| Award Mechanism                           | PI Eligibility                                           | Key Mechanism Elements                                                                 | Funding                                                                 | Submission Deadlines                                                                 |
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| Innovative Treatment Evaluation Award 2  | Independent Investigators at all academic levels (or equivalent) | • Supports small-scale, early clinical trial evaluations of innovative treatments not previously studied in GWI.  
• Pilot Phase 0, I, and I/II clinical trials are allowed.  
• Provides opportunity to obtain proof of principle data to support future clinical trials.  
• Preliminary data are not required, and if provided, do not necessarily have to come from the GWI research field.  
• Submission of a preproposal is required; application submission is by invitation only.  
• Studies with clear potential to move forward to Phase II/III clinical trials are encouraged.  
• Partnerships with the biotechnology or pharmaceutical industry are encouraged. | • The maximum allowable funding for the entire period of performance is $450,000 for direct costs.  
• The maximum period of performance is 3 years.  
• Indirect costs may be proposed in accordance with the institution’s negotiated rate agreement. | Pre-Application (Preproposal):  
October 28, 2014  
5:00 pm Eastern Time  
Invitation to Submit an Application:  
December 2014  
Invited Application:  
January 27, 2015  
11:59 pm Eastern Time |

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<td>New Investigator Award</td>
<td>PIs may apply under one of the following three eligibility categories:</td>
<td>• Encourages applications from investigators in the early stages of their careers and from established investigators new to the field of Gulf War Illness (GWI) research.</td>
<td>• The maximum allowable funding for the entire period of performance is $500,000 for direct costs.</td>
<td>Pre-Application (Letter of Intent): September 11, 2014 5:00 pm Eastern Time</td>
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<td>Transitioning Postdoctoral Fellow: Senior postdoctoral fellows who have completed at least 3 years of postdoctoral training.</td>
<td>• Previous experience in GWI research is not required; however, collaborations with experienced GWI researchers are encouraged.</td>
<td>• The maximum period of performance is 3 years.</td>
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<td>General Application</td>
<td>Early-Career Investigator: Independent investigators within 5 years since their last training position.</td>
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<td>New GWI Researcher: Established independent investigators who have received less than $300,000 in federally funded, non-mentored GWI research.</td>
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**Investigator-Initiated Research Award**

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| Investigator-Initiated Research Award | Independent Investigators at all academic levels (or equivalent) | - Supports new ideas in basic and clinical developmental research focusing on GWI.  
- **Case Definition Option (new for FY14):** Supports research aimed at developing or improving the case definition for GWI.  
- Preliminary data are not required and, if provided, do not necessarily have to come from the GWI research field.  
- Studies that provide outcomes clearly translatable to clinical use are encouraged.  
- Clinical trials are not allowed.  
- Submission of a preproposal is required; application submission is by invitation only. | - The maximum allowable funding for the entire period of performance is $700,000 for direct costs.  
- The maximum period of performance is 3 years.  
- Indirect costs may be proposed in accordance with the institution’s negotiated rate agreement. | Pre-Application (Preproposal): July 1, 2014 5:00 pm Eastern Time  
Invitation to Submit an Application: August 2014  
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| Clinical Trial Award            | Independent Investigators at all academic levels (or equivalent) | • Supports larger, more definitive (Phase II or III or FDA device class I-III) clinical trials focusing on treatments for GWI.  
  • Comparative studies of GWI treatments are allowed.  
  • Proposed studies may be single-center or multi-center clinical trials.  
  • Preliminary/preclinical data are required, indicating potential for substantial benefit for veterans with GWI.  
  • Submission of a preproposal is required; **application submission is by invitation only.**  
  • **Multiple-PI Option:** allows up to four PIs, termed Initiating and Partnering PIs, to collaborate on a single application. | • The maximum period of performance is 4 years.  
  • The maximum allowable funding for the entire period of performance is $1,500,000 for direct costs for applications submitted by a single PI or for the Initiating PI under the Multiple PI Option.  
  • The Multiple-PI Option allows each Partnering PI application to request up to $1,000,000 for direct costs.  
  • Indirect costs may be proposed in accordance with the institution’s negotiated rate agreement. | Pre-Application:  
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