

# **I. OVERVIEW OF THE FUNDING OPPORTUNITY**

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**Translational Research Award**

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## **SUBMISSION AND REVIEW DATES AND TIMES**

- **Pre-Application Submission Deadline:** 5:00 p.m. Eastern time (ET), August 7, 2020
- **Invitation to Submit an Application:** September 18, 2020
- **Application Submission Deadline:** 11:59 p.m. ET, November 6, 2020
- **End of Application Verification Period:** 5:00 p.m. ET, November 11, 2020
- **Peer Review:** January 2021
- **Programmatic Review:** March 2021

*This Program Announcement must be read in conjunction with the General Application Instructions, version 501. The General Application Instructions document is available for downloading from the Grants.gov funding opportunity announcement by selecting the “Package” tab, clicking “Preview,” and then selecting “Download Instructions.”*

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## II. DETAILED INFORMATION ABOUT THE FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

### II.A. Program Description

Applications to the Fiscal Year 2020 (FY20) Chronic Pain Management Research Program (CPMRP) are being solicited for the Defense Health Agency (DHA) J9, Research and Development Directorate, by the U.S. Army Medical Research Acquisition Activity (USAMRAA) using delegated authority provided by United States Code, Title 10, Section 2358 (10 USC 2358). As directed by the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs (OASD[HA]), the DHA manages the Defense Health Program (DHP) Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation (RDT&E) appropriation. The execution management agent for this Program Announcement is the Congressionally Directed Medical Research Programs (CDMRP). The CPMRP was initiated in 2019 to provide support for research of exceptional scientific merit with the potential to make a significant impact on improving the health and quality of life of those living with chronic pain. Appropriations for the CPMRP in FY19 totaled \$10 million (M). The FY20 appropriation is \$15M.

***The proposed research must be relevant to active duty Service members, Veterans, military beneficiaries, and/or the American public.***

Per the FY19 CPMRP Congressional appropriation, chronic pain is defined as pain that occurs on at least half the days for 6 months or more, and which can be caused by issues including, but not limited to, combat- and training-related physical or mental stress and trauma, migraines and chronic headaches, traumatic brain injury, arthritis, muscular-skeletal conditions, neurological disease, tick and vector-borne disease, other insect-transmitted or tropical disease, and cancer. The CPMRP encourages alignment of research projects with the [Federal Pain Research Strategy](#) for maximizing the impact of chronic pain research outcomes. Applications from investigators within the military Services and applications involving multidisciplinary collaborations among academia, industry, the military Services, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), and other Federal Government agencies are highly encouraged.

#### II.A.1. FY20 CPMRP Focus Areas

To meet the intent of the award mechanism, ***applications must address one or both of the following FY20 CPMRP Translational Research Award (TRA) Focus Areas.*** Selection of the appropriate Focus Area is the responsibility of the applicant. Research proposed should focus on efficacious interventions only.

- Implementation Science (for evidence-based, [efficacious interventions](#) to manage chronic pain)
  - Unique barriers for delivery of [complementary and integrative health](#) therapies and models of care in military populations and environments, including at-risk subpopulations
  - Self-management and service-of-care models
- Comparative Effectiveness (for evidence-based, efficacious interventions to manage chronic pain)
  - Multimodal and combination therapies
  - Chronic pain and its bi-directional interactions with comorbidities (e.g., [polytrauma triad](#), suicidal thoughts and behaviors, substance abuse, etc.)

Additionally, the incorporation of the following into the proposed research approaches is encouraged but not required:

- Pain informatics
- Pragmatic approaches
- Patient expectations, preference, and goals of treatment at point of care
- Multiple ecological levels and stakeholder engagement in study designs with human participants
- Chronic pain conditions with high prevalence in military populations
- Established models of pain assessment that include pain interference in emotional and physical functioning

## **II.A.2. Award History**

The CPMRP TRA mechanism was first offered in FY19. Since then, 11 TRA applications have been received, and 1 has been recommended for funding.

## **II.B. Award Information**

The intent of the FY20 CPMRP TRA is to support translational research that will accelerate the movement of evidence-based ideas in chronic pain management research into clinical applications, such as healthcare products, technologies, clinical practice guidelines, and/or models of care. TRA applications should explain how the proposed work will inform the development, refinement, and/or revision of existing standards of care, recommendations, or guidelines for managing chronic pain. *Studies evaluating opioid-based therapeutic interventions are not allowed.*

*The critical components of this award mechanism are:*

- **Translation:** The proposed study should demonstrate how the research will translate the application of existing non-opioid non-addictive interventions with a degree of known efficacy from the controlled setting of clinical evaluation to the diverse setting of regular patient care, taking into consideration the specific needs of at-risk populations, such as active duty Service members and Veterans. The research should be geared toward near-term clinical applicability with the potential of making an immediate impact on the identified target population. The application must articulate the potential translational impact the proposed project will have on Service members, Veterans, and/or their family members or beneficiaries living with chronic pain. Translational research will, if successful, accelerate the movement of promising ideas into clinical applications.
- **Preliminary Data:** The TRA is intended to support translational investigations that improve the application of known efficacious treatments of chronic pain by identifying and eliminating barriers to implementation or pairing patients with treatment regimens based on relative measures of effectiveness. Given the strong clinical focus, the TRA is not intended for basic research to generate preliminary data. Applications *must include preliminary data* (e.g., published works by the investigators, pilot data, peer-reviewed literature) to support feasibility of the study. Any unpublished preliminary data provided should originate from the laboratory of the Principal Investigator (PI) or a member(s) of the research team.
- **Hybrid Studies:** [Effectiveness-implementation](#) hybrid type 2 and type 3 studies are encouraged.
- **Biopsychosocial Model of Assessment:** Comparative effectiveness and effectiveness-implementation hybrid type 2 and type 3 studies are encouraged to incorporate an established biopsychosocial model of pain assessment that includes pain interference in emotional and physical functioning. Applications are encouraged to consider the six core outcomes domains for a chronic pain clinical trial recommended by the [Initiative on Methods, Measurement, and Pain Assessment in Clinical Trials \(IMMPACT\)](#) in [Dworkin RH, Turk DC, Farrar JT, et al. 2005. Core outcome measures for chronic pain clinical trials: IMMPACT recommendations. \*Pain\* 113\(1-2\):9-19.](#) The six core outcomes domains are: (1) pain, (2) physical functioning, (3) emotional functioning, (4) participant ratings of improvement and satisfaction with treatment, (5) symptoms and adverse events, and (6) participant disposition.
- **Military Collaboration:** Applications that pursue collaborations within the military services and propose studies involving the Military Health System (MHS) and military treatment facilities (MTFs) are encouraged.
- **Stakeholder Engagement:** Applicants are strongly encouraged to consider the views, opinions, and priorities of stakeholders at various ecological levels of patient care. Stakeholder engagement should be considered during both study design and research conduct.

The types of awards made under the Program Announcement will be assistance agreements. An assistance agreement is appropriate when the Federal Government transfers a “thing of value” to a “state, local government,” or “other recipient” to carry out a public purpose of support or stimulation authorized by a law of the United States instead of acquiring property or service for the direct benefit and use of the U.S. Government. An assistance agreement can take the form of a grant or cooperative agreement. The level of involvement on the part of the Department of Defense (DoD) during project performance is the key factor in determining whether to award a grant or cooperative agreement. If “no substantial involvement” on the part of the funding agency is anticipated, a grant award will be made (31 USC 6304). Conversely, if substantial involvement on the part of the funding agency is anticipated, a cooperative agreement will be made (31 USC 6305), and the award will identify the specific substantial involvement. Substantial involvement may include, but is not limited to, collaboration, participation, or intervention in the research to be performed under the award. The award type, along with the start date, will be determined during the negotiation process.

The anticipated direct costs budgeted for the entire period of performance for an FY20 CPMRP TRA will not exceed \$1.4M. Refer to [Section II.D.5, Funding Restrictions](#), for detailed funding information.

Awards will be made no later than September 30, 2021. For additional information refer to [Section II.F.1, Federal Award Notices](#).

*The CDMRP expects to allot approximately \$4.48M to fund approximately two Translational Research Award applications. Funding of applications received is contingent upon the availability of Federal funds for this program as well as the number of applications received, the quality and merit of the applications as evaluated by scientific and programmatic review, and the requirements of the Government. Funds to be obligated on any award resulting from this funding opportunity will be available for use for a limited time period based on the fiscal year of the funds. It is anticipated that awards made from this FY20 funding opportunity will be funded with FY20 funds, which will expire for use on September 30, 2026.*

**Research Involving Human Anatomical Substances, Human Subjects, or Human Cadavers:** All DoD-funded research involving new and ongoing research with human anatomical substances, human subjects, or human cadavers must be reviewed and approved by the U.S. Army Medical Research and Development Command (USAMRDC) Office of Research Protections (ORP), Human Research Protection Office (HRPO), prior to research implementation. This administrative review requirement is in addition to the local Institutional Review Board (IRB) or Ethics Committee (EC) review. Local IRB/EC approval at the time of submission is *not* required. *Allow a minimum of 2 to 3 months for HRPO regulatory review and approval processes.* Refer to the General Application Instructions, Appendix 1, and the Human Subject Resource Document available on the electronic Biomedical Research Application Portal (eBRAP) “Funding Opportunities & Forms” web page (<https://ebrap.org/eBRAP/public/Program.htm>) for additional information. If the proposed research is cooperative (i.e., involving more than one institution), a written plan for single IRB review arrangements must be provided at the time of application submission. The lead institution responsible for developing the master protocol and master consent form should be identified and should be the single point of contact for regulatory submissions and requirements.

