance is <b>4</b> years.</li> </ul> | <p><b>Pre-Application (Letter of Intent):</b><br/>November 4, 2026<br/>5:00 p.m. Eastern time</p> <p><b>Application:</b><br/>November 18, 2026<br/>11:59 p.m. Eastern time</p> |

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| <p><b>Clinical Research Extension Award</b></p> <p><b>Go to:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Program Announcement</li> <li>General Application Instructions</li> </ul> <p><b>Grants.gov Funding Opportunity Number:</b></p> <p>HT942526BCRPCREA2</p> | <p>Independent investigators</p> <p>Each investigator may be named as a PI, Initiating PI, or Partnering PI on a single application for this Clinical Research Extension Award funding opportunity.</p> <p><b><i>Investigators named on an application submitted under HT942526BCRPCREA are not eligible to submit the same research project under HT942526BCRPCREA2.</i></b></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Supports projects entailing a deeper molecular analysis of clinical samples, initiation of new correlative studies, biomarker validation, or continuing clinical follow-up of patients enrolled in an <b>open/ongoing or completed clinical trial or study</b>.</li> <li>Proposed research may be hypothesis-testing or generating or may be designed to generate experimental platforms.</li> <li>Projects proposing initiation of new clinical trials or studies or increasing enrollment in existing studies <b>do not</b> meet the intent.</li> <li><b>Partnering PI Option:</b> Supports meaningful and productive partnerships between two PIs.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Additional Elements</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Submission of a Letter of Intent is required prior to full application submission.</li> <li>Applications must include two or more breast cancer consumer advocates on the research team.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maximum allowable <b>total costs*</b>: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Single PI: \$7.0M</b></li> <li><b>Partnering PI Option: \$8.4M</b></li> </ul> </li> <li>The maximum period of performance is <b>4</b> years.</li> </ul> | <p><b>Pre-Application (Letter of Intent):</b><br/>November 4, 2026<br/>5:00 p.m. Eastern time</p> <p><b>Application:</b><br/>November 18, 2026<br/>11:59 p.m. Eastern time</p> |
| <p><b>Breakthrough Award Level 3</b></p> <p><b>Go to:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Program Announcement</li> <li>General Application Instructions</li> </ul> <p><b>Grants.gov Funding Opportunity Number:</b></p> <p>HT942526BCRPBTA3</p>         | <p>Independent Investigators</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Supports advanced translational studies and research with high potential to lead to or make breakthroughs in breast cancer.</li> <li>The near-term or long-term impact must move beyond a minor advancement and have the potential to lead to a fundamentally new strategy or approach for preventing or ending breast cancer that is significantly more effective than current strategies or approaches.</li> <li>Small-scale clinical trials are allowed but not required</li> <li><b>Partnering PI Option:</b> Supports meaningful and productive partnerships between two PIs.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Additional Elements</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b><i>Pre-application submission is required; application submission is by invitation only.</i></b></li> <li>Applications must include two or more breast cancer consumer advocates on the research team.</li> </ul>                                                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maximum allowable <b>total costs*</b>: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Single PI: \$5.6M</b></li> <li><b>Partnering PI Option: \$7.0M</b></li> </ul> </li> <li>The maximum period of performance is <b>4</b> years.</li> </ul> | <p><b>Pre-Application (Preproposal)</b><br/>June 12, 2026<br/>5:00 p.m. Eastern time</p> <p><b>Application:</b><br/>September 30, 2026<br/>11:59 p.m. Eastern time</p>         |

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| <p><b>Breakthrough Award Level 4</b></p> <p><b>Go to:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Program Announcement</li> <li>• General Application Instructions</li> </ul> <p><b>Grants.gov Funding Opportunity Number:</b></p> <p>HT942526BCRPBTA4</p> | <p>Independent Investigators</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supports large-scale projects, including comparative effectiveness trials, that will transform and revolutionize the clinical management of and/or the prevention of breast cancer.</li> <li>• <b><i>Clinical trials are required.</i></b></li> <li>• PIs should have experience in successfully leading large-scale projects and demonstrated ability to implement a clinical trial.</li> <li>• <b>Partnering PI Option:</b> Supports meaningful and productive partnerships between two PIs.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Additional Elements</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><i>Pre-application submission is required; application submission is by invitation only.</i></b></li> <li>• Applications must include two or more breast cancer consumer advocates on the research team.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maximum allowable <b>total costs*</b>: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ <b>Single PI: \$21.0M</b></li> <li>◦ <b>Partnering PI Option: \$21.0M</b></li> </ul> </li> <li>• The maximum period of performance is <b>4</b> years.</li> </ul> | <p><b>Pre-Application (Preproposal)</b><br/>June 12, 2026<br/>5:00 p.m. Eastern time</p> <p><b>Application:</b><br/>September 30, 2026<br/>11:59 p.m. Eastern time</p> |

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| <p><b>Transformative Breast Cancer Consortium Award</b></p> <p><b>Go to:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Program Announcement</li> <li>General Application Instructions</li> </ul> <p><b>Grants.gov Funding Opportunity Number:</b></p> <p>HT942526BCRPTBCCA</p> | <p>Associate Professor or above</p> <p>The Consortium Director must 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.</p> <p><b><i>Investigators named as the PI on a pre-application or full application submitted under funding opportunity HT942526BCRPTBCCD A are not eligible to apply as Consortium Director under this funding opportunity.</i></b></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Supports synergistic, highly integrated, multidisciplinary and multi-institutional consortia that will address a major problem in a way that a single investigator or group could not accomplish.</li> <li>Allows for up to five Principal Investigators (PIs) which includes the Consortium Director and three or four Project Team PIs; each project team must include at least one breast cancer consumer advocate.</li> <li>The consortium must integrate each team's work so that every component is working toward the consortium's central hypothesis.</li> <li>Applications must propose innovative, paradigm-shifting work, include team members from different disciplines, and include a plan that describes in detail the integration across the consortium in all aspects, including administration, logistics and substance.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Additional Elements</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b><i>Pre-application submission is required; application submission is by invitation only.</i></b></li> <li>The award mechanism is structured with a Consortium Director and at least three, but not more than four, Project Team PIs.</li> <li>Applications must include at least one breast cancer consumer advocate per project team.</li> <li>Clinical trials (up to and including phase 1 or equivalent) are allowed but not required.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maximum allowable <b>total costs*</b>: <b>\$35M</b></li> <li>The maximum period of performance is <b>4</b> years.</li> </ul> | <p><b>Pre-Application (Preproposal)</b><br/>June 12, 2026<br/>5:00 p.m. Eastern time</p> <p><b>Application:</b><br/>September 30, 2026<br/>11:59 p.m. Eastern time</p> |

\*Total costs include direct and indirect costs.