

CONCEPT AWARD

Unique Solutions to Underinvestigated Areas

The vision of the **Neurofibromatosis Research Program (NFRP)** is to find and fund the best research to eradicate the clinical impact of neurofibromatosis. The NFRP is offering the Concept Award in an effort to spark new ideas and encourage the development of innovative and 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 NF and/or Schwannomatosis fields.

The Fiscal Year 2007 (FY07) NFRP encourages proposals that specifically address critical needs of the NF community in the following areas:

- Translational research such as the development or preclinical testing of therapeutic agents for the treatment of neurofibromatosis
- Complications of neurofibromatosis with high mortality such as childhood neoplasms, malignant peripheral nerve sheath tumors, and cerebrovascular abnormalities
- Complications of neurofibromatosis with high morbidity such as skeletal maladies, learning deficits, hormone-associated effects, and pain
- Refinement and standardization of imaging techniques for use in future clinical trials

Because of the groundbreaking nature of this award, proposals do not require preliminary data and are limited to two pages. The Principal Investigator's name and institutional affiliation are not provided to reviewers, which presents an ideal opportunity for new investigators to move into the NF and/or Schwannomatosis field. Scientific ventures that represent underinvestigated avenues of research or novel applications of existing technologies are highly sought. The NFRP encourages proposals involving multidisciplinary and/or multi-institutional collaborations and alliances.

Funding for a Concept Award can be requested for up to \$67,000 for direct costs for up to a 1-year performance period, plus indirect costs as appropriate. Peer review will emphasize innovation and potential impact on the fields of NF and/or Schwannomatosis.

Proposals Are Due By: **April 17, 2007**

This document is a synopsis of details specific to the FY07 NFRP Concept Award. A detailed description of this award mechanism along with specific evaluation criteria, submission requirements, and deadlines is available in the [FY07 NFRP Concept Award Program Announcement](#) found at:

<http://cdmrp.army.mil>

