

FY25 CDMRP Funding Opportunity and Application Process **Frequently Asked Questions**

The CDMRP funds innovative and impactful research with special emphasis and relevance to the military community, including enhancing Warfighter lethality, force readiness and health care solutions for our Veterans and military Families.

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General Questions Regarding the FY25 CDMRP Appropriations

Why are only certain research programs funded for FY25?

Funding for research programs managed by the CDMRP is not included in the DOD's budget request. In response to requests by consumer advocates and disease survivors, Congress adds the CDMRP program appropriations each fiscal year during the budget approval process. Programs and respective funding levels are not guaranteed year-to-year.

For FY25, Congress appropriated \$650 million in funding for the CDMRP through the FY25 Full-Year Continuing Appropriations and Extensions Act, [P.L. 119-4](#). Congress provided the DOD with their specific intent for 12 CDMRP programs in project level adjustment tables, and the CDMRP posted the programs and associated funding levels from these tables on the [CDMRP website](#).

My active award is funded by a program without FY25 appropriations. Will CDMRP terminate my award?

Programs generally obligate funds up front and in full for the lifetime of each award and have limited out-year commitments. Most current awards are not impacted. If you have questions about your award, please reach out to your CDMRP-assigned Science Officer.

Eligibility Questions

Is there someone I can ask specific questions about my eligibility status?

No, the CDMRP does not provide one-on-one guidance regarding applicant eligibility. The CDMRP describes eligibility information in [Section 2. Eligibility Information](#) of the funding opportunity announcement and within the General Application Instructions. It is the applicant's responsibility to carefully read these documents to ensure the appropriate application components, including letter(s) of support, eligibility statement, and biographical sketch, address the eligibility requirements described in the specific funding opportunity.

Please note the General Application Instructions describe multiple criteria that an organization must meet and/or complete before the organization may submit an application. One of the most time-consuming of these items, if not already done, is completion of the [Grants.gov](#) registration process. This includes registering the organization as an Entity in the System for Award Management, [SAM.gov](#), and receiving confirmation of an "Active" status. Organizations should allow a minimum of eight weeks for the completion of the Grants.gov registration process. ***Organizations should complete the SAM.gov and Grants.gov registration as soon as possible to avoid delays in application submission.***

I am currently a principal investigator, partnering PI, or co-investigator on an active CDMRP-funded award from a previous fiscal year. Can I apply to one or more FY25 CDMRP funding opportunity(ies)?

Unless specifically restricted in the funding opportunity announcement, an investigator on an active CDMRP-funded award may also serve as an investigator on an application to FY25 CDMRP funding opportunities. The proposed research cannot overlap with the active award and the investigator cannot overextend their level of effort.

I am an investigator at a for-profit organization, such as a pharmaceutical company or biotech company. Am I eligible to apply?

Investigators from for-profit or non-profit organizations are eligible to serve as investigators on CDMRP applications if they and their organization meet all other eligibility criteria. The CDMRP makes awards to eligible organizations, not to individuals.

My organization does not use job titles such as Assistant Professor, etc. How do I know if my position is *equivalent* to this designation and that I am eligible for a particular funding opportunity? Does CDMRP have guidelines for role designation?

Military, industry, and non-profit organization job titles may not directly translate to the academic faculty position titles. The CDMRP accepts alternative job titles of positions with similar experience if investigators meet all other eligibility criteria.

Principal investigators should carefully read the funding opportunity announcement and General Application Instructions and ensure the appropriate application components, including letter(s) of support, eligibility statement, biosketch, etc., address the eligibility requirements described in the specific funding opportunity. The two-tier application review process evaluates how well the PI meets the eligibility criteria.

The CDMRP does not follow the National Institutes of Health guidelines for role designation of project participants. Unless otherwise noted in the funding opportunity announcement, investigators should assign the role of each participant according to the participant's respective involvement in the project.

Are non-U.S. based organizations and/or non-U.S. citizens eligible to apply? Are applications from non-US organizations or involving non-US applicants reviewed differently?

Non-U.S. organizations may apply, and non-U.S. citizens may be named on applications as long as the organization and the PI meet the eligibility criteria described in the funding opportunity announcement and General Applications Instructions. The CDMRP adheres to the same review criteria for all applications to a particular funding opportunity and does not require partnership with a U.S. organization/investigator.

Consistent with [NSPM-33](#), foreign government organizations, instrumentalities, or entities in or affiliated with a foreign country of concern are not eligible to receive federal funding or may require risk mitigation measures. If you are collaborating with researchers or institutions in countries of concern, the CDMRP will review your application closely to ensure no malign foreign influence.

General Application Questions

What are the submission deadlines, and what can I do if I miss the deadline?

The CDMRP lists application submission deadlines within [Section I. Basic Information](#) of the funding opportunity announcement. There are no grace periods for deadlines; failure to meet submission deadlines will result in application rejection.

Is there someone I can speak with to discuss whether my research is appropriate for the CDMRP and/or a specific funding opportunity?

No, the CDMRP does not provide one-on-one guidance regarding the suitability of a research project or an investigator for any specific funding opportunity. This practice ensures open and fair competition and that all applicants receive the same information. Each funding opportunity announcement contains the information needed to submit an application successfully.

Investigators should carefully read *Section 3. Program Description* within the funding opportunity announcement to understand the FY25 program priorities and the intent of the award mechanism. Applicants should use this information to guide their application writing and submission. If you have technical questions about the application process, please reach out to the [eBRAP Help Desk](#).