The FY20 CPMRP TRA mechanism supports implementation and/or comparative effectiveness research. ***Clinical trials are allowed but should be restricted to pain management interventions that have already been shown to be efficacious in some clinical settings. Studies seeking to evaluate new therapies or approaches, either pharmacological or non-pharmacological, do not meet the intent of the award mechanism.*** Supported research can include studies using human subjects data and/or prospectively enrolling clinical studies. For more information on clinical trials and clinical research, a Human Subject Resource Document is provided at <https://ebrap.org/eBRAP/public/Program.htm>.

***Animal studies are not allowed under this mechanism. Applicants seeking support for a basic study relevant to chronic pain management may consider the FY20 CPMRP Investigator-Initiated Research Award mechanism (Funding Opportunity Number: W81XWH-20-CPMRP-IIRA).***

***A clinical trial is defined*** as a research study in which one or more human subjects are prospectively assigned to one or more interventions (which may include placebo or other control) to evaluate the effects of the interventions on biomedical or behavioral health-related outcomes. Funded trials are required to post a copy of the IRB-approved informed consent form used to enroll subjects on a publicly available Federal website in accordance with Federal requirements described in Code of Federal Regulations, Title 32, Part 219 (32 CFR 219).

***An implementation science study is defined*** as a study of methods to promote the systematic uptake of research findings and other evidence-based practices into routine practice, and hence, to improve the quality and effectiveness of health services.

An ***evidence-based, efficacious intervention*** should be consistent with the standards established in [Flay BR, Biglan A, Boruch RF, et al. 2005. Standards of evidence: Criteria for efficacy, effectiveness and dissemination. \*Prevention Science\* 6\(3\):151-175.](#) It should have been tested in at least two rigorous trials that (1) involved defined samples from defined populations; (2) used sound measures and data collection procedures; (3) analyzed the data with rigorous statistical approaches; (4) showed consistent positive effects (without serious iatrogenic effects); and (5) reported at least one significant long-term follow-up.

The Office of the Army Surgeon General established a Pain Management Task Force whose [final report](http://www.dvcipm.org/site/assets/files/1070/pain-task-force-final-report-may-2010.pdf) (<http://www.dvcipm.org/site/assets/files/1070/pain-task-force-final-report-may-2010.pdf>) was published in May 2010. In the report, a list of Tier 1 ***complementary and integrative health treatment modalities*** were identified based on efficacy, safety, and widespread use or acceptance. Applicants are encouraged to consider modalities identified by the DoD and VA as a priority for development and implementation.

PIs are encouraged to integrate and/or align their research projects with DoD and/or VA research laboratories and programs. Collaboration with the DoD and/or VA is also encouraged. A list of websites that may be useful in identifying additional information about ongoing DoD and VA areas of research interest or potential opportunities for collaboration can be found in [Appendix 2](#).

**Use of DoD or VA Resources:** If the proposed research involves access to active duty military or Veteran patient populations and/or DoD or VA resources or databases, the application must

describe the access at the time of submission and include a plan for maintaining access as needed throughout the proposed research. Refer to [Section II.D.2.b.ii, Full Application Submission Components](#), for submission requirements. Refer to the General Application Instructions, Appendix 1, Section C, for additional detailed information.

**Prospective Human Studies and the Federal Interagency Traumatic Brain Injury Research (FITBIR) Informatics System:** The DoD requires that awardees make traumatic brain injury (TBI) research data generated by this award mechanism available to the research community through the FITBIR Informatics System. The FITBIR Informatics System is a free resource designed to accelerate research progress by allowing the storage, re-analysis, integration, and rigorous comparison of multiple datasets. *Currently, FITBIR-eligible research includes all studies generating prospectively collected human TBI subject data (e.g., clinical, demographic, phenotypic, imaging, genomic).* Data reporting to FITBIR is an opportunity for investigators to facilitate their own research and to collaborate with others engaged in similar research. While there is no direct charge to users of the FITBIR Informatics System, a project estimation tool (<https://fitbir.nih.gov/jsp/contribute/fitbir-costs.jsp>) is available to help estimate costs and manpower needs that may be associated with data submission. FITBIR guidance and policies, as well as the considerable advantages of FITBIR participation to the researcher, are detailed at <https://fitbir.nih.gov/>.

## II.C. Eligibility Information

### II.C.1. Eligible Applicants

**II.C.1.a. Organization: All organizations, including international organizations, are eligible to apply.**

**Government Agencies Within the United States:** Local, state, and Federal Government agencies are eligible to the extent that applications do not overlap with their fully funded internal programs. Such agencies are required to explain how their applications do not overlap with their internal programs.

As applications for this Program Announcement may be submitted by extramural and intramural organizations, these terms are defined below.

**Extramural Organization:** An eligible non-DoD organization. Examples of extramural organizations include academic institutions, biotechnology companies, foundations, Federal Government organization other than the DoD, and research institutes.

**Intramural DoD Organization:** A DoD laboratory, DoD MTF, and/or DoD activity embedded within a civilian medical center. *Intramural Submission: Application submitted by a DoD organization for an intramural investigator working within a DoD laboratory or military treatment facility or in a DoD activity embedded within a civilian medical center.*

**USAMRAA makes awards to eligible organizations, not to individuals.**



### **II.C.1.b. Principal Investigator**

Investigators at or above the level of Assistant Professor (or equivalent) may be named by the organization as the PI on the application

An eligible PI, regardless of ethnicity, nationality, or citizenship status, must be employed by, or affiliated with, an eligible organization.

The CDMRP encourages all PIs to participate in a digital identifier initiative through Open Researcher and Contributor ID, Inc. (ORCID). Registration for a unique ORCID identifier can be done online at <https://orcid.org/>.

### **II.C.2. Cost Sharing**

Cost sharing/matching is not an eligibility requirement.

### **II.C.3. Other**

Organizations must be able to access **.gov** and **.mil** websites in order to fulfill the financial and technical deliverable requirements of the award and submit invoices for payment.

For general information on required qualifications for award recipients, refer to the General Application Instructions, Appendix 3.

Refer to [Section II.H.2, Administrative Actions](#), for a list of administrative actions that may be taken if a pre-application or application does not meet the administrative, eligibility, or ethical requirements defined in this Program Announcement.

## **II.D. Application and Submission Information**

*Submission of applications that are essentially identical or propose essentially the same research project to different funding opportunities within the same program and fiscal year is prohibited and will result in administrative withdrawal of the duplicative application(s).*

### ***Extramural Submission:***

- Pre-application content and forms must be accessed and submitted at [eBRAP.org](http://eBRAP.org).
- Full application packages must be accessed and submitted at Grants.gov.

### ***Intramural DoD Submission:***

- Pre-application content and forms must be accessed and submitted at [eBRAP.org](http://eBRAP.org).
- Full application packages must be accessed and submitted at [eBRAP.org](http://eBRAP.org).

***Note: Applications from an intramural DoD organization or from an extramural Federal Government organization may be submitted to Grants.gov through a research foundation.***

### **II.D.1. Address to Request Application Package**

eBRAP is a multifunctional web-based system that allows PIs to submit their pre-applications electronically through a secure connection, to view and edit the content of their pre-applications and full applications, to receive communications from the CDMRP, and to submit documentation during award negotiations and period of performance.

Contact information for the CDMRP Help Desk and the Grants.gov Contact Center can be found in [Section II.G, Federal Awarding Agency Contacts](#).

### **II.D.2. Content and Form of the Application Submission**

Submission is a two-step process requiring both *pre-application* (eBRAP.org) and *full application* (eBRAP.org or Grants.gov) as indicated below. The submission process should be started early to avoid missing deadlines. There are no grace periods. Full application submission guidelines differ for extramural (Grants.gov) and intramural (eBRAP.org) organizations (refer to [Table 1. Full Application Guidelines](#)).

*The application title, eBRAP log number, and all information for the PI, Business Official(s), performing organization, and contracting organization must be consistent throughout the entire pre-application and full application submission process.* Inconsistencies may delay application processing and limit or negate the ability to view, modify, and verify the application in eBRAP. If any changes need to be made, the applicant should contact the CDMRP Help Desk at [help@eBRAP.org](mailto:help@eBRAP.org) or 301-682-5507 prior to the application submission deadline.

#### **II.D.2.a. Step 1: Pre-Application Submission Content**

*During the pre-application process, eBRAP assigns each submission a unique log number. This unique eBRAP log number is required during the full application submission process.*

To begin the pre-application process, first select whether the submitting organization is extramural or intramural, then confirm your selection or cancel. **Incorrect selection of extramural or intramural submission type will delay processing.**

If an error has been made in the selection of extramural versus intramural and the pre-application submission deadline has passed, the PI or Business Official must contact the CDMRP Help Desk at [help@eBRAP.org](mailto:help@eBRAP.org) or 301-682-5507 to request a change in designation.

All pre-application components must be submitted by the PI through eBRAP (<https://eBRAP.org/>). Because the invitation to submit an application is based on the contents of the pre-application, investigators should not change the title or research objectives after the pre-application is submitted.

The applicant organization and associated PI identified in the pre-application should be the same as those intended for the subsequent application submission. If any changes are necessary after submission of the pre-application, the applicant must contact the CDMRP Help Desk at [help@eBRAP.org](mailto:help@eBRAP.org) or 301-682-5507.

PIs with an ORCID identifier should enter that information in the appropriate field in the “My Profile” tab in the “Account Information” section of eBRAP.

The pre-application consists of the following components, which are organized in eBRAP by separate tabs (refer to the General Application Instructions, Section II.B, for additional information on pre-application submission):

- **Tab 1 – Application Information**

Submission of application information includes assignment of primary and secondary research classification codes, which may be found at <https://ebrap.org/eBRAP/public/Program.htm>. Applicants are strongly encouraged to review and confirm the codes prior to making their selection.

