TOXIC EXPOSURES RESEARCH PROGRAM



VISION: Prevent, minimize and mitigate the impact of military-related toxic exposures and improve the health and quality of life of those affected

MISSION: Support impactful research aimed at identifying the cause and understanding the health outcomes, comorbidities and pathological mechanisms associated with military-related toxic exposures to facilitate the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of the visible and invisible diseases and symptoms impacting Service Members, their Families, Veterans and the American public

Topic Areas



Neurotoxin **Exposure**



Illness and Its **Treatment**



Airborne Hazards and **Burn Pits**



Other Military Service-Related **Toxic Exposures** in General

Including Prophylactic Medications, Pesticides, Organophosphates, Toxic Industrial Chemicals, Materials, Metals and Minerals

Program Goals



Elucidate mechanisms of how military-related toxic exposures result in adverse effects, including but not limited to toxicities, malignancies, neurologic and respiratory disorders, cardiac complications, sleep disorders, immune system dysfunction, gastrointestinal issues, etc.



Diagnose the effects of military-related toxic exposures, understand the phenotypic, pathological, and clinical outcomes associated with short-term and long-term exposures, and predict disease progression.



Predict and prevent military-related toxic exposures by identifying strategies that can anticipate, identify, monitor and prevent Service Members and the American public from adverse effects of exposures to toxic substances.



Develop therapeutics, treatments, and strategies to minimize symptoms and disease progression associated with military-related toxic exposures.

FY24 Funding Mechanisms*



\$500K

Investigator-Initiated Research Award:

Supports studies that will make an important contribution toward research and/or patient care for a disease or condition associated with military-related toxic exposures.

\$800K for the single investigator award

\$1.6M

for the partnering principal investigator option

Translational Research Award:

Supports translational research that will accelerate the movement of promising ideas in military-related toxic exposure research into clinical applications, including health care products, interventions, technologies, and/or clinical practice guidelines.

\$2.5M

for the single investigator award for the partnering principal investigator option

Clinical Trial Award:

Supports the rapid implementation of clinical trials with the potential to have a significant impact on the prevention, treatment, or management of symptoms, diseases, or conditions associated with or resulting from military-related toxic exposures.

*For more information, please reference the FY24 TERP Program Announcements.

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