

# Investigator-Initiated Research Award

Leveraging collaborations to accelerate NF research

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's Investigator-Initiated Research Award (IIRA) supports basic or clinical studies by established researchers that will provide insight into the development of NF and lead to substantial improvements over today's approach to the diagnosis and treatment of NF1, NF2, and Schwannomatosis.

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

New this year, the NFRP is encouraging Principal Investigators (PIs) to submit to this award mechanism with a collaborator. Collaborations that meet the criteria outlined in the Program Announcement will be qualified for a higher level of funding. Collaborative research between basic scientists and clinical researchers and between academic scientists and industry scientists is highly sought.

PIs must be independent investigators at the Assistant Professor level or higher. Funding for an IIRA can be requested for up to \$525,000 for direct costs for up to a 3-year performance period, plus indirect costs as appropriate. Funding for an IIRA that includes a qualified collaborator can be requested for up to \$675,000 for direct costs for up to a 3-year performance period, plus indirect costs as appropriate. The inclusion of promising, well-founded preliminary data is required for all IIRA proposal submissions.

**Proposals Are Due By: May 15, 2007**

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

**<http://cdmrp.army.mil>**