- **Tab 2 – Application Contacts**

Enter contact information for the PI. Enter the organization’s Business Official responsible for sponsored program administration (the “person to be contacted on matters involving this application” in Block 5 of the Grants.gov SF424 Research & Related Form). The Business Official must be either selected from the eBRAP list or invited in order for the pre-application to be submitted.

Select the performing organization (site at which the PI will perform the proposed work) and the contracting organization (organization submitting on behalf of the PI, which corresponds to Block 5 on the Grants.gov SF424 Research & Related Form), and click on “Add Organizations to this Pre-application.” The organization(s) must be either selected from the eBRAP drop-down list or invited in order for the pre-application to be submitted.

It is recommended that PIs identify an Alternate Submitter in the event that assistance with pre-application submission is needed.

- **Tab 3 – Collaborators and Key Personnel**

Enter the name, organization, and role of all collaborators and key personnel associated with the application.

[FY20 CPMRP Programmatic Panel members](#) should not be involved in any pre-application or application. For questions related to panel members and pre-applications or applications, refer to [Section II.H.2.c, Withdrawal](#), or contact the CDMRP Help Desk at [help@eBRAP.org](mailto:help@eBRAP.org) or 301-682-5507.

- **Tab 4 – Conflicts of Interest**

List all individuals other than collaborators and key personnel who may have a conflict of interest in the review of the application (including those with whom the PI has a personal or professional relationship).

- **Tab 5 – Pre-Application Files**

**Note: Upload documents as individual PDF files unless otherwise noted. eBRAP will not allow a file to be uploaded if the number of pages exceeds the limit specified below.**

- **Preproposal Narrative (two-page limit):** The Preproposal Narrative page limit applies to text and non-text elements (e.g., figures, tables, graphs, photographs, diagrams, chemical structures, drawings) used to describe the project. Inclusion of URLs that provide additional information to expand the Preproposal Narrative and could confer an unfair competitive advantage is prohibited and may result in administrative withdrawal of the pre-application.

The Preproposal Narrative should include the following:

- **Rationale:** State the hypothesis and reasoning on which the proposed research project is based. Briefly describe how the preliminary data, rationale, and referenced literature support the research hypothesis. Clearly demonstrate that there is sufficient rationale for the project.
- **Focus Area:** State the [FY20 CPMRP TRA Focus Area\(s\)](#) that the proposed study seeks to address.
- **Specific Aims and Study Design:** Clearly describe the type of research study being proposed. Concisely state the project’s objectives, specific aims, and ultimate endpoints. As applicable, briefly describe the proposed recruitment strategies and methods, how they will accomplish the project’s aims, as well as the outcomes measures that will be used.
- **Research Team:** Provide a description of the research team that clearly demonstrates the appropriate background and experience to accomplish the proposed work.
- **Impact and Relevance to Military Health:** Describe how the proposed work will impact healthcare and quality-of-life needs for military Service members, Veterans, and/or family members or beneficiaries living with chronic pain.
- **Pre-Application Supporting Documentation:** The items to be included as supporting documentation for the pre-application **must be uploaded as individual files** and are limited to the following:
  - **References Cited (one-page limit):** List the references cited (including URLs if available) in the Preproposal Narrative using a standard reference format that includes the full citation (i.e., author[s], year published, reference title, and reference source, including volume, chapter, page numbers, and publisher, as appropriate).
  - **List of Abbreviations, Acronyms, and Symbols:** Provide a list of abbreviations, acronyms, and symbols used in the Preproposal Narrative.

- Key Personnel Biographical Sketches (six-page limit per individual). *All biographical sketches should be uploaded as a single combined file.* Biographical sketches should be used to demonstrate background and experience through education, positions, publications, and previous work accomplished.

- **Tab 6 – Submit Pre-Application**

This tab must be completed for the pre-application to be accepted and processed.

### **Pre-Application Screening**

- **Pre-Application Screening Criteria**

To determine the technical merits of the pre-application and the relevance to the mission of the DHP and the CPMRP, pre-applications will be screened based on the following criteria:

- **Rationale:** How well the hypothesis is stated and supported through preliminary data, scientific rationale, and referenced literature.
- **Focus Area:** How well the proposed study addresses one or both of the [FY20 CPMRP TRA Focus Areas](#).
- **Specific Aims and Study Design:** To what degree the objectives and specific aims support the research idea, how well the outcome measures and endpoints are defined and are appropriate for the proposed study, and whether the proposed recruitment strategies (if applicable) and methodology are appropriate for accomplishing the research aims.
- **Research Team:** Whether the background and experience of the PI and key personnel are appropriate to perform the proposed research.
- **Impact and Relevance to Military Health:** To what degree the proposed work will impact healthcare and quality-of-life needs for military Service members, Veterans, and/or family members or beneficiaries living with chronic pain.
- **Notification of Pre-Application Screening Results**

Following the pre-application screening, PIs will be notified as to whether or not they are invited to submit applications; however, they will not receive feedback (e.g., a critique of strengths and weaknesses) on their pre-application. The estimated timeframe for notification of invitation to submit an application is indicated in [Section I, Overview of the Funding Opportunity](#). Invitations to submit a full application are based on the Pre-Application Screening Criteria listed above.

### **II.D.2.b. Step 2: Full Application Submission Content**

Applications will not be accepted unless notification of invitation has been received.

*The CDMRP cannot make allowances/exceptions to its policies for submission problems encountered by the applicant organization using system-to-system interfaces with Grants.gov.*

Each application submission must include the completed full application package for this Program Announcement. The full application package is submitted by the Authorized Organizational Representative through Grants.gov (<https://www.grants.gov/>) for extramural organizations or through eBRAP (<https://ebrap.org/>) for intramural organizations. See Table 1 below for more specific guidelines.

**II.D.2.b.i. Full Application Guidelines**

Extramural organizations must submit full applications through Grants.gov. Applicants must create a Grants.gov Workspace for submission, which allows the application components to be completed online and routed through the applicant organization for review prior to submission. Applicants may choose to download and save individual PDF forms rather than filling out webforms in Workspace. A compatible version of Adobe Reader **must** be used to view, complete, and submit an application package consisting of PDF forms. If more than one person is entering text into an application package, the **same version** of Adobe Reader software should be used by each person. Check the version number of the Adobe software on each user’s computer to make sure the versions match. Using different versions of Adobe Reader may cause submission and/or save errors – even if each version is individually compatible with Grants.gov. Refer to the General Application Instructions, Section III, and the “Apply For Grants” page of Grants.gov (<https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/applicants/apply-for-grants.html>) for further information about the Grants.gov Workspace submission process. Submissions of extramural applications through eBRAP may be withdrawn.

*Do not password protect any files of the application package, including the Project Narrative.*

**Table 1. Full Application Submission Guidelines**

Extramural Submissions	Intramural DoD Submissions
<b>Application Package Location</b>	
Download application package components for W81XWH-20-CPMRP-TRA from Grants.gov ( <a href="https://www.grants.gov/">https://www.grants.gov</a> ) and create a Grants.gov Workspace. Workspace allows online completion of the application components and routing of the application package through the applicant organization for review prior to submission.	Download application package components for W81XWH-20-CPMRP-TRA from eBRAP ( <a href="https://ebrap.org/">https://ebrap.org</a> ).
<b>Full Application Package Components</b>	
<b>SF424 Research &amp; Related Application for Federal Assistance Form:</b> Refer to the General Application Instructions, Section III.A.1, for detailed information.	<p><b>Tab 1 – Summary:</b> Provide a summary of the application information.</p> <p><b>Tab 2 – Application Contacts:</b> This tab will be pre-populated by eBRAP; add Authorized Organizational Representative.</p>

Extramural Submissions	Intramural DoD Submissions
<p>Descriptions of each required file can be found under Full Application Submission Components:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Attachments</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Research &amp; Related Personal Data</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Research &amp; Related Senior/Key Person Profile (Expanded)</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Research &amp; Related Budget</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Project/Performance Site Location(s) Form</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Research &amp; Related Subaward Budget Attachment(s) Form</a></li> </ul>	<p><b>Tab 3 – Full Application Files:</b> Upload files under each Application Component in eBRAP. Descriptions of each required file can be found under Full Application Submission Components:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Attachments</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Key Personnel</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Budget</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Performance Sites</a></li> </ul> <p><b>Tab 4 – Application and Budget Data:</b> Review and edit proposed project start date, proposed end date, and budget data pre-populated from the Budget Form.</p>
<b>Application Package Submission</b>	
<p><b>Create a Grants.gov Workspace.</b> Add participants (investigators and Business Officials) to Workspace, complete all required forms, and check for errors before submission.</p> <p><b>Submit a Grants.gov Workspace Package.</b> An application may be submitted through Workspace by clicking the “Sign and Submit” button on the “Manage Workspace” page, under the “Forms” tab. Grants.gov recommends submission of the application package <b>at least 24-48 hours prior to the close date</b> to allow time to correct any potential technical issues that may disrupt the application submission.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> If either the Project Narrative or the budget fails eBRAP validation or if the Project Narrative or the budget needs to be modified, an updated Grants.gov application package must be submitted via Grants.gov as a “Changed/Corrected Application” with the previous Grants.gov Tracking ID <i>prior to</i> the application submission deadline. <b><i>Do not password protect any files of the application package, including the Project Narrative.</i></b></p>	<p><b>Submit package components to eBRAP (<a href="https://ebrap.org">https://ebrap.org</a>).</b></p> <p><b>Tab 5 – Submit/Request Approval Full Application:</b> After all components are uploaded and prior to the full application submission deadline, enter your password in the space provided next to “Enter Your Password Here” and press the “Submit Full Application” button. eBRAP will notify your Resource Manager/ Comptroller/Task Area Manager or equivalent Business Official by email. <b><i>Do not password protect any files of the application package, including the Project Narrative.</i></b></p>

Extramural Submissions	Intramural DoD Submissions
<b><u>Application Verification Period</u></b>	
<p>The full application package submitted to Grants.gov may be viewed and modified in eBRAP until the end of the application verification period. During the application verification period, the full application package may be modified <i>with the exception of the Project Narrative and Research &amp; Related Budget Form</i>.</p>	<p>After eBRAP has processed the full application, the organizational Resource Manager/Comptroller/Task Area Manager or equivalent Business Official and PI will receive email notification of this status and will be able to view and modify application components in eBRAP. During the application verification period, the full application package may be modified <i>with the exception of the Project Narrative and Research &amp; Related Budget Form</i>. Your Resource Manager/Comptroller/Task Area Manager or equivalent Business Official should log into eBRAP to review and to approve prior to the application verification deadline.</p>
<b>Further Information</b>	
<p><b>Tracking a Grants.gov Workspace Package.</b> After successfully submitting a Workspace package, a Grants.gov Tracking Number is automatically assigned to the package. The number will be listed on the “Confirmation” page that is generated after submission.</p> <p>Refer to the General Application Instructions, Section III, for further information regarding Grants.gov requirements.</p>	<p>Refer to the General Application Instructions, Section IV, for further information regarding eBRAP requirements.</p>

The full application package must be submitted using the unique eBRAP log number to avoid delays in application processing.

