# Fiscal Year 2018 Neurofibromatosis Research Program (NFRP) Reference Table of Award Mechanisms and Submission Requirements

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<td>Clinical Trial Award</td>
<td>Must be <em>at or above</em> the level of Assistant Professor (or equivalent)</td>
<td>• Supports research with the potential to have a major impact on the treatment or management of neurofibromatosis (NF).&lt;br&gt;• Funds Phase 0, I, or II clinical trials relevant to NF and/or schwannomatosis. Combinations of phases are permitted.&lt;br&gt;• <em>Must support a clinical trial and may not be used for preclinical research studies.</em></td>
<td>• The maximum period of performance is 4 years.&lt;br&gt;• The maximum allowable funding for the entire period of performance is <strong>$800,000</strong> in direct costs (<strong>$1,000,000</strong> in direct costs if requesting a Collaborator).&lt;br&gt;• Indirect costs may be proposed in accordance with the institution’s negotiated rate agreement.</td>
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<td>Exploration - Hypothesis Development Award</td>
<td>Investigators at all academic levels (or equivalent)</td>
<td>• Supports the initial exploration of innovative, high-risk, high-gain concepts and potentially groundbreaking concepts in NF research.&lt;br&gt;• <em>Preliminary and/or published data encouraged but not required.</em>&lt;br&gt;• Projects involving human subjects or human anatomical substances must be exempt under 32 CFR 219.101(b) or eligible for expedited review under 32 CFR 219.110 or 21 CFR 56.110.&lt;br&gt;• Clinical trials not allowed.</td>
<td>• The maximum period of performance is 2 years.&lt;br&gt;• The maximum allowable funding for the entire period of performance is <strong>$100,000</strong> in direct costs.&lt;br&gt;• Indirect costs may be proposed in accordance with the institution’s negotiated rate agreement.</td>
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| Investigator-Initiated Research Award | Principal Investigator (PI): Must be at or above the level of Assistant Professor (or equivalent) and must plan to commit at least a 10% level of effort for each budget period for the entirety of the award. | • Supports highly rigorous, high-impact research with the potential to make an important contribution to NF research and/or patient care.  
• Preliminary and/or published data required.  
• Optional Qualified Collaborator: Applications that include a Qualified Collaborator who meets criteria identified in the Program Announcement/Funding Opportunity may apply for a higher level of funding.  
• Clinical trials not allowed. | • The maximum period of performance is 3 years.  
• The maximum allowable funding for the entire period of performance is $525,000 in direct costs ($575,000 in direct costs if requesting an Optional Qualified Collaborator).  
• Indirect costs may be proposed in accordance with the institution’s negotiated rate agreement. | Pre-application (Letter of Intent): July 26, 2018  
5:00 p.m. ET  
Application: August 9, 2018  
11:59 p.m. ET |
| New Investigator Award                | Must be either:  
• An independent investigator at or below the level of Assistant Professor (or equivalent) and must plan to commit at least 30% of his/her effort toward the proposed research project; or  
• An established independent investigator in an area other than NF at or above the level of Assistant Professor seeking to transition into | • Supports the continued development of promising independent investigators and/or the transition of established investigators from other research fields into a career in NF research.  
• Prior experience in NF research is not required.  
• Preliminary and/or published data relevant to NF and the proposed research project is required.  
• Clinical trials not allowed. | • The maximum period of performance is 3 years.  
• The maximum allowable funding for the entire period of performance is $450,000 in direct costs.  
• Indirect costs may be proposed in accordance with the institution’s negotiated rate agreement. | Pre-application (Letter of Intent): July 26, 2018  
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| **Early Investigator Research Award**  | a career in NF research and must plan to commit at least 10% of his/her effort toward the proposed research project. To be eligible, applicants may not have received more than $300,000 in direct costs for NF research as a PI of one or more Federally funded, non-mentored peer reviewed grants.  | • Supports NF-focused research opportunities for individuals in the early stages of their careers  
• Investigators must have a designated mentor who is an experienced NF researcher.  | • The maximum period of performance is 2 years.  
• The maximum allowable funding for the entire period of performance is $200,000 in direct costs.  
• Indirect costs may be proposed in accordance with the institution’s negotiated rate agreement.  | Pre-application (Letter of Intent):  
July 26, 2018  
5:00 p.m. ET  
Confidential Letters of Recommendation:  
August 14, 2018  
5:00 p.m. Eastern Time  
Application:  
August 9, 2018  
11:59 p.m. ET |

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