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1) International Balzan Prize Foundation Call for Nominations for the 2016 Balzan Prize
   • Deadline: **Limited Submission. Nomination materials should be sent by March 1, 2016, to Dr. Linda Schulze [lschulze@rci.rutgers.edu/848-932-8068].**
   • Amount: $756,000

International Balzan Foundation is calling for nominations for the 2016 Balzan Prize competition. This prestigious prize “aims to promote, throughout the world, culture, science and the most meritorious initiatives in the cause of humanity, peace and fraternity among peoples, regardless of nationality, race or creed.” Four prizes will be awarded, one in each named category, each worth $756,000. Included is a description of the Balzan Foundation and a list of its distinguished former awardees.

The areas in which prizes will be offered this year are Comparative Literature; International Relations: History and Theory; Molecular and Cellular Neuroscience, including neurodegenerative and developmental aspects; and Applied Photonics. To nominate a candidate, please send the following materials:

- a statement of reasons for the nomination, including mention of particularly important publications;
- for candidates in the social sciences and humanities, a bibliography, including the above-mentioned publications, citing publisher and publication year, and adding translations of original titles should there be works translated into other languages;
- a list of 10 to 20 of their most important publications (with full bibliographical citation) for candidates in the sciences;
- a curriculum vitae specifying present position, main academic activities, date and place of birth, nationality, residence and address;
- a recent photograph with indication of copyright if applicable.

Nomination materials should be sent by March 1, 2016, to Dr. Linda Schulze (lschulze@rci.rutgers.edu/848-932-8068), who will be coordinating this process.

2) APFD Research Foundation 2016 Call for Proposals
   • Deadline: March 1, 2015
   • Amount: $25,000

The PFD Research Foundation together with the June Allyson Foundation has awarded over $1.5 million in grants to AUGS members since 1998. The Foundation serves the medical profession by supporting promising, innovative research regarding the causes, prevention, cure and treatment of pelvic floor disorders.
Foundation research funds are made available to qualified ob/gyn and urology fellows and junior faculty to pursue their research question. Goals of this research grant program are to support the completion of research projects which will lead to publication and presentation at future AUGS Annual Scientific Meetings and to support the development of junior researchers in the field who will go on to obtain additional funding for future research on pelvic floor disorders.

Applicants can submit proposals for the following research awards:

- **Mesh/Graft Science in Pelvic Reconstructive Surgery Research Grant**: A two-year grant awarded to a fellow or junior faculty for research related to mesh/graft use or science.
- **PFD Research Foundation Fellow Research Award**: A two-year grant awarded to a fellow for clinical/patient-oriented, educational, or lab-based/basic science research.
- **PFD Research Foundation Faculty Research Award**: A two-year grant awarded to junior faculty for clinical/patient-oriented, educational, or lab-based/basic science research.
- **June Allyson Memorial Fund Research Award**: A two-year grant awarded to a fellow for lab-based/basic science research.
- **PFD Research Foundation and ICA IC/PBS Research Grant**: A one-year grant awarded to a fellow or a junior faculty member of AUGS and ICA for research related to interstitial cystitis.

3) **Albany Medical Center Prize in Medicine and Biomedical Research**

- **Deadline**: March 1, 2016
- **Amount**: $500,000

The Albany Medical Center Prize in Medicine and Biomedical Research recognizes, encourages and supports extraordinary and sustained contributions to improved health care and innovative biomedical research that demonstrably facilitates improvements in patient care. Given annually, the Prize is one of the largest awards in medicine and biomedical research in the United States. The Prize will be awarded to a physician, scientist or group that demonstrated substantial achievements of national or international importance in the last quarter of a century, with preference given to accomplishments of the past decade. Designed to be both prestigious public recognition and an important resource for sustaining excellence in health care and biomedical research, it is an expectation that the monetary award will be used by the recipient(s) to make further significant advancements in his or her area of expertise.

Self-nominations will not be accepted.

