

US Army Medical Research and Materiel Command (USAMRMC)

Overview of the Congressionally Directed Medical Research Programs (CDMRP)

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Who is the CDMRP?







Origins of the CDMRP

- In the early 1990s, grassroots advocacy efforts heightened political awareness of breast cancer
- ♦ In 1993, Congress appropriated \$235M to the DOD budget for the Breast Cancer Research Program (BCRP)
- USAMRMC was directed to manage the BCRP
- Institute of Medicine consulted













CDMRP History 1996 - 2009

- * 1996: Neurofibromatosis
- 1997: Prostate Cancer and Ovarian Cancer
- * 1999: Peer Reviewed Medical
- 2002: Prion, Tuberous Sclerosis, and Chronic Myelogenous Leukemia
- 2006: Gulf War Illness
- 2007: Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis, Autism, and Psychological Health/Traumatic Brain Injury
- 2008: Deployment Related Medical, Bone Marrow Failure
- 2009: Genetic Studies of Food Allergies, Lung Cancer, Multiple Sclerosis, Orthopaedic, Peer Reviewed Cancer, and Spinal Cord Injury





What is the CDMRP?

The second largest research funding source for:

Breast Cancer



Prostate Cancer



Ovarian Cancer







Additional CDMRP Cancer Research Programs

- Lung Cancer Research Program
- Peer Reviewed Medical Research Program
 - Mesothelioma
 - Neuroblastoma
 - Pheochromocytoma

- Peer Reviewed Cancer Research Program
 - Blood cancers
 - Colorectal cancer
 - Genetic cancer and genomic medicine
 - Kidney cancer
 - Listeria vaccine for cancer
 - Melanoma and other skin cancers
 - Pediatric brain tumor
 - Radiation protection using nanotechnology





Additional CDMRP Research Programs

- Autism
- **♦** Bone Marrow Failure
- Genetic Studies of Food Allergies

- Multiple Sclerosis
- Neurofibromatosis
- Tuberous SclerosisComplex





CDMRP Military Relevant Programs

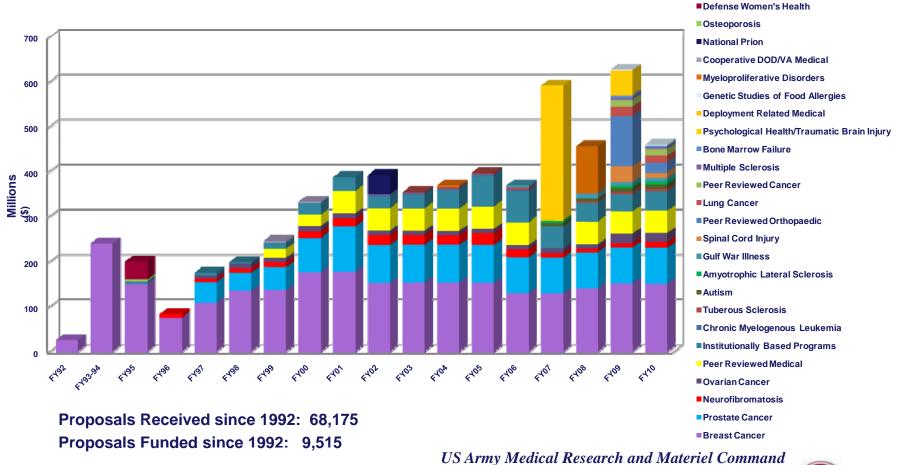
- Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis
- Gulf War Illness
- Peer ReviewedOrthopaedic
- Psychological Health/Traumatic Brain Injury
- Spinal Cord Injury

- Peer Reviewed Medical Research Program
 - Chronic Migraine and Posttraumatic headache
 - Dystonia
 - Drug Abuse
 - Listeria Vaccine
 - Epilepsy
 - Post-traumatic Osteoarthritis
 - Tinnitus
 - Paget's Disease





