

***Fiscal Year 2024 Department of Defense Vision Research Program (VRP)  
Reference Table of Award Mechanisms and Submission Requirements***

Award Mechanism	Eligibility	Key Mechanism Elements	Funding	Submission Deadline
<p><b>Mentored Clinical Research Award (MCRA)</b></p> <p><b>Go to:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Program Announcement</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">General Application Instructions</a></li> </ul> <p><b>Grants.gov Funding Opportunity Number:</b></p> <p><a href="#">HT942524VRPMCRA</a></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PI must be an established clinician or Ph.D. clinical scientist.</li> <li>• Mentee must be a clinician in training (e.g., a fellow, resident, junior clinician, clinician in a Ph.D. program), and should have sufficient time remaining in their training program to complete the research proposed under the MCRA.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Submission of a Letter of Intent (LOI) is required prior to full application submission.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ LOIs are used for program planning purposes only (e.g., reviewer recruitment) and will not be reviewed during either the peer or programmatic review sessions.</li> <li>○ An invitation to submit a full application is <b>NOT</b> provided after LOI submission and applicants are <b>NOT</b> required to have such an invitation in order to proceed to submitting a full application.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Clinical research is defined as research conducted with human subjects or research on material of human origin, such as tissues or specimens or data obtained from human subjects.</li> <li>• The MCRA may not be used to conduct preclinical research (including animal research) or clinical <i>trials</i>.</li> <li>• <b>Evidence of Institutional Review Board (IRB) submission is required at the time of the application submission.</b></li> <li>• <b>IRB approval is required by December 1, 2024, for an MCRA application to be considered for funding.</b></li> <li>• The award may be used to cover costs of labs/supplies/small equipment and/or to provide salary support for supportive personnel, but not salary support for the PI or the physician mentee.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maximum funding of <b>\$75,000</b> for <b>total</b> costs (direct plus indirect costs)</li> <li>• The maximum period of performance is <b>18 months</b>.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Pre-Application (Letter of Intent):</b> August 8, 2024 5:00 p.m. Eastern time</p> <p><b>Application:</b> August 23, 2024 11:59 p.m. Eastern time</p>