4) **Massage Therapy Foundation (MTF) Research Grants**

- **Deadline**: March 1, 2016
- **Amount**: up to $30,000

Grants will normally be awarded for a 12-month period; the value of the Research Grants will be between $1,000 and $30,000 and must be used in the specific time period for which they are awarded. Any unspent funds must be returned to the Massage Therapy Foundation at the end of the grant period. Projects of more than 12 months duration must be presented in full with total multi-year budget in this proposal. If funds are awarded for the first 12 months, continuation of funding can be requested in the next annual funding cycle.

One aspect of the mission of the Foundation is to fund solid research studies investigating the beneficial applications of massage therapy. Research Grants are awarded to those conducting studies that seek to advance our understanding of specific therapeutic applications of massage, public perceptions of and attitudes toward massage therapy, and the role of massage therapy in health care delivery.

Awards are granted to support high quality independent research which contributes significantly and directly to the basic knowledge of massage therapy and/or its application, including applied research which investigates massage therapy as a health/mental health treatment and/or prevention modality.

Research Grants are available to investigators who have experience in the relevant field of research and are presently associated with or have secured the cooperation of a university, independent research organization, health center, or other institution qualified and willing to function as a sponsoring organization for the purpose of this project (“Sponsoring Organization”). A Sponsoring Organization must have sufficient facilities as well as human and informational resources available to support the proposed research project, as determined by the Massage Therapy Foundation at its sole discretion.

Newer investigators without prior research experience must document support from an experienced investigator willing to act as a collaborator. Collaborators should be actively involved in the development and execution of the proposed research project and should be identified as such in the staffing plan.

Research Grants are not awarded to individuals. Research Grants will not be awarded to Sponsoring Organizations which employ or otherwise have an ownership or contractual relationship with officers or trustees of the Massage Therapy Foundation, members of the Research Proposal Review Committee (“Review Committee”) or any spouses, domestic partners, children, descendant, spouses of descendants or any other individual related to any officers or trustees of the Massage Therapy Foundation or to members of the Review Committee.
5) **Klingenstein Fund Invites Applications for Neuroscience Fellowships**

- **Deadline:** March 1, 2016
- **Amount:** $225,000 over 3 yrs

The Esther A. & Joseph Klingenstein Fund, in partnership with the Simons Foundation, has announced the opening of its 2016 competition for research fellowships in the neurosciences.

Previously known as the Klingenstein Fellowship Awards in the Neurosciences, the awards are presented to highly promising early-career researchers at a juncture in careers when securing funding for higher-risk, and potentially higher-reward, projects can be a challenge.

The initiative is especially interested in projects related to specific areas of neuroscience, including studies of the mechanisms of neuronal excitability and development and of the genetic basis of behavior; studies of the integrative function of the nervous system; and clinical research studies designed to improve the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of neurological and psychiatric disorders, as well as the understanding of their causes.

Awards of $225,000 over three years may be used for salary support, research assistants, equipment, or any other purpose that promotes the scientific activities of the fellow. Payments will be made to the investigator’s institution.

To be eligible, investigators must be a permanent resident of the United States whose research is conducted at a U.S. institution. Candidates also must hold a Ph.D. and/or M.D. degree; have completed their research training, including postdoctoral training; and be an independent investigator within four years (before July 1, 2016) of receiving his/her first tenure track appointment at a university or medical institution.

6) **AFAR Invites Applications for Glenn/AFAR Postdoctoral Fellowship Program for Translational Research**

- **Deadline:** March 3, 2016 (Letters of Intent)
- **Amount:** between $49,000 and $60,000

The Glenn Foundation for Medical Research, in partnership with the American Federation for Aging Research, established the Glenn/AFAR Postdoctoral Fellowship Program for Translational Research on Aging to encourage and further the careers of postdoctoral fellows who are uniquely capable of translating advances in basic research from the laboratory to the clinic. The award is intended to provide significant research and training support to permit fellows to become established in the field of aging.