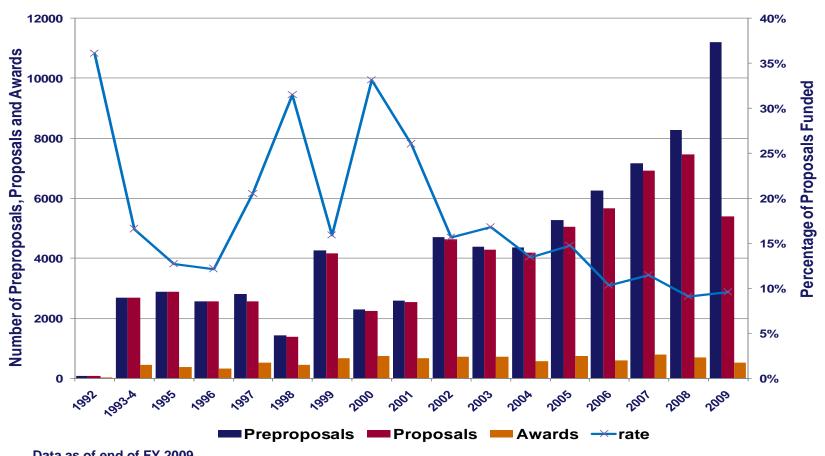
Scope of CDMRP Funds and Awards







CDMRP-Funded Awards Rate



Data as of end of FY 2009





CDMRP-Sponsored Conferences



1997, 2000, 2002, 2005, 2008, 2011



2004, 2006, 2009



2007, 2011







Hallmarks of CDMRP

- Funds added to DOD budget by Congress (disease-specific)
- ♦ Vision is adapted yearly, and award mechanisms are changed as

needed

- ♦ Two-tier formal review of proposals
- Consumer advocates involved throughout process
- Fund highly innovative research
- Unique peer review:
 - No standing panels
 - **❖** No contact between reviewers and applicants
- Funding flexibility
 - No "pay line;" funding recommendations based on portfolio balance, relative innovation, and impact
 - Funds obligated up front; no out-year budget commitments
 - No continuation funding





Partnerships

Advocates

- **♦** Demonstrate need
- ♦ Participate at all levels
- Passion and perspective





HEALTH



Congress

- ♦ Add funds to budget
- **Targeted guidance**
- **Opportunity to leverage**

Researchers

- Innovation and gaps
- ♦ Risk/Benefit
- **♦** Product-oriented





DOD

- **♦** Program management
- **♦** Regulatory and budget requirements
- **♦ IOM model**





Advocates, Consumers, and the CDMRP

- ♦ More than 100 consumers have served on Integration Panels
- ♦ ~1000 consumers have served on peer review panels Panel members...
- Contribute unique personal and community experiences
- ♦ Add perspective, passion, and a sense of urgency
- ♦ Ensure that human dimensions of disease are incorporated into:
 - Scientific considerations
 - Program policy
 - Investment strategy
 - Research focus
- ◆ Take information and a greater understanding of the scientific process back to community
 - Provide hope to survivors and family members









Scientific Backbone

- ♦ ~ 7,200 scientists and clinicians have brought technical expertise to peer review panels
- ~ 500 world-renowned scientists, clinicians, and policymakers have served on Integration Panels
- More than 250 scientists have served as ad hoc programmatic reviewers
- ♦ Nearly 7,000 scientists and clinicians funded
- → ~ 130 scientists, clinicians, and professionals currently manage the CDMRP

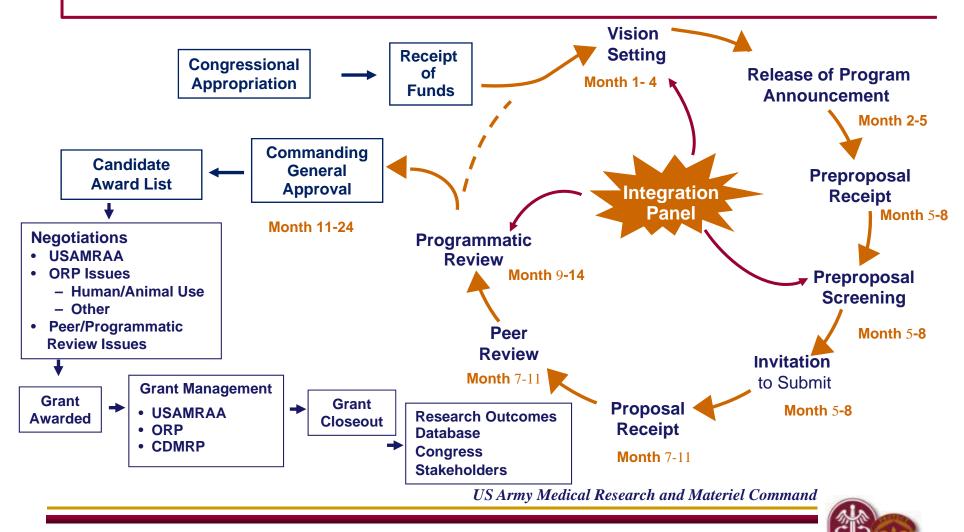








CDMRP Program Cycle





Innovative Review Processes: Two-Tier Review

Goal: To find scientifically meritorious and innovative proposals, and fund those that best fulfill program goals

Peer Review Panels

Partnership

Integration Panel

- Peer Review
 - Evaluation of scientific merit
 - Criteria-based evaluation
 - Proposals evaluated within related disciplines
- Products:
 - Proposal scoring
 - Summary statements

