

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

Award Mechanism	Eligibility	Key Mechanism Elements	Funding	Submission Deadline
<p>Neurofibromatosis Research Academy – Leadership 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>HT942526NFRPNFRALA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academy Director – must be an independent and established neurofibromatosis (NF) investigator at or above the level of Associate Professor (or equivalent) as of the full application submission deadline. • Deputy Director – must be an independent NF researcher at the level of Associate Professor (or equivalent) as of the full application submission deadline and at a different institution from the Director. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submission of a Letter of Intent is required prior to full application submission. • Supports visionary, established neurofibromatosis investigators with documented history of neurofibromatosis funding, publications, strong mentorship and commitment to leadership to serve as Director and Deputy Director of the Neurofibromatosis Research Academy. • Proposal must address the strategic goal to increase capacity and multi-disciplinary research through support and development of vital resources and the next generation of NF cancer researchers to improve patient care. • Must describe vision and management plan on how the leadership team will help Academy Scholars to advance impactful NF research and acquire competencies to have to become an established investigator at the forefront of NF research. • Must execute leadership and management plan that encompasses network opportunities, communication strategy, assessment tools, and oversight of collaborative and individual Scholar’s research projects. • The Academy Director and Deputy Director will conduct research projects in collaboration with the academy scholars. • Preliminary and/or published data are encouraged but not required. • Clinical trials are not allowed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The maximum allowable funding for the entire period of performance is \$2.4M for total costs.* • The maximum period of performance is 4 years. 	<p>Pre-Application (Letter of Intent): August 31, 2026 5:00 p.m. Eastern time</p> <p>Application: September 14, 2026 11:59 p.m. Eastern time</p>

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<p>Neurofibromatosis Research Academy – Scholar 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>HT942526NFRPNFRASA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scholar – must be less than 10 years of completion of their terminal degree by the time of the application deadline. • Career Guide – must be an independent and established NF investigator at or above the level of Associate Professor (or equivalent) and be willing to commit at least 5% effort towards mentoring activities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supports early-career investigators (Scholars) joining the Neurofibromatosis Research Academy to pursue a research project that may include basic, translational, and/or clinical research under the leadership of the NFRA Director and Deputy Director. • PI’s organization must demonstrate a commitment to the PI through confirmation of laboratory space and at least a 50% level of time and effort to conduct neurofibromatosis research and Academy activities during the period of performance under this award. • Early-career investigators whose ability to commit to conducting NF research is limited by lack of resources or other overwhelming obstacles are encouraged to apply. • Requires a Career Guide who is an independent, established NF investigator with a record of NF publications in peer-reviewed journals. The Career Guide is not required to be at the same institution as the scholar; however, if at a different institution, a secondary Career Guide at the Scholar’s institution is needed. • Career sustainment and development plans must be clearly articulated. • <i>Preliminary and/or published data are encouraged but not required.</i> • <i>Clinical trials are not allowed.</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The maximum allowable funding for the entire period of performance is \$1.2M for total costs. * • The maximum period of performance is 4 years. 	<p>Pre-Application (Letter of Intent): September 8, 2026 5:00 p.m. Eastern time</p> <p>Application: September 22, 2026 11:59 p.m. Eastern time</p>

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<p>Exploration-Hypothesis Development 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>HT942526NFRPEHDA</p>	<p>Investigators may be from all academic levels (or equivalent).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submission of a Letter of Intent is required prior to full application submission. Supports the initial exploration of innovative, high-risk, high-gain, and potentially groundbreaking concepts in NF research. Studies supported by this award mechanism should lay the groundwork for future avenues of scientific investigation. The proposed research project should be innovative. Innovative research may introduce a novel paradigm, challenge existing paradigms, examine existing problems from novel perspectives, or exhibit other highly creative qualities. Preliminary and/or published data are encouraged but not required. Clinical trials are not allowed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The maximum allowable funding for the entire period of performance is \$160,000 for total costs.* The maximum period of performance is 2 years. 	<p>Pre-Application (Letter of Intent): September 8, 2026 5:00 p.m. Eastern time</p> <p>Application: September 22, 2026 11:59 p.m. Eastern time</p>
<p>Investigator-Initiated 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>HT942526NFRPIIRA</p>	<p>Investigators must be at or above the level of Assistant Professor (or equivalent) and must plan to commit a minimum of 10% level of effort for each budget period throughout the entirety of the award.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submission of a Letter of Intent is required prior to full application submission. Supports highly rigorous, high-impact research projects that have the potential to make an important contribution to neurofibromatosis research and/or patient care. Optional Features: Applications meeting the criteria identified in the announcement may apply for a higher level of funding for the following options: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Qualified Collaborator NF Open Science Initiative Preliminary and/or published data are required. Clinical trials are not allowed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Level 1: The maximum allowable funding for the entire period of performance for Funding Level 1 is \$840,000 for total costs.* Level 2: The maximum allowable funding for the entire period of performance for Funding Level 2 with either option is \$920,000 for total costs.* The maximum period of performance for either level is 3 years. 	<p>Pre-Application (Letter of Intent): September 8, 2026 5:00 p.m. Eastern time</p> <p>Application: September 22, 2026 11:59 p.m. Eastern time</p>

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<p>Synergistic Idea 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>HT942526NFRPSIA</p>	<p>Investigators must be at or above the level of Assistant Professor (or equivalent).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submission of a Letter of Intent is required prior to full application submission. • Supports new ideas that represent synergistic approaches to NF research involving two or three PIs. • Investigators are expected to demonstrate the synergistic components (i.e., leveraging disciplines, expertise, or critical resources) that will significantly advance the project such that the research outcomes as a whole will be realized rapidly and efficiently and could not otherwise be accomplished through the independent efforts of a single investigator. • Synergy, Research Strategy and Feasibility, Personnel, and Impact are the most important review criteria. • Preliminary and/or published data are required. • Clinical trials are not allowed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The maximum allowable funding for the entire period of performance is \$3.2M for total costs. * • The maximum period of performance is 3 years. 	<p>Pre-Application (Letter of Intent): September 8, 2026 5:00 p.m. Eastern time</p> <p>Application: September 22, 2026 11:59 p.m. Eastern time</p>

*Total costs include direct and indirect costs.