Projects concerned with understanding the basic mechanisms of aging that have direct relevance to human aging will be considered if they show the potential to lead to clinically relevant strategies that address human aging and healthspan. Projects investigating age-related diseases are also supported if approached from the point of view of how basic aging processes may lead to these outcomes. In addition, projects concerning mechanisms underlying common geriatric functional disorders such as frailty will also be considered. Priority will be given to studies using human subjects, human cells and tissues, and/or mice or other mammals.

The foundation expects to make 10 grants ranging between $49,000 and $60,000, based on years of relevant experience. Recipients are expected to attend the AFAR Grantee Conference, and funds will be withheld from the grant for this purpose.

Postdoctoral fellows at all levels of training are eligible to apply as long as they hold an M.D. and/or Ph.D. degree (or equivalent) at the start date of the award period (October 1, 2016). The proposed research may be conducted at any type of nonprofit setting in the United States. Individuals who are employees in the NIH intramural program are not eligible to apply. In addition, fellows may not be the recipient of any concurrent foundation, nonprofit, or government funding.

LOIs must be received no later than March 3, 2016. Upon review, selected applicants will be invited to submit a full proposal by mid-June, 2016.

7) **Healthcare Foundation of New Jersey**

- **Deadline:** March 4, 2016
- **Amount:** $25,000

Indirect or overhead costs are not automatically funded and must be justified as part of the proposed budget. Decisions on indirect costs will be made on a case by case basis.

To be considered for support, a proposal must fit the Foundation's mission and address key physical and/or mental health issues in the Foundation's priority areas:

- vulnerable populations in the greater Newark, NJ community;
- at-risk individuals and families in the MetroWest Jewish community;
- clinical research/medical education initiatives that significantly and directly impact the above-named populations; and
- promotion of humanism in medicine in ways that directly impact patient care.
The Foundation seeks grant proposals that promise innovation and change or a significant enhancement of services. Projects must be consistent with the Foundation’s mission of health and caring, and its commitment to vulnerable and at-risk populations in the greater Newark or MetroWest NJ catchment areas.

Grants are made only to private, non-profit organizations that have tax exempt status under Section 501(C)(3) of the Internal Revenue Service Code and that are not private foundations. The Foundation does not make grants to individuals or government agencies.

8) RWJF Issues RFP for Health Policy and Law Research

- **Deadline:** March 15, 2016 (Letters of Intent)
- **Amount:** up to $250,000 over 2 yrs

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation has issued a Call for Proposals for research projects that can help build an evidence base for policies that lead to a Culture of Health.

Through its Policies for Action: Policy and Law Research to Build a Culture of Health program, the foundation seeks to engage longstanding health and healthcare researchers, as well as experts in fields such as housing, education, transportation, and the built environment who have not worked in health before. The goal is to develop research that generates actionable evidence — data and information that can guide legislators and other policy makers, public agencies, educators, advocates, community groups, and individuals.

The research may examine established laws, regulations, and policies, as well as potential new policies and approaches, and should inform the significant gaps in knowledge with respect to what policies can serve as levers to improve population health and well-being and achieve greater levels of health equity.

Preference will be given to innovative research that evaluates and addresses actionable policies focused on early childhood, or that have lifelong, even multigenerational, benefits; are preventive rather than remedial; advance a community’s own priorities; highlight collaboration between the public and private sectors, or innovations within the private sector; address people or places or systems that have been traditionally underserved or unattended; foster stability and continuity at the neighborhood, community, state, or federal level; transform or bridge major service systems, such as between health care and public health systems, or other systems that influence health in communities, such as social services or education; and/or influence values and beliefs integral to a Culture of Health.

Applicants must be either public entities or nonprofit organizations that are tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. In addition, applicant organizations must be based in the United States. Applications are welcome from interdisciplinary or cross-sectoral research teams; investigators from a variety of areas and disciplines, including but not limited to architecture, business, community planning, data scientists, economics, epidemiology, health policy, medicine, public health, social work, sociology; and urban planning and system engineers.

The program will award grants of up to $250,000 for up to two years.

Letters of Intent must be received no later than March 15, 2016. Upon review, applicants will be invited to submit a full proposal by June 17, 2016.