- Programmatic Review
 - Evaluation of programmatic relevance
 - Comparison-based evaluation
 - Proposals evaluated across multiple disciplines
- Product:
 - List of funding recommendations for the Commanding General, USAMRMC





Scientific Peer Review Panels

- Diverse composition:
 - Consumer advocates
 - Scientists from military, academia, and industry
 - Clinicians from military, academia, and private practice
- **♦ Stringent reviewer expertise standards**
- **♦ Composition not made known to applicants**
- ♦ No "standing panels"
- No contact between applicants and panel members





Innovative Review Processes: Integration Panel

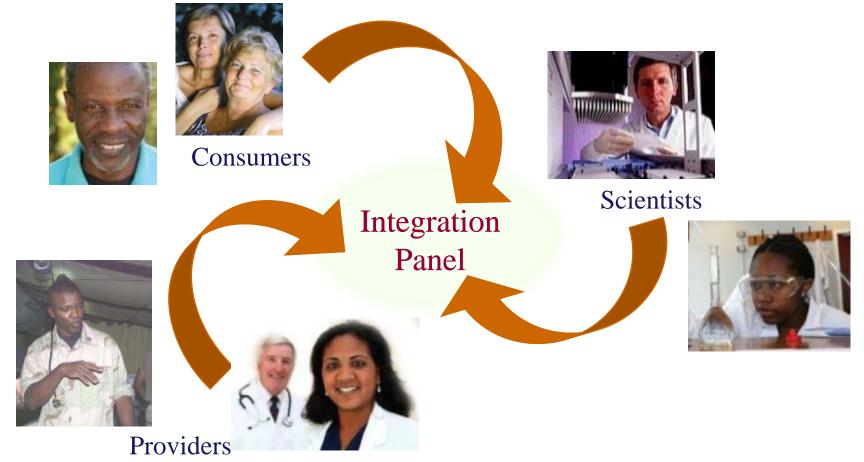
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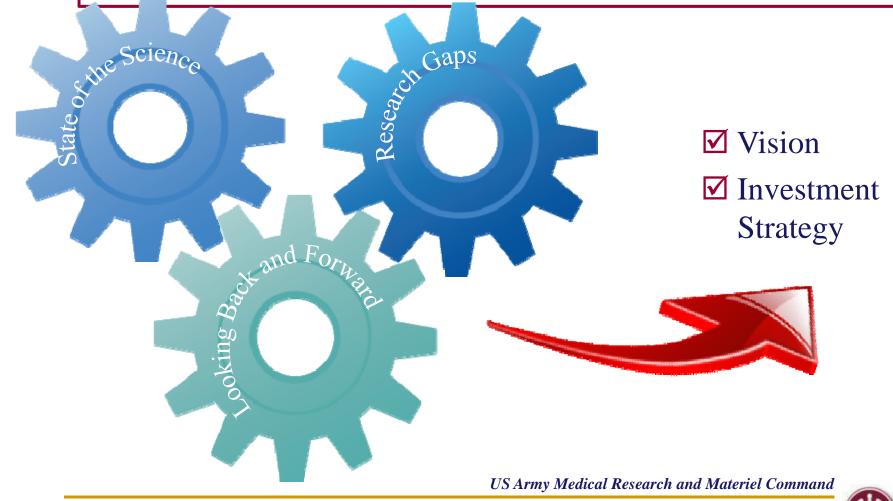
Membership of the Integration Panel







Vision Setting Process







Each CDMRP program addresses critical issues for the research and patient communities through different funding opportunities



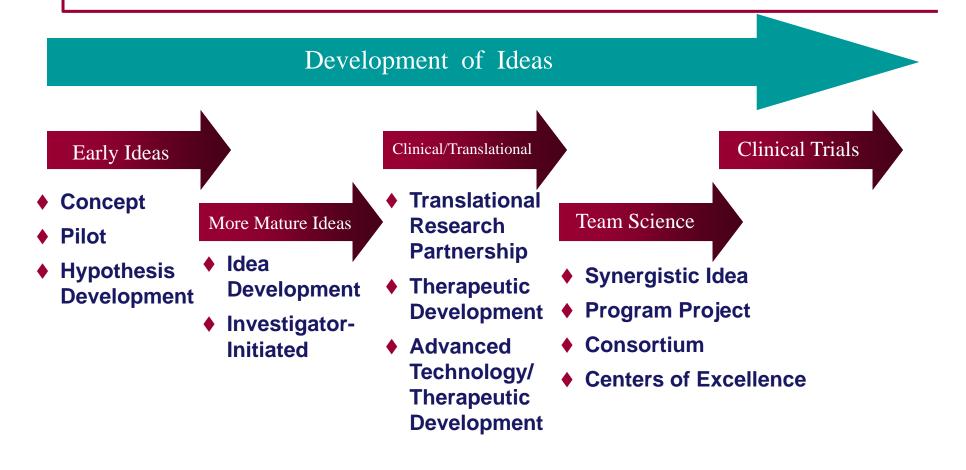
Programmatic Review Process







Award Mechanisms Pipeline







Award Mechanisms Pipeline (continued)