**II.D.2.b.ii. Full Application Submission Components**

- **Extramural Applications Only**

**SF424 Research & Related Application for Federal Assistance Form:** Refer to the General Application Instructions, Section III.A.1, for detailed information.

- **Extramural and Intramural Applications**

**Attachments:**

*Each attachment to the full application components must be uploaded as an individual file in the format specified and in accordance with the formatting guidelines listed in the General Application Instructions, Appendix 4.*



For all attachments, ensure that the file names are consistent with the guidance. Attachments will be rejected if the file names are longer than 50 characters or have incorrect file names that contain characters other than the following: A-Z, a-z, 0-9, underscore, hyphen, space, and period. In addition, there are file size limits that may apply in some circumstances. Individual attachments may not exceed 20 MB, and the file size for the entire full application package may not exceed 200 MB. ***It is important to include the attachment name as a header on each page of the attachment files.***

- **Attachment 1: Project Narrative (12-page limit): Upload as “ProjectNarrative.pdf”.** The page limit of the Project Narrative applies to text and non-text elements (e.g., figures, tables, graphs, photographs, diagrams, chemical structures, drawings) used to describe the project. Inclusion of URLs that provide additional information to expand the Project Narrative and could confer an unfair competitive advantage is prohibited and may result in administrative withdrawal of the application.

Describe the proposed project in detail using the outline below.

- **Background:** State the relevance of the proposed research and applicability of the anticipated findings to one or both of the [FY20 CPMRP TRA Focus Areas](#). Present the ideas and reasoning behind the proposed work and cite relevant literature. Present pilot or preliminary data. Describe any stakeholder engagement that was performed and how it helped to formulate the hypothesis/objective and research strategy. Provide a summary of relevant prior clinical and preclinical work and distinguish how the proposed study differs from other relevant or recently completed research. Include a discussion of any current clinical use of the interventions under investigation and/or details of its study in clinical research for other indications (if applicable).
- **Hypothesis or Objective:** State the hypothesis to be tested or the objective to be achieved.
- **Specific Aims:** Concisely explain the project’s specific aims. The aims should agree with the primary aims and associated tasks described in the Statement of Work (SOW) ([Attachment 5](#)).
- **Research Strategy:** Describe the study design, methods, models, and analyses in sufficient detail for assessment of the application. Explain how the research strategy will meet the project’s goals and milestones. Describe the statistical plan including power analysis, as appropriate, for the research proposed. Address potential pitfalls and problem areas and present alternative methods and approaches. For studies performing prospective human subject recruitment, describe the population(s) of interest. Demonstrate access to the population, describing any collaboration, integration, and/or alignment with military and/or VA research laboratories and programs, if applicable. Describe any stakeholder engagement that will be performed during the course of the study. For comparative effectiveness or effectiveness-implementation hybrid studies utilizing a biopsychosocial model of pain assessment, describe the model that will be used; ***provide relevant surveys, questionnaires, and other data collection instruments in [Attachment 9](#).*** Describe how data will be reported.

- **Attachment 2: Supporting Documentation: Combine and upload as a single file named “Support.pdf”.** Start each document on a new page. If documents are scanned to PDF, the lowest resolution (100 to 150 dpi) should be used. The Supporting Documentation attachment should not include additional information such as figures, tables, graphs, photographs, diagrams, chemical structures, or drawings. These items should be included in the Project Narrative.

***There are no page limits for any of these components unless otherwise noted. Include only those components described below; inclusion of items not requested or viewed as an extension of the Project Narrative will result in the removal of those items or may result in administrative withdrawal of the application.***

- **References Cited:** List the references cited (including URLs, if available) in the Project Narrative using a standard reference format that includes the full citation (i.e., author[s], year published, title of reference, source of reference, volume, chapter, page numbers, and publisher, as appropriate).
- **List of Abbreviations, Acronyms, and Symbols:** Provide a list of abbreviations, acronyms, and symbols.
- **Facilities, Existing Equipment, and Other Resources:** Describe the facilities and equipment available for performance of the proposed project and any additional facilities or equipment proposed for acquisition at no cost to the award. Indicate whether or not Government-furnished facilities or equipment are proposed for use. If so, reference should be made to the original or present Government award under which the facilities or equipment items are now accountable. There is no form for this information.
- **Publications and/or Patents:** Include a list of relevant publication URLs and/or patent abstracts. If articles are not publicly available, then copies of up to five published manuscripts may be included in Attachment 2. Extra items will not be reviewed.
- **Letters of Organizational Support:** Provide a letter (or letters, if applicable) signed by the Department Chair or appropriate organization official, confirming the laboratory space, equipment, and other resources available for the project. Letters of support not requested in the Program Announcement, such as those from members of Congress, do not impact application review or funding decisions.
- **Letters of Collaboration (if applicable):** Provide a signed letter from each collaborating individual or organization that will demonstrate that the PI has the support or resources necessary for the proposed work. If an investigator at an intramural organization is named as a collaborator on an application submitted through an extramural organization, the application must include a letter from the collaborator’s Commander or Commanding Officer at the intramural organization that authorizes the collaborator’s involvement.

- Intellectual Property: Information can be found in 2 CFR 200.315, “Intangible Property.”
  - Intellectual and Material Property Plan (if applicable): Provide a plan for resolving intellectual and material property issues among participating organizations.
- Data and Research Resources Sharing Plan: Describe how data and resources generated during the performance of the project will be shared with the research community. If relevant, PIs may be required to report research data to the FITBIR informatics system (<http://fitbir.nih.gov/>). Refer to the General Application Instructions, Appendix 2, Section K, for more information about the CDMRP expectations for making data and research resources publicly available.
- Use of DoD Resources (if applicable): Provide a letter of support signed by the lowest-ranking person with approval authority confirming access to active duty military populations and/or DoD resources or databases.
- Use of VA Resources (if applicable): Provide a letter of support from the VA Facility Director(s) or individual designated by the VA Facility Director(s), such as the Associate Chief of Staff for Research and Development (ACOS/R&D) or Clinical Service Chief, confirming access to VA patients, resources, and/or VA research space. For VA PIs, if the VA non-profit corporation is not identified as the applicant institution for administering the funds, include a letter from the VA ACOS/R&D confirming this arrangement and identifying the institution that will administer the funds associated with the proposed research.
- **Attachment 3: Technical Abstract (one-page limit): Upload as “TechAbs.pdf”.** The technical abstract is used by all reviewers. Abstracts of all funded research projects will be posted publicly. **Do not include proprietary or confidential information.** Use only characters available on a standard QWERTY keyboard. Spell out all Greek letters, other non-English letters, and symbols. Graphics are not allowed.

Technical abstracts should be written using the outline below. The technical abstract should provide an appropriate description of the project’s key aspects; clarity and completeness within the space limits of the technical abstract are highly important.

- **Background:** State how the proposed research addresses one or both of the [FY20 CPMRP TRA Focus Areas](#). Present the ideas and reasoning behind the proposed work.
- **Objective/Hypothesis:** State the objective to be reached or the hypothesis to be tested. Provide evidence or rationale that supports the objective/hypothesis.
- **Specific Aims:** State the specific aims of the study.
- **Study Design:** Briefly describe the study design.

- **Impact and Relevance to Military Health:** Briefly explain how the project will have an immediate or potential long-term impact on the health and well-being of Service members, Veterans, and/or family members or beneficiaries living with chronic pain.
- **Attachment 4: Lay Abstract (one-page limit): Upload as “LayAbs.pdf”.** The lay abstract is used by all reviewers. Abstracts of all funded research projects will be posted publicly. ***Do not include proprietary or confidential information.*** Use only characters available on a standard QWERTY keyboard. Spell out all Greek letters, other non-English letters, and symbols. Graphics are not allowed.

Lay abstracts should be written using the outline below. Minimize use of acronyms and abbreviations, where appropriate. The lay abstract is an important component of the application review process because it addresses issues of particular interest to the consumer community. ***Do not duplicate the technical abstract.***

- Describe the objectives and rationale for the proposed project in a manner that will be ***readily understood by readers without a background in science or medicine.***
- Describe the ultimate applicability of the research.
- Describe the types of patients that will be helped by the research and how it will help them. Include currently available statistics to the related injury/condition.
- Describe potential clinical applications, benefits, and risks.
- Describe the projected timeline to achieve the expected patient-related outcome.
- Describe how the proposed project will impact the health and well-being of Service members, Veterans, and/or family members or beneficiaries living with chronic pain.
- **Attachment 5: Statement of Work (three-page limit): Upload as “SOW.pdf”.** The suggested SOW format and examples specific to different types of research projects are available on the eBRAP “Funding Opportunities & Forms” web page (<https://ebrap.org/eBRAP/public/Program.htm>). For the FY20 CPMRP TRA mechanism, use the SOW format example titled, “Recommended Strategies for Assembling a Clinical Research SOW.” The SOW must be in PDF format prior to attaching.

