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SFARI - Whole-Genome Analysis for Autism Risk Variants Request for Applications

- **Deadline:** July 28, 2015 for Note of Intent by 5:00 P.M.; August 14, 2015 for Full Proposal
- **Amount:** $250,000

Grants awarded through this request for applications (RFA) are intended to advance our understanding of the genetic basis of autism, and in particular, to begin to assess genetic variants conferring risk in non-coding regions and in coding regions of the genome that may be less accessible to whole-exome sequencing (WES).

The Simons Simplex Collection (SSC) is a rigorously characterized collection optimized to support the discovery of genetic events that increase risk of developing autism. The collection consists of approximately 2,600 simplex families, all of which have one child with autism, unaffected parents, and in over 80 percent of families at least one unaffected sibling. Analyses based on WES data from the SSC have already identified at least 30 risk genes for autism and have nominated several hundred other genes as strong candidates.

Whole-genome sequencing (WGS) of the SSC is expected to increase the detection of rare variants of clinical importance. In addition to identifying variants in non-coding regions of the genome, WGS analyses are anticipated to identify novel copy number variants (CNVs) and single nucleotide variants (SNVs) in protein-coding regions that have not previously been detected with WES. Preliminary WGS analyses of a separate group of 40 families (160 genomes) from the SSC compared WGS results with WES data from the same 40 families and support the value of WGS in identifying additional variants of potential clinical significance for autism. To this end, SFARI has partnered with the New York Genome Center (NYGC) to sequence whole-genomes from the whole blood DNA of 500 SSC quartet families (2,000 genomes at 30X sequence coverage).

SFARI plans to make the alignment and variant call data available to all eligible researchers (i.e., not contingent on funding through this RFA) without delay following standard quality control and data processing steps by the NYGC. The first batch of data will likely be available starting in October 2015, and it is anticipated that 90 percent of the WGS data will be available by January 2016. There will be a publication embargo on whole-genome analyses that prevents submission of manuscripts for publication until SFARI has announced that data generation for the full cohort is finished and has passed quality controls and that a first level due diligence on confirmation of calls is complete.

SFARI will work with successful applicants to make the WGS data (estimated to be about 400 TB) available to their academic or cloud-based computing resources. SFARI understands that validation of prioritized hits is a key part of this project and will coordinate some of this confirmation of de novo calls with awardees and the NYGC.
The current RFA seeks applications from investigators who plan to develop innovative and efficient ways to analyze WGS data from the 500 SSC families.

**Proposals of particular relevance to this RFA include, but are not limited to:**

- Analyses of de novo and inherited mutations in exomes to identify coding variants not originally identified by WES.
- Analyses of de novo and inherited CNVs that were not identified by WES.
- Identification of non-coding variants associated with autism risk, including the potential development of novel algorithms/tools to analyze intronic and regulatory regions of the genome.
- Comparison of the current dataset with sequencing data from other autism and other neurodevelopmental disorders cohorts (including comparisons with WES data from SSC).
- Analyses of mitochondrial DNA.

Recognizing that successful analyses of such large datasets are likely to require multidisciplinary approaches, we encourage collaborations between investigators with complementary expertise.

Investigators should also note that proposals submitted in response to the RFA are expected to include plans to analyze the entire 500 family sample (rather than a subset of individuals).

All applicants and key collaborators must hold a Ph.D., M.D. or equivalent degree and have a faculty position or the equivalent at a college, university, medical school or other research facility. Applications may be submitted by domestic and foreign nonprofit organizations; public and private institutions, such as colleges, universities, hospitals, laboratories and units of state and local government; and eligible agencies of the federal government. Applications may also be submitted by for-profit companies, in which case the funds provided for the grant are to be used only for charitable purposes toward research related to autism spectrum disorders. There are no citizenship or national residence requirements.

If the proposal includes investigators at more than one site, all investigators should have demonstrated prior success in similar collaborations.

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**2) Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Seeks National Leadership Program Centers**

- **Deadline:** July 29, 2015 @ 3:00 P.M.
- **Amount:** up to $750,000

Building on decades of successes through our human capital investments, RWJF is developing four new boundary-spanning leadership programs that reflect our vision to work with others to build a national Culture of Health.

RWJF will select up to four national leadership program centers to receive a three-month planning grant to co-develop the launch of the leadership program(s), with a maximum amount of $750,000 per award per program.

The four new programs (and their working titles) are:

- **RWJF Diversity in Health Policy Research** will support a large cadre of doctoral students from diverse backgrounds whose research, connections, and leadership will contribute to a Culture of Health.
- **RWJF Interdisciplinary Research Leaders** will support a network of researchers whose leadership and community-relevant, policy-relevant, and action-oriented research will help to drive social change that builds a Culture of Health.
- **RWJF Multisector Leaders for Health** will develop and leverage a diverse group of leaders representing key sectors (e.g., education, transportation, public health and policy, social work, business, community engagement, urban planning, and health care) who, as a result of this program, will take their leadership and influence to the next level to lead communities, organizations, and the nation toward a Culture of Health.
- **RWJF New Clinical Scholars** will develop networked cohorts of clinicians who have attained a terminal clinical degree and who have the competencies and capabilities to lead transformative change that helps to build a Culture of Health in communities across the country.

Applicants may submit a proposal for one or more programs; each of the individual program proposals will be considered separately.

