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| Clinical Research Development Award                  | Independent investigators at all academic levels (or equivalent)             | • Fund studies that support the planning and development activities necessary to initiate a future clinical research study with military and/or Veteran populations and with the potential to have a significant impact on spinal cord injuries.  
  • Inclusion of junior investigators on the research team is encouraged.  
  • Relevance of the research to military and/or Veteran populations is a key element of this award mechanism. | • The maximum allowable funding for the entire period of performance is **$100,000** for direct costs.  
  • Indirect costs may be proposed in accordance with the institution’s negotiated rate agreement.  
  • The maximum period of performance is **1** year. | Pre-Application (Letter of Intent):  
  September 7, 2016  
  5:00 p.m. Eastern time (ET)  
  Application:  
  September 21, 2016  
  11:59 p.m. ET |
| Clinical Trial Award                                 | Independent investigators at all academic levels (or equivalent)             | • Fund Phase 0, I, or II clinical trials with the potential to have a major impact on treatment or management of spinal cord injury (SCI) and its consequences.  
  • Preliminary data relevant to the proposed trial required for all clinical trial applications; Phase I or pilot clinical data required for Phase II clinical trial applications.  
  • Pre-application required; application submission by invitation only. | • The maximum allowable funding for the entire period of performance is **$2,000,000** for direct costs.  
  • Indirect costs may be proposed in accordance with the institution’s negotiated rate agreement.  
  • The maximum period of performance is **4** years. | Pre-Application (Preproposal):  
  June 21, 2016  
  5:00 p.m. Eastern time (ET)  
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| Investigator-Initiated Research Award                | Independent investigators at all academic levels (or equivalent)             | • Fund SCI-related research that has the potential to make an important contribution to SCI research, patient care, and/or quality of life.  
  • Preliminary and/or published data required.  
  • Clinical trials not allowed.  
  • Pre-application required; application submission by invitation only. | • The maximum allowable funding for the entire period of performance is **$500,000** for direct costs.  
  • Indirect costs may be proposed in accordance with the institution’s negotiated rate agreement.  
  • The maximum period of performance is **3** years. | Pre-Application (Preproposal):  
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| Qualitative Research Award      | Independent investigators at all academic levels (or equivalent)            | • Fund qualitative research on military Service members and Veterans in the years following SCI.  
• Qualitative research is defined as a form of social inquiry that focuses on understanding how people interpret and make sense of their experiences and the world in which they live (i.e., seek to understand the human experience).  
• **Preliminary and/or published data encouraged but not required.**  
• Clinical trials not allowed.  
• **Pre-application required; application submission by invitation only.** | • The maximum allowable funding for the entire period of performance is **$500,000** for direct costs.  
• Indirect costs may be proposed in accordance with the institution’s negotiated rate agreement.  
• The maximum period of performance is **3 years.** | Pre-Application  
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| Translational Research Award    | Independent investigators at all academic levels (or equivalent)            | • Fund studies that accelerate the movement of promising ideas in SCI research into clinical applications.  
• **Optional Feature:** Applications that include a Qualified Collaborator that meets the criteria identified in the Program Announcement may be eligible for a higher level of funding.  
• **Preliminary and/or published data required.**  
• **New for FY16:** The SCIRP TRA may include a pilot clinical trial where limited clinical testing of a novel intervention or device is necessary to inform the next step in the continuum of translational research.  
• **Pre-application required; application submission by invitation only.** | • The maximum allowable funding for the entire period of performance is **$1,250,000** for direct costs ($1,500,000 for direct costs if requesting an Optional Qualified Collaborator).  
• Indirect costs may be proposed in accordance with the institution’s negotiated rate agreement.  
• The maximum period of performance is **3 years.** | Pre-Application  
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