The SOW should include a list of major tasks that support the proposed specific aims, followed by a series of subtasks related to the major tasks and milestones within the period of performance. The SOW should describe only the work for which funding is being requested by this application and, as applicable, should also:

- Include the name(s) of the key personnel and contact information for each study site/subaward site.
- Indicate the number (and type, if applicable) of human research subjects and/or human anatomical samples projected or required for each task and at each site. Refer

- to the General Application Instructions, Appendix 1, for additional information regarding regulatory requirements.
- For studies with prospective accrual of human subjects, indicate quarterly enrollment targets.
  - If applicable, indicate timelines required for regulatory approvals relevant to human subjects research (e.g., Investigational New Drug [IND] and Investigational Device Exemption [IDE] applications) by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) or other Government agency.
  - For FITBIR, eligible (human prospective TBI studies) research should include:
    - FITBIR investigator and study registration within the first 30 days of the award
    - Sharing of draft data collection forms with FITBIR
    - Annual FITBIR data submissions
  - **Attachment 6: Impact Statement (one-page limit): Upload as “Impact.pdf”.** Describe the short- and/or long-term impact of this study on the field of chronic pain research, patient care, and/or quality of life, including an assessment of the likelihood that a successful outcome of the proposed research project will lead to a practical application in individuals living with chronic pain. Describe the degree to which the research may improve standards of care for chronic pain management. Describe how the research will contribute to the development or validation of evidence-based policy or guidelines for patient evaluation and care. Address the impact on one or both of the [FY20 CPMRP TRA Focus Areas](#).
  - **Attachment 7: Relevance to Military Health Statement (one-page limit): Upload as “Military.pdf”.** Demonstrate how the proposed research project is applicable to the healthcare needs and quality of life of military Service members, Veterans, and/or family members or beneficiaries living with chronic pain. If active duty military, Veteran, or military family member population(s) will be used in the proposed research project, describe the population(s), the appropriateness of the population(s) for the proposed research, and the feasibility of using the population. Identify any collaborations within the military Services and the proposed use of the MHS or MTF. If a non-military population will be used for the proposed research project, explain how the population simulates the targeted population (i.e., Service members or Veterans).
  - **Attachment 8: Clinical Strategy Statement (no page limit): Upload as “Clinical.pdf”.** Describe the rationale for the proposed clinical study. Provide a description of the intervention and the endpoints to be measured. Provide a brief summary of the relevant clinical setting where the proposed intervention was shown to be efficacious to gauge maturity. Provide detailed plans for initiating the clinical study within the first year, including FDA IND/IDE application submission plans within 60 days of the award, if applicable. If the proposed research is cooperative (i.e., involving more than one institution), describe the plan for single IRB review. Identify the lead

institution that will serve as the single point of contact for regulatory submissions. Indicate access to the study population, recruitment plans, and inclusion/exclusion criteria. Provide a rationale and describe considerations made when determining inclusion/exclusion criteria. For studies prospectively recruiting subjects, provide a draft consent form. If applicable, describe the type of clinical trial to be performed (e.g., prospective, randomized, controlled, pragmatic) and outline the proposed methodology in sufficient detail to show a clear course of action. Describe potential challenges and alternative strategies where appropriate. Describe the data management plans. If the proposed clinical study was initiated using other funding prior to this application, explain the history and background of the clinical study and declare the source of prior funding. Specifically identify the portions of the study that would be supported with funds from this award. Describe how data will be reported and how it will be assured that the documentation will support a regulatory filing with the FDA, if applicable.

- **Attachment 9: Surveys, Questionnaires, and Other Data Collection Instruments, (if applicable; no page limit): Upload as “Surveys.pdf”.** For studies utilizing a biopsychosocial model of pain assessment, include relevant surveys, questionnaires, and other data collection instruments. A copy of the most recent version of surveys, questionnaires, data collection forms, rating scales, interview guides, or other instruments should be provided. For each instrument, describe how the information collected is related to the objectives of the study. Describe how and when the instrument(s) will be administered. Describe how the instrument(s) will be adapted to the subject population, if applicable.
- **Attachment 10: Regulatory Strategy (no page limit): If submitting multiple documents, start each document on a new page. Combine and upload as a single file named “Regulatory.pdf”.** Include the components listed below and provide supporting documentation as applicable.
  - State the product/intervention name.

***For products/interventions that do not require regulation by the FDA or an international regulatory agency:***

- State the rationale for why the product/intervention is exempt from FDA oversight. Provide a copy of the confirmation in writing from the IRB of record, the FDA, or the international regulatory agency for clinical trials conducted at an international site(s) ***that the proposed intervention is exempt or the proposed investigational device qualifies for an abbreviated IDE.***

***For products that require regulation by the FDA:***

- State whether the product is FDA-approved, -licensed, or -cleared, and marketed in the U.S.
- If the product is marketed in the U.S., state the product label indication. State whether the proposed research involves a change to the approved label indication for the route of administration, dosage level, and/or subject population. Indicate whether

- the proposed research involves a change that increases the risks associated with using the product. State whether the product is being promoted for an off-label use (where promotion involves the sale of a marketed product).
- If the product is not currently FDA-approved, -licensed, or -cleared, state the planned indication/use. Indicate whether the product would be classified as a drug, device, biologic, or combination product. Indicate whether the FDA has confirmed the proposed classification. Identify the regulatory sponsor. Include a signed sponsor commitment letter acknowledging the regulatory sponsor’s understanding of all sponsor responsibilities and commitment to oversee execution of the study.
- **Attachment 11: Transition Plan (two-page limit): Upload as “Transition.pdf”.** Provide information on the methods and strategies proposed to advance the anticipated research outcomes to the next phase of development or delivery to the military or civilian market after successful completion of the award. The Transition Plan attachment should include the components listed below.
    - Details of the strategy, schedule, and milestones to transition to the next level of development and/or commercialization (e.g., partners, internal/external funding opportunities to be pursued).
    - For Knowledge Products, a description of collaborations and other resources that will be used to provide continuity of development including proposed development or modification of clinical practice guidelines and recommendations, provider training materials, patient brochures, and other clinical support tools, scientific journal publications, modes, simulations, and applications. (A “Knowledge Product” is a non-materiel product that addresses an identified need, topic area, or capability gaps, is based on current evidence and research, aims to transition into medical practice, training, tools, or to support materiel solutions (systems to develop, acquire, provide, and sustain medical solutions and capabilities), and educates or impacts behavior throughout the continuum of care, including primary prevention of negative outcomes.)
    - Ownership rights/access to the intellectual property necessary for the development and/or commercialization of products or technologies supported with this award and the Government’s ability to access such products or technologies in the future.
    - If applicable, a risk analysis for cost, schedule, manufacturability, and sustainability.
  - **Attachment 12: Representations, if applicable (extramural submissions only): Upload as “RequiredReps.pdf”.** All extramural applicants must complete and submit the Required Representations template available on eBRAP (<https://ebrap.org/eBRAP/public/Program.htm>). For more information, see the General Application Instructions, Appendix 5, Section B, Representations.
  - **Attachment 13: Suggested Collaborating DoD Military Facility Budget Format, if applicable: Upload as “MFBudget.pdf”.** If a military facility (MHS facility, research laboratory, medical treatment facility, dental treatment facility, or a DoD activity

embedded with a civilian medical center) will be a collaborator in performance of the project, complete a separate budget, using “Suggested Collaborating DoD Military Facility Budget Format”, available for download on the eBRAP “Funding Opportunities & Forms” web page <https://ebrap.org/eBRAP/public/Program.htm>), including a budget justification, for each military facility as instructed. The costs per year should be included on the Grants.gov Research & Related Budget Form under subaward costs. Refer to the General Application Instructions, Section III.A.8, for detailed information.

- **Extramural and Intramural Applications**

To evaluate compliance with Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (20 USC A§1681 et seq.), the DoD is collecting certain demographic and career information to be able to assess the success rates of women who are proposed for key roles in applications in science, technology, engineering, and/or mathematics (STEM) disciplines. To enable this assessment, each application must include the following forms completed as indicated.

**Research & Related Personal Data:** For extramural submissions (via Grants.gov), refer to the General Application Instructions, Section III.A.3, and for intramural submissions (via eBRAP), refer to the General Application Instructions, Section IV.A.2, for detailed information.

**Research & Related Senior/Key Person Profile (Expanded):** For extramural submissions (via Grants.gov), refer to the General Application Instructions, Section III.A.4, and for intramural submissions (via eBRAP), refer to the General Application Instructions, Section IV.A.3, for detailed information.

- PI Biographical Sketch (six-page limit): Upload as “Biosketch\_LastName.pdf”. The suggested biographical sketch format is available on the “Funding Opportunities & Forms” web page (<https://ebrap.org/eBRAP/public/Program.htm>) in eBRAP. The National Institutes of Health Biographical Sketch may also be used. All biographical sketches should be submitted in uneditable PDF format.
- PI Previous/Current/Pending Support (no page limit): Upload as “Support\_LastName.pdf”.
- Key Personnel Biographical Sketches (six-page limit each): Upload as “Biosketch\_LastName.pdf”.
- Key Personnel Previous/Current/Pending Support (no page limit): Upload as “Support\_LastName.pdf”.

**Research & Related Budget:** For extramural submissions (via Grants.gov), refer to the General Application Instructions, Section III.A.5, and for intramural submissions (via eBRAP), refer to the General Application Instructions, Section IV.A.4, for detailed information.



