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| Longitudinal Risk Factors Award | The Principal Investigator must be an independent investigator at or above the level of Assistant Professor (or equivalent). Investigators must have a patient cohort identified. | **Intent:** To support a large-scale, prospective, longitudinal epidemiological research study that is relevant to the characterization of PTE.  
- Responsive to the Longitudinal Studies Focus Area Only.  
- Preliminary data are required.  
- Must describe how the inter-relationship between TBI and PTE will be assessed or characterized.  
- Must describe the nature of the cohort (military, etc.)  
- Must describe the study outcomes to be captured.  
- Must describe the nature of the TBIs within the study cohort.  
- Applications that develop interdisciplinary teams or consortia as part of the support plan for executing the research are encouraged.  
- Research considering a pharmacologic intervention is specifically discouraged under this mechanism. | Maximum funding of **$2,500,000** for direct costs (plus indirect costs).  
- Maximum period of performance is 4 years.  
- Indirect costs may be proposed in accordance with the institution’s rate agreement. | Pre-Application:  
July 26, 2018, 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time (ET)  
Application:  
October 4, 2018, 11:59 p.m. ET |
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| Idea Development Award          | Level I: The Principal Investigator must be at or above the level of postdoctoral fellow (or equivalent), but below the level of Assistant Professor (or equivalent). Level II: The Principal Investigator must be an independent investigator at or above the level of Assistant Professor (or equivalent). | Intent: To solicit research to understand the magnitude and underlying mechanisms of PTE, especially in Service members and Veterans, while also benefitting the civilian community.  
- Level I is intended to support high-risk or high-gain research from researchers at or above the level of a post-doctoral fellow (or equivalent).  
- Level II is intended to support a more mature, hypothesis-driven research project.  
The following Focus Areas are open to both Funding Levels:  
- Epidemiology  
- Markers and Mechanisms  
- Longitudinal Studies  
Preliminary data, while not required, are encouraged for both levels. Research considering a pharmacologic intervention is specifically discouraged under this mechanism. | Level I:  
- Maximum funding of $300,000 for direct costs (plus indirect costs).  
- Maximum period of performance is 2 years.  
- Indirect costs may be proposed in accordance with the institution’s rate agreement.  
Level II:  
- Maximum funding of $500,000 for direct costs (plus indirect costs).  
- Maximum period of performance is 3 years.  
- Indirect costs may be proposed in accordance with the institution’s rate agreement. | Pre-Application (Letter of Intent): September 20, 2018, 5:00 p.m. ET  
Application: October 4, 2018, 11:59 p.m. ET |