9) Damon Runyon Cancer Research Foundation Accepting Applications for Fellowship Awards

- **Deadline:** March 15, 2016
- **Amount:** $50,000 per year for four years of Level I funding; $60,000 per year for four years of Level II funding.

The Damon Runyon Cancer Research Foundation seeks to accelerate breakthroughs in research by providing the best young scientists with funds to pursue innovative cancer research in the United States.

To that end, the Damon Runyon Fellowship Award is designed to help early-career scientists hone their cancer research skills and explore their own ideas while working with mentors in top universities and cancer research centers. Candidates must apply for the fellowship under the guidance of a sponsor – i.e., a scientist (tenured, tenure-track, or equivalent position) capable of providing mentorship to the fellow. Awards are made to institutions for the support of the fellow under direct supervision of the sponsor.

The foundation encourages proposals focused on theoretical and experimental research relevant to the study of cancer and the search for cancer causes, mechanisms, therapies, and prevention.

The proposed research must be conducted at a university, hospital, or research institution. Candidates who already have accepted a postdoctoral research fellowship award are not eligible. Candidates applying to work in foreign-based or U.S. government laboratories may be awarded a fellowship if they are considered to be especially meritorious or if the program represents an unusual opportunity for postdoctoral training. Foreign candidates may apply to do their research only in the U.S.
The award provides a stipend of $50,000 per year for four years of Level I funding, and $60,000 per year for four years of Level II funding. (Physician-scientists who have completed their residencies, clinical training, and are board eligible will receive Level II funding.) The award may not be used for institutional overhead or indirect costs. Fellows also will receive an annual $2,000 expense allowance for educational and scientific expenses.

Damon Runyon Postdoctoral Research Fellowships are granted for a four-year term, with second-, third-, and fourth-year funding contingent on satisfactory progress reports. Fellows in their first and third years of funding will attend Damon Runyon Fellows' Retreats designed to foster collaboration and interaction between scientists working in different fields relevant to cancer. Applicants must have completed one or more of the following degrees or its equivalent: M.D., Ph.D., M.D./Ph.D., D.D.S., and/or D.V.M.

10) Alzheimer’s Drug Discovery Foundation 2016 Open Request For Proposals
- **Deadline:** March 18, 2016
- **Amount:** various

Applicants can apply for each review cycle, but cannot have more than one application per review. *Letters of intent are due 2 weeks prior to the full application deadline. Applications must be received by 11:59PM EST on the deadline date.*

- **ApoE RFP:** The Alzheimer’s Drug Discovery Foundation (ADDF) and the Robert A. and Renée E. Belfer Family Foundation established The ADDF/Belfer ApoE Therapeutics Innovation Program to accelerate the development of novel therapeutics specifically designed to target apoE pathological mechanisms.

- **PRECLINICAL DRUG DISCOVERY RFP:** The Alzheimer’s Drug Discovery Foundation (ADDF) seeks to fill the critical translational funding gap between basic research and later stage drug development by funding promising preclinical drug discovery and biomarker development programs relevant to Alzheimer’s disease, other dementias and cognitive aging.

- **PACT RFP:** The ADDF has created the Program to Accelerate Clinical Trials (PACT) to increase the number of innovative drugs tested in humans at the crucial proof of concept stage for Alzheimer’s disease. This program will fund biomarker-based, proof-of-concept pilot clinical trials for Alzheimer’s. *The ADDF now has funding available to consider trials budgeted at up to $3 million+ per application. This increased funding will be available for a limited time only.*

- **ADDF/NIH RFP:** The ADDF will consider financial assistance for relevant NIH grant applications that were scored but not funded in response to certain NIH funding opportunities. Application deadline is rolling.

11) Alport Syndrome Foundation Request for Proposals for Research Projects
- **Deadline:** March 21, 2016
- **Amount:** $100,000

It is anticipated that two research projects will be selected for funding, totaling $100,000 USD each, over a one- to two-year timeframe.

