# Fiscal Year 2022 Department of Defense Neurofibromatosis Research Program (NFRP)
## Reference Table of Award Mechanisms and Submission Requirements

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| Clinical Trial Award                 | Must be *at or above* the level of Assistant Professor (or equivalent).      | • Supports research with the potential to have a major impact on the treatment or management of NF.  
  • Funds phase 0, 1, or 2 clinical trials relevant to NF and/or schwannomatosis. Combinations of phases are permitted.  
  • **Must support a clinical trial and may not be used for preclinical research studies.** | • The maximum period of performance is 4 years.  
  • The maximum allowable funding for the entire period of performance is **$800,000** in direct costs (**$1,000,000** in direct costs if requesting the Qualified Organizational Collaboration Option).  
  • Indirect costs may be proposed in accordance with the institution’s negotiated rate agreement. | Pre-Application (Letter of Intent):  
  June 30, 2022  
  5:00 p.m. Eastern time (ET)  
  Application:  
  July 21, 2022  
  11:59 p.m. ET  
  Confidential Letters of Recommendation:  
  July 26, 2022  
  5:00 p.m. ET |
| Early Investigator Research Award    | The investigator must:  
  • Be involved in a postdoctoral training or medical residency program;  
  • Possess up to 4 years of continuous postdoctoral research experience by application submission deadline; and  
  • Possess a *doctoral* degree (i.e., Ph.D., M.D./Ph.D., D.O./Ph.D.) or a *clinical doctoral* degree (i.e., M.D./D.O. or Ph.D. in a clinical discipline) from an accredited organization or program. Must commit at least 50% of effort to the project.  
  • Supports NF-focused research opportunities for individuals in the early stages of their careers.  
  • Investigators must have a designated mentor who is an experienced NF researcher. | | | |

**Go to:**  
- Program Announcement  
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| **Exploration – Hypothesis Development Award** | Investigators at all academic levels (or equivalent).                      | • Supports the initial exploration of innovative, high-risk, high-gain concepts and potentially groundbreaking concepts in NF research.  
• Preliminary and/or published data are encouraged but not required.  
• Clinical trials are not allowed. | • The maximum period of performance is 2 years.  
• The maximum allowable funding for the entire period of performance is $100,000 in direct costs.  
• Indirect costs may be proposed in accordance with the institution’s negotiated rate agreement. | Pre-Application (Letter of Intent): June 30, 2022  
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| **New Investigator Award**               | Must be either:  
• **Early-Stage Investigator (ESI)** - An independent investigator at or below the level of Assistant Professor (or equivalent) who plans to commit at least 30% of their effort toward the proposed research project; or  
• **Established Investigator (EI)** - An independent investigator in an area other than neurofibromatosis (NF) at or above the level of Assistant Professor seeking to transition into a career in NF research who plans to commit at least 10% of their effort toward the proposed research project.  
Applicants may not have received more than $300,000 in direct costs for NF research as a Principal Investigator of any program within CDMRP. | • ESI: Supports the continued development of promising independent investigators  
• EI: Supports the transition of established investigators from other research fields into a career in NF research.  
• Prior experience in NF research is not required.  
• Preliminary and/or published data relevant to NF and the proposed research project are required.  
• Clinical trials are not allowed. | • The maximum period of performance is 3 years.  
• The maximum allowable funding for the entire period of performance is $450,000 in direct costs.  
• Indirect costs may be proposed in accordance with the institution’s negotiated rate agreement. | Pre-Application (Letter of Intent): June 30, 2022  
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| **Synergistic Idea Award**  
Go to:  
• Program Announcement  
• General Application Instructions | Must be an investigator *at or above* the level of Assistant Professor (or equivalent) who plans to commit *at least a 10% level of effort* for each budget period throughout the entirety of the award. | • Supports new ideas that represent synergistic approaches involving **two or three** Principal Investigators (PIs) (Initiating PIs and PI[s]) to address a central problem or question in NF research.  
• **Preliminary and/or published data are required.**  
• Clinical trials are not allowed. | • The maximum period of performance is 3 years.  
• The maximum allowable funding for the entire period of performance is **$2,000,000** in direct costs.  
• Indirect costs may be proposed in accordance with the institution’s negotiated rate agreement. | Pre-Application (Letter of Intent):  
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| **Investigator-Initiated Research Award**  
Go to:  
• Program Announcement  
• General Application Instructions | Must be an investigator *at or above* the level of Assistant Professor (or equivalent) who plans to commit *at least a 10% level of effort* for each budget period for the entirety of the award. | • Supports highly rigorous, high-impact research with the potential to make an important contribution to NF research and/or patient care.  
• **Preliminary and/or published data relevant to NF are required.**  
• **Optional Features:** Applications meeting the criteria identified in the program announcement may apply for a higher level of funding for the following options: Qualiﬁed Collaborator and/or NF Open Science Initiative (NF-OSI).  
• Clinical trials are not allowed. | • The maximum period of performance is 3 years.  
• The maximum allowable funding for the entire period of performance is **$525,000** in direct costs.  
• The maximum allowable funding for applications including *either* the Optional Qualified Collaborator or the NF-OSI Option is **$575,000** in direct costs.  
• The maximum allowable funding for applications including *both* the Optional Qualified Collaborator Option and the NF-OSI Option is **$625,000** in direct costs.  
• Indirect costs may be proposed in accordance with the institution’s negotiated rate agreement. | Pre-Application (Letter of Intent):  
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