Career Development Early Career Training Established Distinguished **Investigator** Predoctoral New Innovator Initiated **Investigator** Postdoctoral ♦ Impact Idea ◆ Career Institutional **Development Development Training** ♦ Era of Hope ♦ HBCU/MI **Postdoctoral Fellowship** Era of Hope **Scholar**



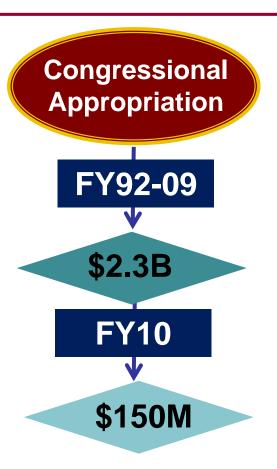




Breast Cancer Research Program (BCRP)

Program Vision: To eradicate breast cancer by funding innovative, high-impact research through a partnership of scientists and consumers









FY10 BCRP Inter-Institutional Training Award

Intent:

Supports two or more faculty-level investigators at an organization that does not currently have a breast cancer research program to acquire mentored training in breast cancer research

Supports the establishment of a sustainable breast cancer research program at the applicant organization

Key Features:

- ♦ Maximum period of performance is 4 years
- ♦ Maximum allowable funding for the entire period of performance is \$1M in direct costs

Submission deadlines:

- ♦ Letter of intent due 13 May
- ◆ Applications due 27 May





FY10 BCRP Concept Award

Intent:

Supports untested, high-risk questions relevant to breast cancer Key Features:

- Preliminary data not allowed
- Open to investigators at all academic levels
- ♦ Maximum period of performance is 1 year
- Maximum allowable funding for the entire period of performance is \$75K in direct costs

Submission deadlines:

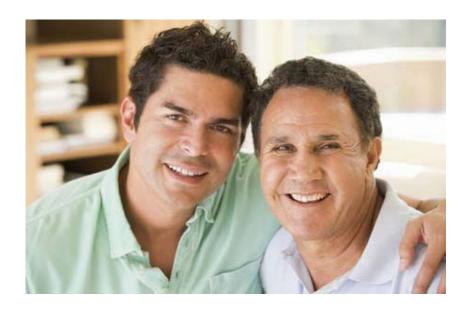
- ♦ Letter of intent due 12 May
- ♦ Applications due 27 May

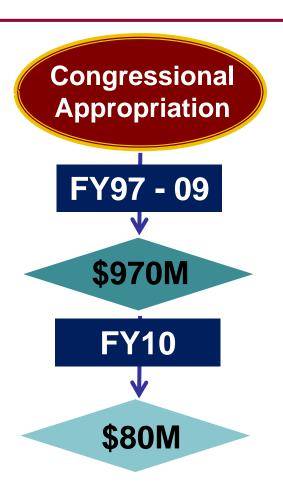




Prostate Cancer Research Program (PCRP)

Program Vision: To conquer prostate cancer









FY10 PCRP Training Awards

Intent:

Supports training in prostate cancer research for early career individuals; Awards focused on Health Disparity also available

Key Features:

- ♦ Pls must have a designated mentor experienced in prostate cancer research
- ♦ Emphasis on PI, Mentor, Training, and Environment

Applicants	Duration	Funding
Predoctoral (Ph.D. or M.D./Ph.D.)	3 years	\$92.5K
Postdoctoral (Ph.D. or M.D.)	2 years	\$115K
*M.D. (Physician Research Training)	3 - 5 years	\$130K/year

^{*} Includes 40% protected time for research

Submission deadlines:

- ♦ Letter of intent due 5 May
- ♦ Applications due 26 May





FY10 PCRP Research Awards

Award	Intent	Eligibility	Funding/ Duration
Health Disparity Research	Support innovative research projects focused on prostate cancer health disparities	At or above Assistant Professor level	\$450K 3 years
Population- Based Research	Support acquisition of unique information and/or tools for prostate cancer research using statistical analyses of defined population(s).	At or above Assistant Professor level	\$600K 4 years
Laboratory- Clinical Transition	Support goal- and product-driven preclinical studies of promising lead agents for prostate cancer	At or above Assistant Professor level	\$750K 3 years

Submission deadlines:

- ♦ Letter of intent due 5 May
- **♦** Applications due 26 May

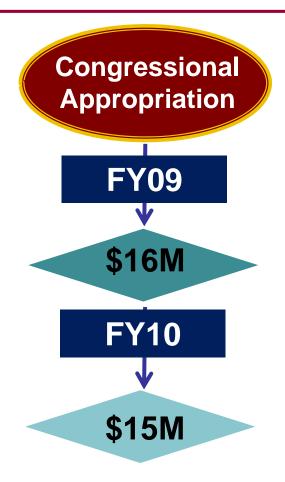




Peer Reviewed Cancer Research Program (PRCRP)

Program Vision: To improve the quality of life by decreasing the impact of cancer on service members, their families and the American public









PRCRP Topic Areas

- Melanoma and other skin cancers
- Pediatric brain tumors within the field of childhood cancer
- Genetic cancer research and genomic medicine

- Blood Cancers
- Colorectal Cancer
- Kidney Cancer
- ♦ Listeria vaccine for cancer
- Radiation protection utilizing nanotechnology





FY10 PRCRP Concept Award

Intent:

Supports the exploration of a highly innovative new concept or untested theory

Key Features:

- Preliminary data not allowed
- Open to investigators at all academic levels
- ♦ Maximum period of performance is 1 year
- ♦ Maximum allowable funding for the entire period of performance is \$75K in direct costs

Anticipated Program Announcement (PA)Release:

♦ May/June 2010





FY10 PRCRP Idea Award

Intent:

Supports the exploration of ideas that are still in the early stages of development

Key Features:

- Preliminary data not required
- ♦ Open to investigators at all academic levels
- Clinical trials not allowed
- **♦** Collaborative Option supports up to 3 investigators
- ♦ Maximum period of performance is 3 years
- ♦ Maximum allowable funding for the entire period of performance is \$375K in direct costs, \$750K for applications with Collaborative Option

Anticipated PA Release:

♦ May/June 2010

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FY10 PRCRP

Translational New Investigator Award

Intent:

Supports the development of translational research collaborations between independent new investigators and a mentor

Key Features:

- ♦ Either the new investigator or the mentor must be a clinician
- Preliminary data not required
- Clinical trials not allowed
- ♦ Maximum period of performance is 3 years
- ♦ Maximum allowable funding for the entire period of performance is \$300K in direct costs

Anticipated PA Release:

♦ May/June 2010





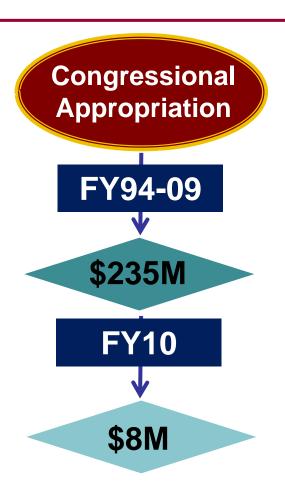
CDMRP Military Relevant Programs



Gulf War Illness Research Program (GWIRP)

Program Vision: Improve the health and lives of veterans who have Gulf War Illness









FY10 GWIRP

Investigator-Initiated Research Award

Intent:

Supports new ideas in basic and clinical developmental research

Key Features:

- ◆ Preliminary data are not required
- Clinical trials are not allowed
- Open to investigators at all academic levels
- ♦ Maximum period of performance is 3 years
- Maximum allowable funding for the entire period of performance is \$600K in direct costs

Submission deadlines:

- ♦ 2 page preproposal due 14 May
- **♦** Applications due 4 August, by invitation only





FY10 GWIRP

Innovative Treatment Evaluation Award

Intent:

Supports exploratory or small scale studies evaluating treatments previously not studied in GWI

Key Features:

- Preliminary data are not required
- ◆ Pilot Phase II or Phase I/II trial combinations are permitted
- Open to investigators at all academic levels
- ♦ Maximum period of performance is 3 years
- Maximum allowable funding for the entire period of performance is \$450K in direct costs

Submission deadlines:

- ♦ 2 page preproposal due 14 May
- Applications due 4 August, by invitation only





FY10 GWIRP Clinical Trial Award

Intent:

Supports Phase II or III clinical trials focusing on treatments for GWI

Key Features:

- Preliminary/preclinical data are required
- ♦ Open to investigators at all academic levels
- ♦ Maximum period of performance is 4 years
- ♦ Maximum allowable funding for the entire period of performance is \$1.5M in direct costs

Submission deadlines:

- ♦ 2 page preproposal due 14 May
- **♦** Applications due 4 August, by invitation only





FY10 GWIRP Consortium Development Award

Intent:

Supports initial development of infrastructure and collaborations for a multi-institutional consortium for GWI research

Key Features:

- Awardees expected to apply for FY11 Consortium Award
- ♦ Award funds consortium development, <u>not</u> research
- Open to investigators at all academic levels
- ♦ Maximum period of performance is 1 year
- ♦ Maximum allowable funding for the entire period of performance is \$200K in direct costs

Submission deadlines:

- Letter of intent due 14 May
- ◆ Applications due 4 August





Peer Reviewed Orthopaedic Research Program (PRORP)

Program Vision: Provide all Warriors affected by orthopaedic injuries sustained in the defense of our Constitution the opportunity for optimal recovery and restoration of function









FY10 PRORP Career Development Award

Intent:

Provides support to military (active duty) investigators at an early career stage

Key Features:

- ♦ Requires mentorship by an established orthopaedic researcher
- ♦ Must address focus areas as listed in Program Announcement
- Preliminary data not allowed
- Open to active duty military investigators with less than 8 years total postdoctoral clinical or research experience
- **♦** Maximum period of performance is 3 years
- Maximum allowable funding for the entire period of performance is \$225K in direct costs

Anticipated PA Release:

♦ May/June 2010



FY10 PRORP

Rehabilitation Clinical Consortium Award

Intent:

Provides support to develop collaborations, resources, and infrastructure necessary for a consortium of institutions to rapidly execute clinical studies

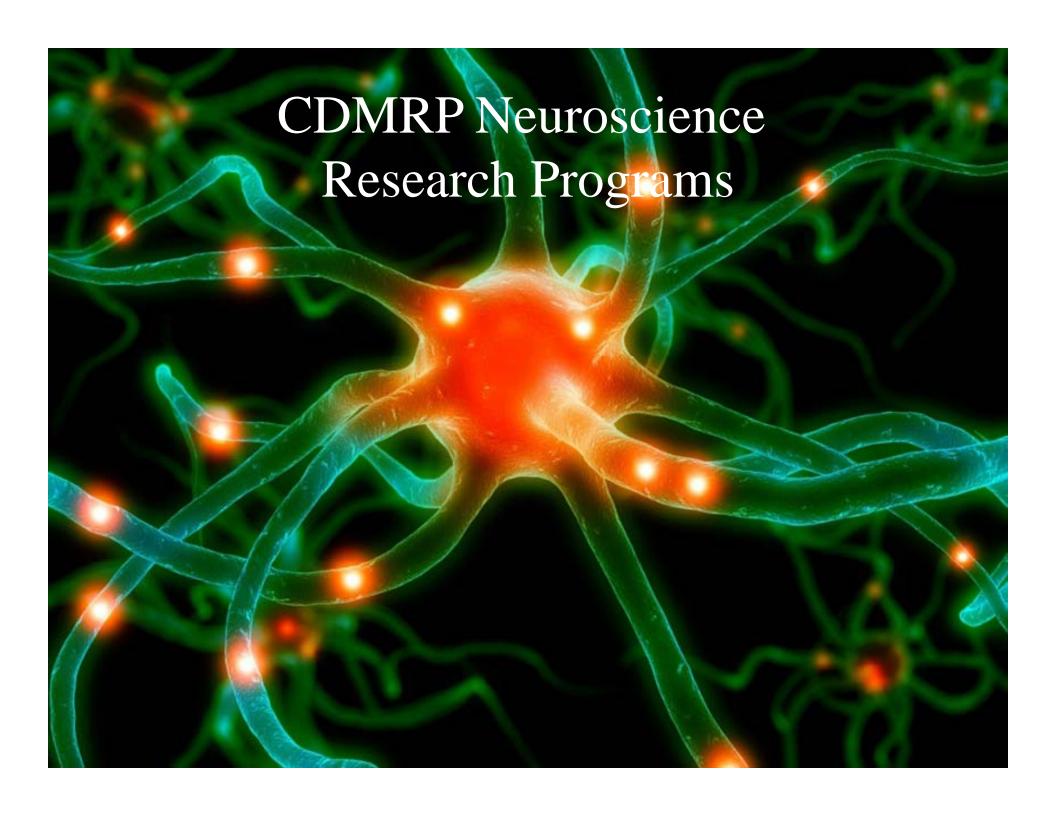
Key Features:

- Requires collaboration with military treatment facilities listed in Program Announcement
- ♦ Open to investigators at or above level of Associate Professor
- ♦ Maximum period of performance is 5 years
- ♦ Maximum allowable funding for the entire period of performance is \$19.5M in direct costs

Anticipated PA Release:

♦ May/June 2010







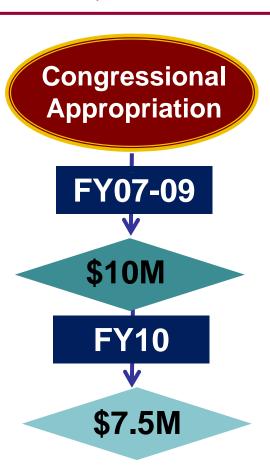
Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Research Program (ALSRP)

Program Vision: Improve treatment and

find a cure for ALS











FY10 ALSRP Therapeutic Idea Award

Intent:

Supports early stage research relative to novel therapeutic development for ALS

Key Features:

- Preliminary data are not required
- Innovation and Impact are primary criteria
- ♦ Open to investigators at all academic levels
- ♦ Maximum period of performance is 2 years
- Maximum allowable funding for the entire period of performance is \$400K in direct costs

Submission deadlines:

- ◆ 2 page Preproposal due 14 May
- ◆ Applications due 4 August by invitation only





FY10 ALSRP Therapeutic Development Award

Intent:

Supports preclinical development of therapeutics for ALS

Focus Areas:

Development of high-throughput screens up to the submission of IND for later clinical trials

Key Features:

- Preliminary data required
- ♦ Open to investigators at all academic levels
- ♦ Maximum period of performance is 3 years
- ♦ Maximum allowable funding for the entire period of performance is \$1.5M in direct costs

Submission deadlines:

- ♦ 2 page Preproposal due 14 May
- ◆ Applications due 4 August, by invitation only

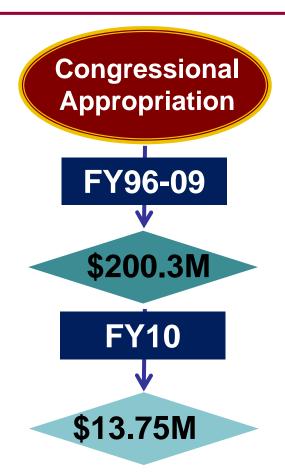




Neurofibromatosis Research Program (NFRP)

Program Vision: To find and fund the best research to eradicate the clinical impact of NF







FY10 NFRP

Exploration-Hypothesis Development Award

Intent:

Supports the initial exploration of innovative, untested research

Key Features:

- Preliminary data is encouraged but not required
- ♦ Open to investigators at all academic levels
- ♦ Human subjects research must be exempt or eligible for expedited review
- ♦ Maximum period of performance is 2 years
- ♦ Maximum allowable funding for the entire period of performance is \$100K in direct costs

Submission deadlines:

- ♦ Letter of intent due 29 April
- ◆ Applications due 20 May





FY10 NFRP New Investigator Award

Intent:

Supports investigators in the early stages of their careers

Key Features:

- Experience in NF research is allowed by not required
- Preliminary data required
- Must be an independent investigator at or below the level of Assistant Professor with less that \$300K in previous NF-related federal funding
- **♦** Maximum period of performance is 3 years
- ♦ Maximum allowable funding for the entire period of performance is \$400K in direct costs

Submission deadlines:

- ◆ Letter of intent due 29 April
- ♦ Applications due 20 May





FY10 NFRP

Investigator-Initiated Research Award

Intent:

Fund basic and clinically oriented research

Investigator-Initiated Focused Research Award proposals must address one of these focus areas: Pain, wound repair, nerve regeneration, stress and inflammation, cognitive dysfunction, quality of life, neurofibromin protein

Key Features:

- ◆ Preliminary data required
- Must be an independent investigator at or above Assistant Professor level
- ♦ Maximum period of performance is 3 years
- ♦ Maximum allowable funding for the entire period of performance is \$525K in direct costs, for collaborations that meet criteria specified in PA, \$675K

Submission deadlines:

- ♦ Letter of intent due 29 April
- ◆ Applications due 20 May





FY10 NFRP Clinical Trial Award

Intent:

Fund Phase 0, I, or II clinical trials

Key Features:

- Preclinical data required
- Open to investigators at all academic levels
- ♦ Maximum period of performance is 4 years
- Maximum allowable funding for the entire period of performance is \$900K in direct costs

Submission deadlines:

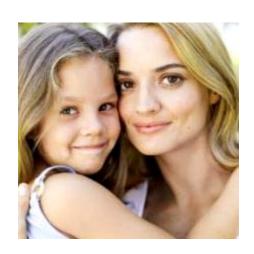
- ♦ Letter of intent due 29 April
- ♦ Applications due 20 May



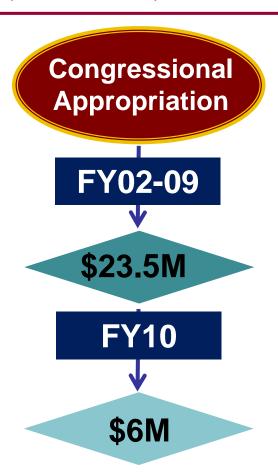


Tuberous Sclerosis Complex Research Program (TSCRP)