The objective of this research funding program is to advance the knowledge of, develop effective treatment protocols for, and discover a cure for Alport Syndrome. Applications that address the repurposing of existing approved drugs for the treatment of Alport Syndrome, the hearing loss aspects of Alport Syndrome, and the development and testing of gene therapy approaches are encouraged.

Funding will be provided for basic science and/or clinical research on Alport Syndrome. It is hoped that these funds will be used as seed funding for the testing of initial hypotheses and the collection of preliminary data leading to successful long-term funding by the National Institutes of Health (NIH), the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR), or other major funding institutions around the world.

Funding is available for basic science and clinical research on the natural history, biochemical basis, and treatment of Alport Syndrome.

12) Progeria Research Foundation Seeks Proposals for Research on Hutchinson-Gilford Progeria Syndrome
- **Deadline:** March 22, 2016
- **Amounts:** Various

The PRF is seeking proposals from principal researchers for projects related to Hutchinson-Gilford Progeria Syndrome (HGPS), a rare, fatal, “premature aging” disease that affects children.

Proposals should address the following priorities:

1) Discovery of biological markers of HGPS that can be assessed in human and/or mouse samples. Highest priority will be given to those markers that can be assayed in easily obtainable human samples such as blood, urine, and cheek swabs. In addition, proposals that explore biomarker relevance to disease process and/or change in markers with disease treatment are encouraged.
2) Discovery and/or testing of candidate treatment compounds in both cell-based and mouse models of HGPS. Proposals should test compounds in a progerin-producing mouse model as the priority. Comparisons to other mouse models of disease, such as ZMPSTE24 -/- [e1] and other non-progerin-producing models, are acceptable but only as a comparison to progerin-producing models.

Grants are awarded in three categories: Innovator Awards, Established Investigator Awards, and Specialty Awards.

1) Innovator Awards: Two-year grants of up to $75,000 per year will be awarded to enable an investigator to embark on new lines of investigation and produce enough preliminary data to be competitive for longer-term funding by NIH and/or other agencies.

2) Established Investigator Awards: Three-year grants of up to $100,000 per year are available to senior investigators established either in the field of HGPS or a directly related field with directly application to it.

3) Specialty Awards: Grants of up to $50,000 will be awarded to smaller, more technology-driven projects, including sequencing, screening potential drugs, obtaining cell lines (including iPSCs,) and preparation of antibodies. Proposed projects should be no more than a year in duration.

To be eligible, principal investigators must hold a postdoctoral position or beyond. PIs wishing to have a project conducted by a postdoctoral associate must act as co-principal investigators.

13) Craig H. Neilson Foundation’s Psychosocial Research Grants

- **Deadline:** March 25, 2016 (Letter of Intent)
- **Amount:** up to $150,000

This funding is designed to encourage training and specialization in the psychosocial field of Spinal Cord Injury. Funding for the two-year project is $75,000 per year, or $150,000 in total.

The overall goal for the Neilson PSR initiative is to lead to "better outcomes for people living with SCI." PSR topics can address persons with SCI across the lifespan, including targeted SCI population subgroups or PSR Cycle Application Guide (rev 2/15) Page 5 of 22 specific aspects of psychological and social support factors that impact health, functioning or quality of life. Research can involve qualitative and/or quantitative methodologies.

The following seven research topic areas are of particular interest to the Neilson Foundation:

- Aging
- Caregiving (formal and informal networks)
- Employment/Work
- Health Behaviors and Fitness
- Independent Living/Lifestyle
- Self-Management/Self-Care
- Technology Access

Applicants must have a doctoral degree or other equivalent professional degree. Non-fellowship applicants must demonstrate appropriate experience to serve as an independent principal investigator. The Foundation encourages submissions from eligible PIs who represent a wide range of disciplines; however, it is required that relevant SCI and psychosocial expertise are represented on the proposed research project team.

Applicants must work in a nonprofit institution (academic/research), or rehabilitation facility with a demonstrated capability to conduct grant-funded research. These institutions must be located in the United States or Canada.