Is there a limit to how many applications I am allowed to submit to the CDMRP?

If your proposed research aligns with multiple program areas, you may submit applications to different program funding opportunities. Duplicative applications may only receive funding from one program.

Funding opportunities indicate any limits on the number of applications an investigator may submit, either to a particular program or individual funding opportunity. Submission of the same research project to different funding opportunities within the same program and fiscal year may result in the administrative withdrawal of at least one of the duplicative applications.

Does the CDMRP require my research project to involve Service Members or Veterans? Will my application receive a lower score if I do not have a military partner or collaborator?

The CDMRP does not require direct involvement of Service Members or Veterans or collaboration with military investigators. All CDMRP-funded research must be relevant to the health care needs of Service Members and their Families, Veterans, and the American public.

Depending on the program goals and intent of the award mechanism, military collaboration may be one way to address relevance to military health. Applicants should carefully review the funding opportunities to ensure the study population is relevant to the goals, mission, and vision of the program of interest. The CDMRP does not facilitate access to populations, resources, or collaborators.

What does the pre-application process look like? Will I receive feedback on my pre-application?

Pre-applications are the first step to applying for funding from the CDMRP. A pre-application requires either a Letter of Intent, LOI, or a pre-proposal. Every funding opportunity from the CDMRP requires a pre-application, though the form and content will vary between funding opportunities.

Letter of Intent: There is no review and selection process for LOIs. The CDMRP uses LOIs

for planning purposes only, e.g., reviewer recruitment. ***The CDMRP does NOT provide an invitation to submit a full application after LOI submission.*** The CDMRP encourages applicants to concurrently develop LOI and full application components and to submit a full application AFTER successful submission of the LOI pre-application.

Pre-proposal: Pre-proposals undergo a review and selection process, and applicants will receive an invite/not invite decision. At this stage, applicants will not receive feedback, i.e., no critique of the pre-application's strengths and weaknesses. ***Full applications are submitted by invitation only.*** The CDMRP will reject full application submissions from uninvited pre-proposals. The CDMRP lists the requirements for pre-proposal content in Section 4.2 and screening criteria in Section 6.2.1 of the funding opportunity announcement.

I applied to an FY25 CDMRP funding opportunity. When will I receive feedback about my application? When will I be notified of its funding status?

CDMRP does not provide status updates about applications during the two-tier review process. Investigators will receive their peer review summary statement, a comprehensive written evaluation of the application's scientific/technical strengths and weaknesses, and the funding notification letter approximately three-to-six weeks after programmatic review is completed. The PI and the business official will receive an email notification when these items are available in their eBRAP account. Additional information about the two-tier review process is on the [CDMRP website](#).

Can I address peer review concerns or update my application materials prior to final review/funding decision?

No, applicants cannot modify full application components after the application verification deadline. If modifications to the application are necessary, an applicant may submit a formal appeal to the [eBRAP Help Desk](#).

My previous application received an alternate funding recommendation. Can I apply for the next cycle's funding opportunity even if I haven't heard about my alternate application status?

Yes, alternate status does not guarantee funding for your previous application; therefore, the CDMRP encourages applicants to continue applying to other funding opportunities within the same or other programs.

If my application does not receive a recommendation for funding, can I address reviewer comments and resubmit?

Because future year funding for CDMRP is not guaranteed, the CDMRP obligates funding for each fiscal year's program cycle. The CDMRP does not offer a formal resubmission process. However, the CDMRP encourages applicants to review comments outlined in the peer review summary statement and use that information to inform new applications to future funding opportunities. ***A different panel of peer reviewers will review any future submissions as an entirely new application.*** It is important for applicants to ensure their applications meet the requirements and intent of the current fiscal year's funding opportunity because these may change from one year to the next, even if the name of the funding

opportunity remains the same.

It is not necessary or appropriate to call out how an application addresses critiques from any previous application's review. The CDMRP does not have standing peer review panels, so the reviewers of subsequent year applications will have no knowledge or access to previous year(s)'s applications and/or summary statements.

Where can I find information about CDMRP funding statistics?

Programs post information papers on the [program pages](#) of the CDMRP website that outline the number of compliant applications received and the number recommended for funding in the previous year. Additionally, Programs provide an estimate for how many applications they anticipate funding within each funding opportunity. The actual number of applications recommended for funding is based on the number and quality of applications received.

Where can I find information about research previously funded by the CDMRP?

Programs include lists of recent funding recommendations on their [homepages](#) within the CDMRP website. Additionally, the CDMRP highlights impactful research on our [website](#) and through social media. The CDMRP encourages applicants to review these resources to find examples of previously funded research projects. To request additional information on specific CDMRP funded research, please contact [CDMRP's Public Affairs Office](#).

Need additional assistance?

- Requests for technical assistance related to pre-applications or intramural application submissions should be directed to the eBRAP Help Desk, help@eBRAP.org.
- Questions regarding Grants.gov registration and Workspace should be directed to support@grants.gov.
- General questions about CDMRP or a program's FY25 funding opportunities may be directed to dha.detrick.cdmrp.mbx.public-affairs@health.mil.
- Watch the CDMRP's Journey of an Application videos to learn more about [Funding Opportunities](#) and the [Two-Tier Review Process](#).