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| Qualitative Research Award    | Independent investigators at all academic levels (or equivalent)             | • **New for FY19:** The FY19 RTRP Qualitative Research Award is intended to support multi-institutional partnerships among two to four investigators, referred to as the Initiating Principal Investigator (PI) and the Partnering PI(s), each of whom will receive a separate award. Therefore, **all applications must include at least two PIs representing at least two separate institutions.** Single PI and single institution applications are not permitted.  
• Supports qualitative research studies that will help researchers and clinicians to better understand the experiences of individuals who are considering, or have already received, reconstructive transplant surgery.  
• Demonstrated qualitative research experience within the research team is required.  
Applications must address at least one of the FY19 RTRP Qualitative Research Award Focus Areas.  
• Define/assess the benefit or value of VCA, which may include, but is not limited to the following:  
  ○ Determine the relative value of VCA compared to other treatment options (e.g., prosthetics, orthotics, reconstruction)  
  ○ Determine how VCA benefits the recipient’s communication and interactions with family, friends, workplace, and the community, as well as their individual sense of self  
• Develop or adapt existing quality of life measures for face transplant recipients  
• Determine how psychosocial functioning changes over time within VCA recipients | • Maximum funding of **$1.5 million (M)** for total costs (direct plus indirect costs).  
• Maximum period of performance is **3 years.**                                                                 | Pre-Application:  
  September 25, 2019  
  5:00 p.m. Eastern time  
Application:  
  October 16, 2019  
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| **Idea Discovery Award**         | Investigators at or above the level of postdoctoral fellow (or equivalent) | • Supports innovative, untested, high-risk/potentially high-reward concepts, theories, paradigms, and/or methods.  
• Innovation is the most important review criterion.  
• Project should include a well-formulated testable hypothesis based on strong scientific rationale and study design.  
• *Preliminary or published data that supports the rationale are strongly encouraged.*  
• *Preproposal is required; full application submission is by invitation only.*  
Applications must address at least one of the FY19 RTRP Focus Areas.  
• Reduce the risks of VCA-associated immunosuppression  
• Develop reliable non-invasive methods or tools for monitoring VCA graft rejection  
• Advance existing or develop innovative ex vivo tissue preservation strategies to extend the timeline between procurement and transplantation | • Maximum funding of **$500,000** for total costs (direct plus indirect costs).  
• Maximum period of performance is **2 years.** | **Pre-Application:**  
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| Investigator-Initiated Research Award | Independent investigators at all academic levels (or equivalent) | • Supports studies with the potential to make an important contribution to the reconstructive transplant research field, patient care, and/or quality of life.  
• Preliminary or published data are required.  
• Preproposal is required; full application submission is by invitation only.  
• Multiple PI Option supports synergistic partnerships among two to four investigators collaborating on a single application; multi-institutional collaborations are encouraged.  
Applications must address at least one of the FY19 RTRP Focus Areas.  
• Reduce the risks of VCA-associated immunosuppression  
• Develop reliable non-invasive methods or tools for monitoring VCA graft rejection  
• Advance existing or develop innovative ex vivo tissue preservation strategies to extend the timeline between procurement and transplantation | Individual PIs:  
• Maximum funding of $1 million (M) for total costs (direct plus indirect costs).  
• Maximum period of performance is 3 years.  
Multiple PI Option:  
• Maximum funding of $1.5M for total costs (direct plus indirect costs).  
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