Program Vision: To lessen the impact of TSC











FY10 TSCRP Career Transition Award

Intent:

Supports TSC researchers during the transition from postdoctoral training to an independent position

Key Features:

- ♦ Funds the final 2 years of the postdoctoral position and the first 2 years of a faculty/independent position
- Preliminary data required
- Open to postdoctoral investigators with at least 2 years of postdoctoral experience
- ♦ Maximum period of performance is 4 years
- ♦ Maximum allowable funding for each postdoctoral year is \$69K in direct costs
- ♦ Maximum allowable funding for each faculty-level year is \$100K in direct costs

Submission deadlines:

- ♦ Letter of intent due 29 April
- ♦ Applications due 20 May





FY10 TSCRP

Exploration-Hypothesis Development Award

Intent:

Supports the initial exploration of innovative, untested research

Key Features:

- Preliminary data encouraged but not required
- ♦ Open to investigators at all academic levels
- Human Subjects research must be exempt or qualified for expedited review
- ♦ Maximum period of performance is 2 years
- ♦ Maximum allowable funding for the entire period of performance is \$100K in direct costs

Submission deadlines:

- ♦ Letter of intent due 29 April
- ♦ Applications due 20 May



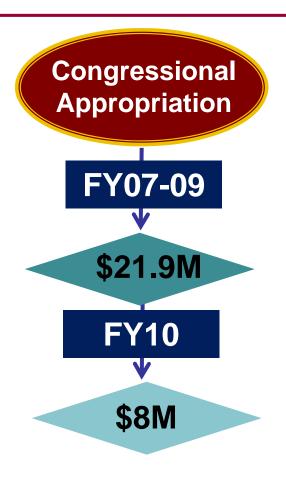




Autism Research Program (ARP)

Program Vision: To improve the lives of individuals with autism spectrum disorders now







FY10 ARP

Exploration-Hypothesis Development Award

Intent:

Supports initial exploration of innovative, untested questions or ideas

Areas of Encouragement:

Biological, infectious, or environmental risk factors Identifying therapeutic targets, excluding new gene discovery

Key Features:

- ♦ Preliminary data not allowed
- ♦ Open to investigators at all academic levels
- ♦ Human subjects research must be exempt or eligible for expedited review
- ♦ Maximum period of performance is 2 years
- Maximum allowable funding for the entire period of performance is \$100K in direct costs

Submission deadlines:

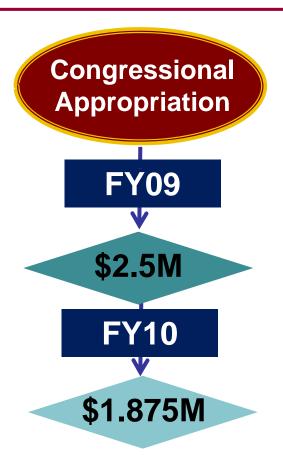
- ◆ Letter of intent due 10 June
- ◆ Applications due 1 July





Genetic Studies of Food Allergies Research Program (GSFARP)









FY10 GSFARP Concept Award

Intent:

Supports untested, high-risk questions relevant to the genetics of food allergies

Key Features:

- Preliminary data not allowed
- Open to investigators at all academic levels
- ♦ Maximum period of performance is 1 year
- Maximum allowable funding for the entire period of performance is \$75K in direct costs

Submission deadlines:

- ◆ Letter of intent due 27 May
- ♦ Applications due 10 June





FY10 GSFARP Idea Award

Intent:

Supports innovative ideas and potentially high-impact approaches

Key Features:

- Preliminary data should be included
- Open to investigators at or above the level of Assistant Professor
- ♦ Maximum period of performance is 3 years
- Maximum allowable funding for the entire period of performance is \$300K in direct costs

Submission deadlines:

- ♦ Letter of intent due 27 May
- **♦** Applications due 10 June





Tips for Investigators

- Read the entire Program Announcement
 - Contact cdmrpPA@amedd.army.mil for assistance
- **♦** Pay Particular Attention to:
 - Award Description
 - Eligibility and Funding
 - Review Criteria peer and programmatic criteria
- Remember Abstracts are crucial!
 - Public Abstract utilized by Programmatic Reviewers (who don't see the proposals)
- Review Summary Statement (resubmissions)





How to Apply

- **♦ CDMRP Mailing List**
 - Contact <u>help@cdmrp.org</u> to be added to the list
- Pre-application (required)
 - https://cdmrp.org/
 - eReceipt CDMRP's pre-application submission system
- Application
 - www.grants.gov
 - ❖ CFDA# 12.420





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