

# INVESTIGATOR-INITIATED RESEARCH AWARD

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Decreasing the Impact of Neurofibromatosis (NF) and Schwannomatosis through Innovative Research

***Basic science research constitutes the first steps toward understanding the fundamental questions of NF and Schwannomatosis.***

The **Investigator-Initiated Research Award** supports basic or clinical studies by established researchers that will provide insight into the molecular mechanisms underlying the development of NF and lead to substantial improvements over today's approach to the diagnosis and treatment of NF1, NF2, and Schwannomatosis. **Nested Postdoctoral Traineeships** are also available under this award mechanism to prepare recent doctoral graduates for a career in NF research through a mentored training experience.

The program is especially interested in:

- ▶ Markers for disease progression or imaging methods
- ▶ Developmental and psychological aspects of disease
- ▶ Effects of hormones on disease progression
- ▶ Genetic and nongenetic factors that play a role in the determination of disease manifestations

Established research applicants must be independent investigators at the Assistant Professor level or higher. A maximum of \$1.3 million in direct costs is available for up to 4 years, plus indirect costs as appropriate. Inclusion of preliminary data is required for all proposal submissions. Nested Postdoctoral Traineeships are available for investigators with 3 years or less experience as a postdoctoral fellow. Funding for Traineeships can be requested for a maximum of \$55,200 per year in direct costs for up to 4 years, plus indirect costs as appropriate.

Proposals Are Due by:  
**March 14, 2006**

*This document is a synopsis of details specific to the Neurofibromatosis Research Program (NFRP) Investigator-Initiated Research Award. A detailed description of this award mechanism along with specific evaluation criteria, submission requirements, and deadlines are available in the [FY05 NFRP Investigator-Initiated Research Award Program Announcement](#).*

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