An applicant is not required to be a citizen of the United States or Canada to apply for a Foundation research grant; however, the applicant must be employed by an eligible institution located in either country. Each application must include the appropriate endorsement of an official who is responsible for the administration of awarded funds (hereafter known as the "Grants Administrator"). Foundation research grants are not awarded to individuals, private foundations or certain 509(a)(3), Type III supporting organizations.

14) RWJF Awards for Health Equity 2016 Call for Applications

- **Deadline:** March 30, 2016 by 5:00 P.M. E.T.
- **Amount:** $52,000

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Awards for Health Equity program advances RWJF’s vision of working with others to build a Culture of Health by recognizing and celebrating individuals who have successfully implemented systems changes related to the multiple determinants of health. Recognition of these efforts increases the visibility and awareness of the urgent need and solutions for systems changes to achieve health equity in our society.
We are requesting proposals from national nonprofit membership organizations and/or associations to establish an annual awards program to honor individuals who implement systems changes to solve health disparities. A total of four grants up to $25,000 each will be awarded. Each grant will support an annual awards program for six years.

Eligibility and Selection Criteria
- Applicant organizations must be national nonprofit membership organizations or associations.
- Applicant organizations must be based in the United States or its territories.
- Applicant organizations should represent one of the following sectors: business, media, faith-based, or philanthropy.
- Applicant organizations must hold annual meetings.
- Applicant organizations (and the organizations’ members) must work in an area that advances systems-change approaches to improve access to quality care, education, employment, income, community environment, housing, or public safety.
- Applicant organizations (and the organization’s members) must have demonstrated successful efforts in improving outcomes for groups most affected by health disparities.

Applicant Web Conference will be held February 24, 2016 (2 p.m. ET). Please click here to register for the conference. Registration is required to participate.

15) Vascular Cures Accepting Applications for 2016 Wylie Scholar Awards

- **Deadline:** March 31, 2016
- **Amount:** up to $150,000 over 3 years

Vascular Cures, a nonprofit organization representing the millions of patients with vascular disease, is the only organization working exclusively on breakthrough innovations to improve the lives of people with diseases of the vascular system outside the heart.

In support of this mission, VC is accepting applications for the 2016 Wylie Scholars program, a network of talented academic surgeons, many of whom have become leaders in vascular surgery and research at major medical centers in North America.

Each Wylie Scholar will be awarded $50,000 per year for up to three years for expenses related to teaching, basic or clinical research, community service, and patient care. The maximum award available for any scholar is $150,000. Payment of awards will be made to the candidate’s institution, and the institution will be responsible for disbursing all funds and for the administration of the grant. Vascular Cures does not pay indirect costs.

To be eligible for consideration, Wylie Scholar candidates must hold a full-time faculty appointment as a vascular surgeon with active privileges at a medical school accredited by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education in the United States or the Committee for the Accreditation of Canadian Medical Schools in Canada. Only one nomination per institution per year will be considered. In addition, candidates must be in the last year of, or have in the preceding five years completed, a vascular surgery board.

16) ACS Seeks Proposals on Role of Healthcare and Insurance in Improving Outcomes in Cancer Prevention

- **Deadline:** April 1, 2016
- **Amount:** up to $1,000,000 over 5 years

The American Cancer Society has released a Request for Proposals designed to stimulate research that generates new knowledge of the effects of the United States healthcare system structure and the role of insurance on both access to and outcomes of cancer screening, early detection, and treatment services.

Studies investigating how one or more factors affecting access and outcomes interact — including insurance status, cost, capacity, personal characteristics, provider characteristics, components of the healthcare delivery system, and other known factors — are encouraged. Studies may be at the state, multi-state, or national level, or otherwise involve large populations. If cross-sectional studies are proposed, analysis of both demographic and outcomes data (e.g., claims data linked with electronic health records, SEER data, state-level data, National Center for Health Statistics, or other existing datasets) is preferred.

Potential areas of investigation include but are not limited to how the structure and capacity of the healthcare system affects appropriate and timely access to cancer screening, early detection, treatment, and palliative care services; the provider and system factors that affect treatment patterns and quality of cancer care within current healthcare systems; and the exploration of life course patterns of the entire spectrum of cancer care (from prevention and screening through diagnosis, treatment, survivorship, and supportive/palliative care).