**Budget Justification (no page limit): Upload as “BudgetJustification.pdf”.** The budget justification for the entire period of performance must be uploaded to the Research & Related Budget after completion of the budget for Period 1.

**Project/Performance Site Location(s) Form:** For extramural submissions (via Grants.gov), refer to the General Application Instructions, Section III.A.6, and for intramural submissions (via eBRAP), refer to the General Application Instructions, Section IV.A.5, for detailed information.

- **Extramural Applications Only**

**Research & Related Subaward Budget Attachment(s) Form (if applicable):** Refer to the General Application Instructions, Section III.A.7, for detailed information.

- **Extramural Subaward:** Complete the Research & Related Subaward Budget Form through Grants.gov. (Refer to the General Application Instructions, Section III.A.7, for detailed information.) Verify subaward budget(s) and budget justification forms are present in eBRAP during the application verification period. If these components are missing, upload them to eBRAP before the end of the application verification period.
- **Intramural DoD Collaborator(s):** Complete the “Suggested Collaborating DoD Military Facility Budget Format” and upload to Grants.gov attachment form as [Attachment 13](#). (Refer to the General Application Instructions, Section IV.A.4, for detailed information.) Each Intramural DoD Collaborator should include costs per year on the Grants.gov Research & Related Budget Form under subaward costs.

### **II.D.3. Dun and Bradstreet Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) Number and System for Award Management (SAM)**

Applicant organizations and all sub-recipient organizations must have a DUNS number to submit applications to Grants.gov. The applicant organization must also be registered in the Entity Management functional area of the SAM with an “Active” status to submit applications through the Grants.gov portal. Verify the status of the applicant organization’s Entity registration in SAM well in advance of the application submission deadline. Allow several weeks to complete the entire SAM registration process. If an applicant has not fully complied with the requirements at the time the Federal awarding agency is ready to make a Federal award, the Federal awarding agency may determine that the applicant is not qualified to receive a Federal award and use that determination as a basis for making a Federal award to another applicant. Refer to the General Application Instructions, Section III, for further information regarding Grants.gov requirements.

**Announcement of Transition to SAM-Generated Unique Entity Identifier (UEI):** Through December 2020, a transition from DUNS to the SAM-generated UEI will occur. Refer to the General Application Instructions, Section III.1, DUNS Number, for more information on the transition and timing.

#### **II.D.4. Submission Dates and Times**

All submission dates and times are indicated in [Section I, Overview of the Funding Opportunity](#). Pre-application and application submissions are required. The pre-application and application submission process should be started early to avoid missing deadlines. There are no grace periods. Failure to meet either of these deadlines will result in submission rejection.

#### **Applicant Verification of Full Application Submission in eBRAP**

***For Both Extramural and Intramural Applicants:*** eBRAP allows an organization’s representatives and PIs to view and modify the full application submissions associated with them. Following retrieval and processing of the full application, eBRAP will notify the organizational representatives and PI by email to log into eBRAP to review, modify, and verify the full application submission. eBRAP will validate full application files against the specific Program Announcement requirements, and discrepancies will be noted in an email to the PI and in the “Full Application Files” tab in eBRAP. eBRAP does not confirm the accuracy of file content. Application viewing, modification, and verification in eBRAP are strongly recommended, but not required. It is the applicant’s responsibility to review all application components and ensure proper ordering as specified in the Program Announcement. ***If either the Project Narrative or the budget fails eBRAP validation or needs to be modified, an updated full application package must be submitted prior to the application submission deadline. The Project Narrative and Research & Related Budget Form cannot be changed after the application submission deadline.*** Other application components may be changed until the end of the application verification period. Verify that subaward budget(s) and budget justification forms are present in eBRAP during the application verification period. If these components are missing, upload them to eBRAP before the end of the application verification period. After the end of the application verification period, the full application cannot be modified.

***Extramural Submission:*** The full application package submitted to Grants.gov may be viewed and modified in eBRAP until the end of the application verification period. During the application verification period, the full application package, ***with the exception of the Project Narrative and Budget Form***, may be modified.

***Intramural DoD Submission:*** After eBRAP has processed the full application, the organizational Resource Manager/Comptroller/Task Area Manager or equivalent Business Official and PI will receive email notification of the status and will be able to view and modify application components in eBRAP. During the application verification period, the full application package, ***with the exception of the Project Narrative and Budget Form***, may be modified. The Resource Manager/Comptroller/Task Area Manager or equivalent Business Official should log into eBRAP to review and to approve the application package prior to the application verification deadline.

***For All Submissions:*** Verify that subaward budget(s) with budget justification are present in eBRAP during the application verification period. If these components are missing, upload them to eBRAP before the end of the application verification period.

## II.D.5. Funding Restrictions

The maximum period of performance is **4** years.

The anticipated direct costs budgeted for the entire period of performance will not exceed **\$1.4M**. If indirect cost rates have been negotiated, indirect costs are to be budgeted in accordance with the organization's negotiated rate. No budget will be approved by the Government exceeding **\$1.4M** direct costs or using an indirect cost rate exceeding the organization's negotiated rate.

All direct and indirect costs of any subaward or contract must be included in the total direct costs of the primary award.

The applicant may request the entire maximum funding amount for a project that may have a period of performance less than the maximum **4** years.

For this award mechanism, direct costs may be requested for (not all inclusive):

- Travel in support of multidisciplinary collaborations.
- Costs for the PI to travel to two DoD-sponsored meetings (e.g., the Military Health System Research Symposium) during the lifetime of the award. For budget purposes, it is suggested that these costs be included in year 2 of the award.
- Costs for one investigator to travel to one scientific/technical meeting per year in addition to the meetings described above. The intent of travel costs to scientific/technical meeting is to present project information or disseminate project results of the FY20 CPMRP TRA.

For extramural awards with an intragovernmental component, direct transfer of funds from an extramural award recipient to a DoD or other Federal agency is not allowed except under very limited circumstances. Funding to intramural DoD and other Federal agencies will be managed through a direct funds transfer. Intramural applicants are responsible for coordinating through their agency's procedures the use of contractual or assistance funding awards or other appropriate agreements to support extramural collaborators.

Refer to the General Application Instructions, Section III.A.5, for budget regulations and instructions for the Research & Related Budget. ***For Federal agencies or organizations collaborating with Federal agencies, budget restrictions apply as are noted in the General Application Instructions, Section III.A.5.***

## II.D.6. Other Submission Requirements

Refer to the General Application Instructions, Appendix 4, for detailed formatting guidelines.

## II.E. Application Review Information

### II.E.1. Criteria

#### II.E.1.a. Peer Review

To determine technical merit, all applications will be evaluated according to the following **scored criteria**, which are listed in order of decreasing importance:

- **Research Strategy and Feasibility**
  - To what extent the relevance and applicability of the proposed research and anticipated findings will address at least one of the [FY20 CPMRP TRA Focus Areas](#).
  - How well the preliminary data and scientific rationale support the research project.
  - To what extent stakeholder engagement was performed, and to what degree it helped formulate the projects hypothesis/objective and research strategy, if applicable.
  - How well the hypotheses or objectives, aims, study design, methods, and analyses are developed and integrated into the project.
  - To what degree the statistical plan, including power analysis, is appropriate and sufficiently powered to obtain meaningful results.
  - How well the application acknowledges potential problems and potential pitfalls, and addresses alternative approaches.
  - Whether the research can be completed within the proposed period of performance.
  - To what degree stakeholder engagement will be performed during the course of the proposed study, if applicable.
  - How well the application outlines a plan for management and sharing of research data, as appropriate, for the type of study.
  - ***For research involving human subjects:***
    - How well the application describes the population(s) of interest and demonstrates access to the population, describing any collaboration, integration, and/or alignment with military and/or VA research laboratories and programs, if applicable.
  - ***For comparative effectiveness and effectiveness-implementation hybrid studies:***
    - Whether the proposed biopsychosocial model of assessment is appropriate to the research study.

- How relevant the surveys, questionnaires, or other data collection vehicles, along with the accompanying rating scales, interview guides, and other instruments are to the objectives of the study.
  - Whether the implementation plan for administration of the data collection instruments is appropriate.
- **Impact**
    - How likely it is that the proposed research will make an important short- and/or long-term impact on the field of chronic pain management research, patient care, and/or quality of life that will lead to practical application in the management of chronic pain.
    - Whether the research has the potential to improve standards of care for chronic pain management.
    - To what degree the research will contribute to the development or validation of evidence-based policy or guidelines for patient evaluation and care.
    - How well the proposed research project addresses one or both of the [FY20 CPMRP TRA Focus Areas](#).
  - **Clinical Strategy**
    - How well the application describes the rationale for the proposed clinical trial and provides sufficient detail regarding the proposed intervention(s) under evaluation and endpoints to be measured.
    - Whether the proposed interventions have established efficacy in relevant clinical settings and are significantly mature to meet the requirements of the FY20 CPMRP TRA.
    - How well the plan for initiation of the clinical study within the first year is described, including FDA IND/IDE application submission plans within 60 days of the award, if applicable.
    - If applicable, whether a strategy for single IRB regulatory submission was described.
    - How well the applicant describes access to the study population, recruitment plans, and inclusion/exclusion criteria.
    - To what degree the applicant provides a strong justification and rationale for the proposed inclusion/exclusion criteria.
    - Whether a description of the proposed clinical trial to be performed (e.g., prospective, randomized, controlled, pragmatic) is provided and whether the proposed methodology provides sufficient detail to show a clear course of action.

