

NEW INVESTIGATOR AWARD

Fostering the talents of the next generation of NF scientists

The vision of the **Neurofibromatosis Research Program (NFRP)** is to find and fund the best research to eradicate the clinical impact of neurofibromatosis. The New Investigator Award reflects the NFRP's investment in the future of NF and Schwannomatosis research by supporting promising researchers in the early stages of their careers. This award is designed to encourage scientists currently working in other areas to shift their focus to NF and/or Schwannomatosis and to give those already involved in these fields the opportunity to acquire the data and experience to continue to contribute their talents.

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 or below the level of Assistant Professor. Funding for a New Investigator Award can be requested for up to \$375,000 for direct costs for up to a 3-year performance period, plus indirect costs as appropriate. Funding for a New Investigator Award that includes a qualified collaborator can be requested for up to \$525,000 for direct costs for up to a 3-year performance period, plus indirect costs as appropriate. Preliminary data are not required. Proposals will be evaluated by peer and programmatic reviewers with emphasis on outstanding accomplishments, innovation, and the potential to make a significant contribution to the NF and/or Schwannomatosis field.

Proposals Are Due By: May 15, 2007

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

<http://cdmrp.army.mil>