Awards will not exceed $200,000 per year (direct costs) for up to five years.

To be eligible, applicants must be affiliated with a nonprofit institution located in the United States, one of its territories, or the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico. Applicants also must be a U.S. citizen, non-citizen national, or permanent resident of the United States. Independent investigators at all stages of their career are encouraged to apply.
17) National MS Society Accepting Applications for Pilot Programs

- **Deadline:** April 6, 2016
- **Amount:** up to $44,000

The National Multiple Sclerosis Society mobilizes people and resources to drive research for a cure and to address the challenges of everyone affected by MS. To that end, the society is accepting applications for its Pilot Grant Program, which funds high-risk pilot grants to test novel ideas that may serve to advance its mission of stopping MS progression, restoring function, improving quality of life, and preventing MS. The program supports fundamental as well as applied studies, non-clinical or clinical in nature, including projects in patient management, care, and rehabilitation.

One-year grants of up to $44,000 will be awarded to test innovative, cutting-edge ideas or untested methods, and to gather sufficient preliminary data that can be used to apply for longer-term funding.

Researchers who have completed their postdoctoral training are invited to apply. Individuals who are currently postdoctoral fellows or the equivalent, or who are graduate/medical students, are not eligible for support under this program.

18) American Society of Hematology Scholar Awards

- **Deadline:** May 2, 2016 (Letter of Intent)
- **Amount:** $100,000 for fellow scholars; $150,000 for junior faculty scholars

Awards are limited to a maximum of $100,000 for fellow scholars and $150,000 for junior faculty scholars over a two- to three-year period, with an annual maximum of $50,000 for fellows and $75,000 for junior faculty. Up to 15 percent of the award can be (but is not required to be) used for benefits, including medical and dental insurance, life insurance, and retirement benefits.

All awards are activated on July 1 of the following year. The applicant has the option of concluding the award on June 30, two or three years after activation. All award payments are made on a quarterly basis - the amount depends on whether the award is being spread over two or three years. Payments are made to the appropriate financial officer of the institution as indicated on the proposed budget within the full application. Research Supported includes:

**Basic/Translational Research:**
- Basic Research
- Translational Research

**Clinical Research:** ASH considers clinical/translational research to include patient-oriented research and outcomes-based research. ASH emphasizes that clinical research must involve substantial interaction with patients.
- Patient-Oriented Research
- Outcomes-Based Research

19) AAP Foundation Seeking Applications for Periodontal Research Fellowships

- **Deadline:** June 1, 2016
- **Amount:** $50,000

The American Academy of Periodontology Foundation is seeking applications for its Sunstar-AAP Foundation Research Fellowship program.

The $50,000 fellowship is intended to support specific periodontal research. The award, which is underwritten by Sunstar, is intended to supplement the fellow’s income and is not intended to replace any salary or stipend to which the fellow would otherwise be entitled.

Full-time periodontal educators engaged in periodontal-related research at U.S. programs are eligible to apply. Applicants must be board-certified in periodontology and be a member of the American Academy of Periodontology.

20) Gerber Foundation Seeks Proposals for Pediatric Research Projects

- **Deadline:** June 1, 2016 (Concept Papers)
- **Amount:** up to $350,000

The mission of the Gerber Foundation is to enhance the quality of life of infants and young children in nutrition, care, and development. The foundation is accepting concept papers for health and/or nutrition-related research projects with the potential to make a significant impact on issues affecting infants and young children from birth to age three.

The foundation will award grants to research projects focused on issues faced by care providers that, when implemented, will improve the health, nutrition, and/or developmental outcomes for infants and young children. Projects may address etiologic mechanisms of disease; new, improved, or less invasive diagnostic procedures; reduction or elimination of side effects; alleviation of symptoms; new, improved, or less
invasive therapies or treatments; dosage or dosing requirements or mechanisms for drugs, nutrient supplementation, or other therapeutic measures (under or overdosing); and preventative measures.