- How thoroughly the potential challenges and alternative strategies for the proposed clinical trial are described.
- If applicable, whether data will be appropriately reported and documented to support a regulatory filing with the FDA.
- **Transition Plan**
  - Whether the strategy, schedule, and milestones described are appropriate to bring the anticipated research outcome(s) to the next level of development and/or delivery to the military or civilian market.
  - Whether appropriate collaborations and other resources for providing continuity of development are established and/or well-described.
  - If applicable, how well-developed the risk analysis is for cost, schedule, manufacturability, and sustainability.
  - How well the application identifies intellectual property ownership, describes an appropriate intellectual and material property plan among participating organizations (if applicable), and addresses any impact of intellectual property issues on product development and subsequent Government access to products supported by this Program Announcement.
- **Personnel**
  - How the background and experience of the PI and other key personnel demonstrate their ability to perform the proposed research.
  - Whether the levels of effort by the PI and other key personnel are appropriate to ensuring the success of the project.

In addition, the following **unscored** criteria will also contribute to the overall evaluation of the application:

- **Budget**
  - Whether the **direct** costs exceed the allowable direct costs as published in the Program Announcement.
  - Whether the budget is appropriate for the proposed research.
- **Environment**
  - To what degree the scientific environment and the accessibility of institutional/organizational resources support the proposed research.
  - Whether the quality and extent of institutional support are appropriate for the proposed project.

- **Application Presentation**

- To what extent the writing, clarity, and presentation of the application components influence the review.

### **II.E.1.b. Programmatic Review**

To make funding recommendations and select the application(s) that, individually or collectively, will best achieve the program objectives, the following criteria are used by programmatic reviewers:

- Ratings and evaluations of the peer reviewers
- Relevance to the mission of the DHP and FY20 CPMRP, as evidenced by the following:
  - Adherence to the intent of the award mechanism
  - Program portfolio composition
  - Relative impact
  - Relevance to military health

### **II.E.2. Application Review and Selection Process**

All applications are evaluated by scientists, clinicians, and consumers in a two-tier review process. The first tier is **peer review**, the evaluation of applications against established criteria to determine technical merit, where each application is assessed for its own merit, independent of other applications. The second tier is **programmatic review**, a comparison-based process in which applications with high scientific and technical merit are further evaluated for programmatic relevance. Final recommendations for funding are made to the Commanding General, USAMRDC, on behalf of the DHA and the OASD(HA). ***The highest-scoring applications from the first tier of review are not automatically recommended for funding. Funding recommendations depend on various factors as described in [Section II.E.1.b, Programmatic Review](#).*** Additional information about the two-tier process used by the CDMRP can be found at <https://cdmrp.army.mil/about/2tierRevProcess>. An information paper describing the funding recommendations and review process for the award mechanisms for the CPMRP will be provided to the PI and posted on the CDMRP website.

All CDMRP review processes are conducted confidentially to maintain the integrity of the merit-based selection process. Panel members sign a statement declaring that application and evaluation information will not be disclosed outside the panel. Violations of confidentiality can result in the dissolving of a panel(s) and other corrective actions. In addition, personnel at the applicant or collaborating organizations are prohibited from contacting persons involved in the review and approval process to gain protected evaluation information or to influence the evaluation process. Violations of these prohibitions will result in the administrative withdrawal of the organization's application. Violations by panel members or applicants that compromise the confidentiality of the review and approval process may also result in suspension or

debarment from Federal awards. Furthermore, the unauthorized disclosure of confidential information of one party to another third party is a crime in accordance with 18 USC 1905.

### **II.E.3. Integrity and Performance Information**

Prior to making an assistance agreement award where the Federal share is expected to exceed the simplified acquisition threshold, as defined in 2 CFR 200.88, over the period of performance, the Federal awarding agency is required to review and consider any information about the applicant that is available in the Federal Awardee Performance and Integrity Information System (FAPIS).

An applicant organization may review FAPIS, accessible through SAM, and submit comments to FAPIS on any information about the organization that a Federal awarding agency previously entered and is currently available in FAPIS.

The Federal awarding agency will consider any comments by the applicant, in addition to other information in the designated integrity and performance system, in making a judgment about the applicant's integrity, business ethics, and record of performance under Federal awards when determining a recipient's qualification prior to award, according to the qualification standards of the Department of Defense Grant and Agreement Regulations (DoDGARs), Section 22.415.

### **II.E.4. Anticipated Announcement and Federal Award Dates**

All application review dates and times are indicated in [Section I, Overview of the Funding Opportunity](#).

Each PI and organization will receive email notification of posting of the funding recommendation in eBRAP. Each PI will receive a peer review summary statement on the strengths and weaknesses of the application.

## **II.F. Federal Award Administration Information**

### **II.F.1. Federal Award Notices**

Awards supported with FY20 funds are anticipated to be made no later than September 30, 2021. Refer to the General Application Instructions, Appendix 2, for additional award administration information.

After email notification of application review results through eBRAP, and if selected for funding, a representative from USAMRAA will contact the Business Official authorized to negotiate on behalf of the PI's organization.

**Pre-Award Costs:** An institution of higher education, hospital, or other non-profit organization may, at its own risk and without the Government's prior approval, incur obligations and expenditures to cover costs up to 90 days before the beginning date of the initial budget period of a new award. Refer to the General Application Instructions, Section III.B.



***Only an appointed USAMRAA Grants Officer may obligate the Government to the expenditure of funds.*** No commitment on the part of the Government should be inferred from discussions with any other individual. **The award document signed by the Grants Officer is the official authorizing document.**

**Federal Government Organizations:** Funding made to Federal Government organizations (to include intramural DoD organizations) will be executed through the Military Interdepartmental Purchase Request (MIPR) or Funding Authorization Document (FAD) process. Transfer of funds is contingent upon appropriate safety and administrative approvals. Intramural applicants and collaborators are reminded to coordinate receipt and commitment of funds through their respective Resource Manager/Task Area Manager/Comptroller or equivalent Business Official.

### **II.F.1.a. PI Changes and Award Transfers**

The organizational transfer of an award supporting a clinical trial is strongly discouraged and in most cases will not be allowed. Approval of a transfer request will be on a case-by-case basis at the discretion of the Grants Officer.

An organizational transfer of an award will not be allowed in the last year of the (original) period of performance or any extension thereof.

Refer to the General Application Instructions, Appendix 2, Section B, for general information on organization or PI changes.

### **II.F.2. Administrative and National Policy Requirements**

Applicable requirements in the DoDGARs found in 32 CFR, Chapter I, Subchapter C, and 2 CFR, Chapter XI, apply to grants and cooperative agreements resulting from this Program Announcement.

Refer to the General Application Instructions, Appendix 2, for general information regarding administrative requirements.

Refer to the General Application Instructions, Appendix 5, for general information regarding national policy requirements.

Refer to full text of the latest [DoD R&D General Terms and Conditions](#); the [General Research Terms and Conditions with Institutions of Higher Education, Hospitals, and Non-Profit Organizations: Addendum to the DoD R&D General Terms and Conditions](#); and the [USAMRAA General Research Terms and Conditions with For-Profit Organizations](#) for further information.

### **II.F.3. Reporting**

Refer to the General Application Instructions, Appendix 2, Section A, for general information on reporting requirements. ***If there are technical reporting requirement delinquencies for any existing USAMRAA-sponsored awards at the applicant organization, no new awards will be issued to the applicant organization until all delinquent reports have been submitted.***

Annual progress reports as well as a final progress reports with quad charts will be required. The Award Terms and Conditions will specify if more frequent reporting is required.

**Award Expiration Transition Plan:** An Award Expiration Transition Plan must be submitted with the final progress report. Use the one-page template “Award Expiration Transition Plan,” available on the eBRAP “Funding Opportunities & Forms” web page (<https://ebrap.org/eBRAP/public/Program.htm>) under the “Progress Report Formats” section. The Award Expiration Transition Plan must outline if and how the research supported by this award will progress and must include source(s) of funding, either known or pending.

Awards resulting from this Program Announcement will incorporate additional reporting requirements related to recipient integrity and performance matters. Recipient organizations that have Federal contract, grant, and cooperative agreement awards with a cumulative total value greater than \$10,000,000 are required to provide information to FAPIIS about certain civil, criminal, and administrative proceedings that reached final disposition within the most recent 5-year period and that were connected with performance of a Federal award. Recipients are required to disclose, semiannually, information about criminal, civil, and administrative proceedings as specified in the applicable Representations (see General Application Instructions, Appendix 5, Section B).

## **II.G. Federal Awarding Agency Contacts**

### **II.G.1. CDMRP Help Desk**

Questions related to Program Announcement content or submission requirements as well as questions related to the pre-application or intramural application submission through eBRAP should be directed to the CDMRP Help Desk, which is available Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. ET. Response times may vary depending upon the volume of inquiries.

Phone: 301-682-5507

Email: [help@eBRAP.org](mailto:help@eBRAP.org)

### **II.G.2. Grants.gov Contact Center**

Questions related to extramural application submission through Grants.gov portal should be directed to the Grants.gov Contact Center, which is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week (closed on U.S. Federal holidays). Note that the CDMRP Help Desk is unable to provide technical assistance with Grants.gov submission.

Phone: 800-518-4726; International 1-606-545-5035

Email: [support@grants.gov](mailto:support@grants.gov)

Sign up on Grants.gov for “send me change notification emails” by following the link on the “Synopsis” page for the Program Announcement or by responding to the prompt provided by Grants.gov when first downloading the Grants.gov application package. If the Grants.gov application package is updated or changed, the original version of the application package may not be accepted by Grants.gov.

## **II.H. Other Information**

### **II.H.1. Program Announcement and General Application Instructions Versions**

Questions related to this Program Announcement should refer to the Program name, the Program Announcement name, and the Program Announcement version code 501e. The Program Announcement numeric version code will match the General Application Instructions version code 501.

