

CONCEPT AWARD

Unique Solutions to Underinvestigated Areas

The **Neurofibromatosis Research Program (NFRP)** is offering the Concept Award in an effort to spark new ideas and encourage the development of innovative and potentially high-risk avenues of investigation. The Concept Award provides an opportunity to explore innovative ideas, creative solutions, and breakthrough technologies that could ultimately lead to major advancements in the neurofibromatosis (NF) or Schwannomatosis fields.

Because of the groundbreaking nature of this award, proposals do not require preliminary data and are limited to one page. The applicant's name and institutional affiliation are not provided to reviewers, thus presenting an ideal opportunity for new investigators to move into the NF/Schwannomatosis field. Innovative proposals from research disciplines currently underrepresented in these fields such as chemistry, biophysics, mathematics, and engineering are encouraged, as are proposals involving consumer–scientist collaborations.

Funding may be requested for a maximum of \$67,000 for direct costs over a 1-year performance period, plus indirect costs as appropriate. Peer review will emphasize innovation and novelty of the concept and potential impact of the study on the fields of NF and/or Schwannomatosis. See program announcement for additional criteria.

Proposals Are Due By:

April 25, 2006

This document is a synopsis of details specific to the NFRP Concept Award. A detailed description of this award mechanism along with specific evaluation criteria, submission requirements, and deadlines are available in the [FY06 NFRP Concept Award Program Announcement](#) found at:

<http://cdmrp.army.mil>