Priority is given to projects offering a substantial promise of meaningful advances in prevention and treatment of disease, as well as those with broad applicability to the general population on a regional or national level.

Total requested grant size should not exceed $350,000. Researcher base salaries are capped at the current NIH salary cap level. In addition, principal investigator and co-PI time supported on the grant is limited to no more than 30 percent. Indirect costs up to 10 percent may be funded.

Organizations recognized as tax exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code are eligible to apply. Applicant organizations cannot be private foundations as defined under Internal Revenue Code Section 509. No grants are made to individuals. Concept papers must be received no later than June 1, 2016. Upon review, selected applicants will be invited to submit a full proposal by August 15, 2016.

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21) PSC Partners Seeking a Cure Invites Applications for Research Grants

- **Deadline:** June 6, 2016
- **Amount:** up to $60,000

PSC Partners Seeking a Cure is a nonprofit foundation whose mission is to provide education and support to patients with primary sclerosing cholangitis, their families, and their caregivers and to raise funds for research on the causes of and treatments/cures for PSC, an autoimmune disease that causes the bile ducts inside and outside the liver to become scarred, narrowed, and eventually blocked.

The foundation offers grants of up to $60,000 over two years for research projects that address an important and novel, basic, or clinical research question related to PSC and closely allied diseases (such as inflammatory bowel diseases, ulcerative colitis, or Crohn's disease) as they relate to PSC.

Preference will be given to projects that have the potential to discover a cure for this disease and/or identify novel therapies that may significantly delay time to liver transplantation, prevent disease recurrence following liver transplantation, and/or improve the quality of life of those with PSC.

The foundation recognizes that much fundamental research is necessary to discover the environmental factors that may trigger this disease in genetically susceptible individuals and would like to encourage research proposals aimed at identifying the gene-environment interactions contributing to disease initiation and progression. The foundation also is interested in funding research that explores PSC-related diseases (UC and Crohn's disease) and the ways that they impact, enable, or perhaps cause PSC.

Research that will be complementary to the goals and objectives of the International PSC Study Group, including investigation of the functional roles of genes associated with susceptibility to and severity of PSC, is also encouraged.

Other priority areas for research include the mechanisms of PSC pathogenesis and colorectal and cholangiocarcinoma carcinogenesis, as well as strategies for prevention. Projects focused on assessing and improving the quality of life of PSC patients are also encouraged.

Projects that address PSC in children are strongly encouraged. Projects focused on assessing and improving the quality of life of PSC patients also are encouraged.

To be eligible, the applicant must be at an academic institution with an interest in pursuing PSC as an indication for treatment.

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22) Children's Leukemia Research Association Seeks Applications for Research Projects

- **Deadline:** June 30, 2016
- **Amount:** up to $30,000

The Children's Leukemia Research Association, also known as the National Leukemia Research Association, was founded in 1965 to support research efforts dedicated to finding the causes of and a cure for Leukemia. To that end, CLRA is seeking applications from investigators for promising research projects into childhood leukemia.

Grants of up to $30,000 will be awarded to promising projects aimed at isolating the causes of and finding a cure for childhood leukemia. Funding from other sources is permissible, but CLRA funding objectives should not duplicate those of other funding sources.

Any doctor at the Ph.D. or M.D. level involved in leukemia research may apply.
23) **American College of Psychiatrists Invites Applications for Award for Creativity in Psychiatric Education**

- **Deadline:** June 30, 2016

The American College of Psychiatrists is accepting applications for its Award for Creativity in Psychiatric Education.

The annual award recognizes a teaching program that demonstrates innovation in psychiatric education. The award consists of a grant and a certificate and will cover the expenses of one representative from the winning program for travel, hotel, and free registration at ACP’s annual meeting.

The award is open to any creative/innovative program in the field of psychiatric education that has been in operation for at least two years and is part of an approved psychiatric residency training program in the United States or Canada. Trainees may include medical students, residents, other physicians, allied mental health professionals, or members of the community.