### **II.H.2. Administrative Actions**

After receipt of pre-applications or applications, the following administrative actions may occur:

#### **II.H.2.a. Rejection**

The following will result in administrative rejection of the pre-application:

- Preproposal Narrative exceeds page limit.
- Preproposal Narrative is missing.

The following will result in administrative rejection of the application:

- Submission of an application for which a letter of invitation was not received.
- Project Narrative exceeds page limit.
- Project Narrative is missing.
- Budget is missing.

#### **II.H.2.b. Modification**

- Pages exceeding the specific limits will be removed prior to review for all documents other than the Preproposal Narrative and Project Narrative.
- Documents not requested will be removed.

### II.H.2.c. Withdrawal

The following may result in administrative withdrawal of the pre-application or application:

- An FY20 CPMRP Programmatic Panel member is named as being involved in the research proposed or is found to have assisted in the pre-application or application processes including, but not limited to, concept design, application development, budget preparation, and the development of any supporting documentation. *A list of the FY20 CPMRP Programmatic Panel members can be found at <https://cdmrp.army.mil/cpmrp/panels/panels20>.*
- The application fails to conform to this Program Announcement description.
- Inclusion of URLs, with the exception of links in References Cited and Publication and/or Patent Abstract sections.
- Page size is larger than 8.5 inches x 11.0 inches (approximately 21.59 cm x 27.94 cm).
- To preserve the integrity of its peer and programmatic review processes, the CDMRP discourages inclusion of any employee of its review contractors having any role in the preparation, research or other duties for submitted applications. For FY20, the identities of the peer review contractor and the programmatic review contractor may be found at the CDMRP website (<https://cdmrp.army.mil/about/2tierRevProcess>). Applications that include names of personnel from either of these companies may be administratively withdrawn.
- Personnel from applicant or collaborating organizations are found to have contacted persons involved in the review or approval process to gain protected evaluation information or to influence the evaluation process.
- Applications from extramural organizations, including non-DoD Federal agencies, received through eBRAP may be withdrawn.
- Applications submitted by an intramural DoD organization may be withdrawn if the intramural organization cannot coordinate the use of contractual, assistance, or other appropriate agreements to provide funds to extramural collaborators.
- Submission of the same research project to different funding opportunities within the same program and fiscal year.
- The invited application proposes a different research project than that described in the pre-application.
- The invited application does not address an [FY20 CPMRP TRA Focus Area](#).
- The invited application proposes a study evaluating an opioid-based therapeutic intervention.
- Animal studies are proposed.

#### **II.H.2.d. Withhold**

Applications that appear to involve research misconduct will be administratively withheld from further consideration pending organizational investigation. The organization will be required to provide the findings of the investigation to the USAMRAA Grants Officer for a determination of the final disposition of the application.

### II.H.3. Application Submission Checklist

Application Components	Action	Completed
SF424 Research & Related Application for Federal Assistance ( <b>extramural submissions only</b> )	Complete form as instructed	
Summary (Tab 1) and Application Contacts (Tab 2) ( <b>intramural submissions only</b> )	Complete tabs as instructed	
Attachments	Project Narrative: Upload as Attachment 1 with file name "ProjectNarrative.pdf"	
	Supporting Documentation: Upload as Attachment 2 with file name "Support.pdf"	
	Technical Abstract: Upload as Attachment 3 with file name "TechAbs.pdf"	
	Lay Abstract: Upload as Attachment 4 with file name "LayAbs.pdf"	
	Statement of Work: Upload as Attachment 5 with file name "SOW.pdf"	
	Impact Statement: Upload as Attachment 6 with file name "Impact.pdf"	
	Relevance to Military Health Statement: Upload as Attachment 7 with file name "Military.pdf"	
	Clinical Strategy Statement: Upload as Attachment 8 with file name "Clinical.pdf"	
	Surveys, Questionnaires, and Other Data Collection Instruments: Upload as Attachment 9 with file name "Surveys.pdf" if applicable	
	Regulatory Strategy: Upload as Attachment 10 with file name "Regulatory.pdf" as applicable	
	Transition Plan: Upload as Attachment 11 with file name "Transition.pdf"	
	Representations (extramural submissions only): Upload as Attachment 12 with file name "RequiredReps.pdf" if applicable	
	Suggested Collaborating DoD Military Facility Budget Format: Upload as Attachment 13 with file name "MFBudget.pdf" if applicable	
Research & Related Personal Data	Complete form as instructed	

Application Components	Action	Completed
Research & Related Senior/Key Person Profile (Expanded)	Attach PI Biographical Sketch (Biosketch_LastName.pdf) to the appropriate field	
	Attach PI Previous/Current/Pending Support (Support_LastName.pdf) to the appropriate field	
	Attach Biographical Sketch (Biosketch_LastName.pdf) for each senior/key person to the appropriate field	
	Attach Previous/Current/Pending (Support_LastName.pdf) for each senior/key person to the appropriate field	
Research & Related Budget ( <b>extramural submissions only</b> )	Complete as instructed. Attach Budget Justification (BudgetJustification.pdf) to the appropriate field	
Budget ( <b>intramural submissions only</b> )	Suggested DoD Military Budget Format, including justification	
Project/Performance Site Location(s) Form	Complete form as instructed	
Research & Related Subaward Budget Attachment(s) Form, if applicable	Complete form as instructed	

## APPENDIX 1: ACRONYM LIST

ACOS/R&D	Associate Chief of Staff for Research and Development
CDMRP	Congressionally Directed Medical Research Programs
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
CPMRP	Chronic Pain Management Research Program
DHA	Defense Health Agency
DHP	Defense Health Program
DoD	Department of Defense
DoDGARs	Department of Defense Grant and Agreement Regulations
DUNS	Data Universal Numbering System
eBRAP	Electronic Biomedical Research Application Portal
EC	Ethics Committee
ET	Eastern Time
FAD	Funding Authorization Document
FAPIIS	Federal Awardee Performance and Integrity Information System
FDA	U.S. Food and Drug Administration
FITBIR	Federal Interagency Traumatic Brain Injury Research
FY	Fiscal Year
HRPO	Human Research Protection Office
IDE	Investigational Device Exemption
IMPACT	Initiative on Methods, Measurement, and Pain Assessment in Clinical Trials
IND	Investigational New Drug Application
IRB	Institutional Review Board
M	Million
MHS	Military Health System
MIPR	Military Interdepartmental Purchase Request
MTF	Military Treatment Facility
OASD(HA)	Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs
ORCID	Open Researcher and Contributor ID, Inc.
ORP	Office of Research Protections
PI	Principal Investigator
RDT&E	Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation
SAM	System for Award Management
SOW	Statement of Work
STEM	Science, Technology, Engineering, and/or Mathematics
TBI	Traumatic Brain Injury
TRA	Translation Research Award
UEI	Unique Entity Identifier
URL	Uniform Resource Locator
USAMRAA	U.S. Army Medical Research Acquisition Activity
USAMRDC	U.S. Army Medical Research and Development Command
USC	United States Code
VA	Department of Veterans Affairs



## APPENDIX 2: DOD AND VA WEBSITES

PIs are encouraged to integrate and/or align their research projects with DoD and/or VA research laboratories and programs. Collaboration with DoD or VA investigators is also encouraged. Below is a list of websites that may be useful in identifying additional information about DoD and VA areas of research interest, ongoing research, or potential opportunities for collaboration.

Air Force Office of Scientific Research

<https://www.wpafb.af.mil/afrl/afosr/>

Air Force Research Laboratory

<https://www.wpafb.af.mil/afrl>

Armed Forces Radiobiology Research Institute

<https://www.usuhs.edu/afri/>

Clinical and Rehabilitative Medicine  
Research Program

<https://crmrp.amedd.army.mil>

Combat Casualty Care Research Program

<https://ccc.amedd.army.mil>

Congressionally Directed Medical Research  
Programs

<https://cdmrp.army.mil>

Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency

<https://www.darpa.mil/>

Defense Technical Information Center

<https://www.dtic.mil>

Defense Threat Reduction Agency

<https://www.dtra.mil/>

Military Health System Research Symposium

[https://mhsrs.amedd.army.mil/SitePages/  
Home.aspx](https://mhsrs.amedd.army.mil/SitePages/Home.aspx)

Military Infectious Diseases Research Program

<https://midrp.amedd.army.mil>

Military Operational Medicine Research  
Program

<https://momrp.amedd.army.mil>

Naval Health Research Center

<https://www.navy.mil/local/nhrc/>

Navy and Marine Corps Public Health Center

[https://www.med.navy.mil/sites/nmcphc/  
Pages/Home.aspx](https://www.med.navy.mil/sites/nmcphc/Pages/Home.aspx)

Office of Naval Research

<https://www.med.navy.mil/>

Office of the Under Secretary of Defense  
for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics

<https://www.acq.osd.mil/>

Telemedicine and Advanced Technology  
Research Center

<https://www.tatrc.org/>

Uniformed Services University of the  
Health Sciences

<https://www.usuhs.edu/research>

U.S. Army Institute of Surgical Research

<https://usaisr.amedd.army.mil>

U.S. Army Medical Materiel Development  
Activity

<https://www.usamma.army.mil/>

U.S. Army Medical Research and  
Development Command

<https://mrdc.amedd.army.mil/>

U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of  
Infectious Diseases

<https://www.usamriid.army.mil/>

U.S. Army Research Institute of  
Environmental Medicine

<https://www.usariem.army.mil/>

U.S. Army Research Laboratory

<https://www.arl.army.mil>

U.S. Department of Defense Blast Injury  
Research Program

<https://blastinjuryresearch.amedd.army.mil/>

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs,  
Office of Research and Development

<https://www.research.va.gov>

U.S. Naval Research Laboratory

<https://www.nrl.navy.mil>

Walter Reed Army Institute of Research

<https://www.wrair.army.mil>