

**Fiscal Year 2026 Congressionally Directed Medical Research Programs
Traumatic Brain Injury and Psychological Health
Research Program (TBIPHRP)
Reference Table of Award Mechanisms and Submission Requirements**

Award Mechanism	Eligibility	Key Mechanism Elements	Funding	Submission Deadline
<p>Clinical Trial Award</p> <p>Go to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program Announcement • General Application Instructions <p>Grants.gov Funding Opportunity Number: HT942526TBIPHRPCTA</p>	<p>Independent investigators at any career level or equivalent.</p> <p>Early-Career Investigator Partnering Option: Both Principal Investigators (PIs) must be independent investigators. The early-career investigator must be within 10 years after completion of their terminal degree by the time of the application submission deadline.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supports the rapid execution of clinical trials with the potential to have a significant impact on the treatment or management of psychological health conditions and/or traumatic brain injuries. • Proposed research may range from proof-of-concept trials that establish feasibility to larger scale and advanced trials that evaluate effectiveness. • Research must address at least one sub-area within the FY26 TBIPHRP Clinical Trial Award focus areas. • The application must include a community-based participatory research approach. • Preliminary data are required. • Early Career Investigator Partnering Option: The Clinical Trial Award includes a partnership option. One PI will be identified as the initiating PI; the other will be identified as a Partnering PI. If recommended for funding, each PI will be named on separate awards. Both PIs should contribute equally to the work. • Different Research Levels, based on the scope of research, are available. It is the responsibility of the applicant to select the 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. <p><i>The following are general descriptions, although not all inclusive, of the scope of research projects that would be appropriate to propose under each Research Level:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research Level 1: Proof-of-principle pilot studies, as well as phase 1 and phase 2 clinical trials. • Research Level 2: Larger-scale and advanced clinical trials that evaluate effectiveness in relevant patient populations. • Preproposal submission is required; application submission is by invitation only. 	<p><u>Research Level 1</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The maximum allowable funding for the entire period of performance is \$2.1 million (M) for total costs.* • The maximum period of performance is 4 years. <p><u>Research Level 2</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The maximum allowable funding for the entire period of performance is \$4.1M for total costs.* • The maximum period of performance is 4 years. 	<p>Pre-Application (Preproposal): July 13, 2026 5:00 p.m. Eastern time</p> <p>Application: October 15, 2026 11:59 p.m. Eastern time</p>

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<p>Health Services Research Award</p> <p>Go to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program Announcement • General Application Instructions <p>Grants.gov Funding Opportunity Number: HT942526TBIPHRPHSRA</p>	<p>Independent investigators at any career level or equivalent.</p> <p>Early-Career Investigator Partnering Option: Both PIs must be independent investigators. The early-career investigator must be within 10 years after completion of terminal degree by the time of the application submission deadline.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supports high-impact research that bridges the gap between research, practice, and policy by building real-world evidence on how interventions, clinical practices/guidelines, or policies can be deployed to targeted populations at the appropriate time. • Research must address at least one sub-area within the FY26 TBIPHRP HRSA focus areas. • For research prospectively enrolling human subjects, community-based participatory research is required. • Preliminary data are required. • Applications must include clinical research or clinical trials (prospective or retrospective clinical research or clinical trials involving human subjects, human subject data/records, and human anatomical substances are allowed). • Basic, preclinical, and animal research are prohibited. • Submission of Letter of Intent is required prior to full application submission. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The maximum allowable funding for the entire period for performance is \$4.0M for total costs.* • The maximum period of performance is 4 years. 	<p>Pre-Application (Letter of Intent): September 24, 2026 5:00 p.m. Eastern time</p> <p>Application: October 15, 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: HT942526TBIPHRPTRA</p>	<p>Independent investigators at any career level or equivalent.</p> <p>Early-Career Investigator Partnering Option: Both PIs must be independent investigators. The early-career investigator must be within 10 years after completion of terminal degree by the time of the application submission deadline.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supports research that accelerates the conversion of scientific findings in psychological health and/or TBI into impactful clinical applications. Prioritizes innovative approaches over purely iterative or incremental research. Research outcomes must clearly lead to the development of transformative health care products, technologies, or clinical practice guidelines. Research must address at least one sub-area within one of the three FY26 TBIPHRP TRA focus areas. Basic research and clinical trials are prohibited. Community-based participatory research is required for research prospectively enrolling human subjects. Preliminary data are required. Early Career Investigator Partnering Option: The Clinical Trial Award includes a partnership option. One PI will be identified as the initiating PI; the other will be identified as a Partnering PI. If recommended for funding, each PI will be named on separate awards. Both PIs should contribute equally to the work. Different Research Levels, based on the scope of research, are available. It is the responsibility of the applicant to select the 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. <p><i>The following are general descriptions, although not all inclusive, of the scope of research projects that would be appropriate to propose under each Research Level:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Research Level 1: Supports the refinement of mature ideas and concepts into tangible and knowledge products positioned for further evaluation. Research Level 2: Supports the rigorous evaluation of tangible and knowledge products in preparation for first-in-human studies or clinical trials. Preproposal submission is required; application submission is by invitation only. 	<p><u>Research Level 1</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The maximum allowable funding for the entire period of performance is \$1.0M for total costs.* The maximum period of performance is 4 years. <p><u>Research Level 2</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The maximum allowable funding for the entire period of performance is \$2.0M for total costs.* The maximum period of performance is 4 years. 	<p>Pre-Application (Preproposal): July 13, 2026 5:00 p.m. Eastern time</p> <p>Application: October 15, 2026 11:59 p.m. Eastern time</p>

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