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**3) Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI) Communication and Dissemination**

- **Deadline:** July 29, 2015 (Letter of Intent)
- **Amount:** $1,500,000

PCORI seeks to fund projects that address critical knowledge gaps in the communication and dissemination process - both the communication and dissemination of research results to patients, their caregivers, and clinicians, and the communication between patients, caregivers, and clinicians - in the service of enabling patients and caregivers to make the best possible decisions in choosing among available options for care and treatment.
This program seeks to fund investigator-initiated CER that:

- Compares strategies that increase knowledge on how to communicate complex information to patients and caregivers
- Compares and identifies best practices of dissemination and translation techniques to facilitate shared decision making in everyday practice
- Identifies and compares practices that increase understanding of the tension between strongly held beliefs and contrary evidence, and of their impact on the shared decision-making process
- Compares strategies meant to generate conversations between patients and providers about what is appropriate and necessary treatment (e.g., Choosing Wisely10) based on patients' preferences and conditions
- Compares strategies for conveying uncertainty associated with health and healthcare evidence that increase the likelihood that patients and caregivers will understand the information, incorporate it into decision making, and evaluate personal trade-offs
- Identifies and compares promising practices that address contextual factors and their impact on patient-centered communication
- Compares the effectiveness of health literacy- and numeracy-sensitive health communication strategies that relay risks and benefits of health decisions so that individuals can make sound healthcare decisions
- Compares strategies and methods that optimize communication between the patient, family/caregiver, and the healthcare team (e.g., role of family member/caregiver in patient-provider, patient-caregiver, and healthcare team interactions)
- Compares innovative approaches for using existing electronic clinical data and other electronic modalities (e.g., EHRs) from the healthcare system or from a network of systems to enhance clinical decision making by patients and providers

PCORI is interested in understanding the role of shared decision making and established, effective decision aids in communicating and implementing PCOR/CER. The development, testing (establishing efficacy), and validation of individual decision aids/tools will be considered nonresponsive to this PFA.

Applications may be submitted by any private-sector research organization, including any nonprofit or for-profit organization, and any public-sector research organization, including any university or college hospital or healthcare system, laboratory or manufacturer, or unit of local, state, or federal government. The Internal Revenue Service must recognize all U.S. applicant organizations. Nondomestic components of organizations based in the United States and foreign organizations may apply, as long as there is demonstrable benefit to the U.S. healthcare system and U.S. efforts in the area of patient-centered research can be clearly shown. Organizations may submit multiple applications for funding. Individuals are not permitted to apply.

4) Vasculitis Foundation’s Research Program

- **Deadline:** August 3, 2015
- **Amount:** $100,000

Maximum awards will be $50,000 for 12 months. Some awards will be available for two years at a maximum of $50,000 per year. Among applications with similar scores, preference will be given to applications with total budgets of $50,000 or less, to ensure that the Foundation can support as many investigators, and as many approaches to research in vasculitis as possible. The Foundation's hope is that the results of the research supported by the Research Program will lead to, and provide the basis for, much larger multi-year studies that would be funded by larger agencies such as the U.S. National Institutes of Health (NIH).

The purpose of this program is to provide seed grants to support pilot studies in researching:

- Etiology/Pathogenesis (could include a broad range of studies of immunity, inflammation, or vascular biology. Relevance to human vasculitis will be taken into account by the reviewers.)
- Epidemiology, including genetics
- Diagnosis, including identification of disease subtypes
- Treatment/Management, including therapeutics to treat vasculitis or prevent complications, biomarkers, and psychosocial outcomes

The goals of the program are to improve the quality of life for patients with vasculitis and ultimately find the cause/s and cure for vasculitis. The program funds research worldwide.

5) Greenwall Foundation Invites Letters of Intent for Bioethics Program

- **Deadline:** August 3, 2015 (Letters of Intent)

The Greenwall Foundation is soliciting Letters of Intent for research aimed at helping to resolve important emerging bioethics problems in clinical care, biomedical research, public health practice, and/or public policy.

Through its new Making a Difference in Real-World Bioethics Dilemmas program, the foundation will support mentored projects, senior collaborations, normative analyses of implications of empirical research conducted with other funding, empirical projects, and empirical studies of attitudes of clinical trials participants to sharing clinical trials data. Examples of the kinds of bioethics problems projects might address include ethical and policy issues related to the increasing use of big data and mobile health applications in clinical care and research; ethical issues arising in clinical and system interventions to reduce health disparities and in carrying out research in health
disparities; ethical issues concerning the loss of cognitive, procedural, and physical skills in physicians because of age or illness; dilemmas raised by innovative biomedical research and by new communication technologies in clinical medicine; dilemmas from major changes in the delivery of U.S. health care resulting from the Affordable Care and Patient Protection Acts, changes in the FDA regulatory process, and private initiatives; and other dilemmas that are particularly salient.

LOIs must be received by August 3, 2015. Selected applicants will be invited to submit full applications online by September 15, 2015, with funding to start in early 2016.

6) **Rheumatology Research Foundation Accepting Applications for Scientist Development Award**
   
   - **Deadline:** August 3, 2015
   - **Amount:** up to $225,000 over 3 yrs

   The Rheumatology Research Foundation is accepting applications for the 2015 Scientist Development Award, an annual program designed to provide support for a structured, formal, clinical, or basic science research training program for rheumatologists or health professionals in the field of rheumatology.

   Grants of up to $225,000 for up to three years will be awarded to individuals in the early stages of their careers or without significant prior research experience who plan to embark on a career in biomedical and/or clinical research in arthritis and rheumatic diseases. The goal of funding at this level is to provide an opportunity for young scientists to embark on focused research and research training that will allow them to be competitive for the next level of career development awards. Through this award, the foundation provides a means for ensuring that there are more qualified, highly trained investigators in the field of rheumatology.

   To be eligible, applicants must be a member of the American College of Rheumatology or the Association of Rheumatology Health Professionals at the time of submission and for the duration of the award. ACR members must have earned a D.O., M.D., or M.D./Ph.D. degree or be currently enrolled in an ACGME-accredited clinical training program and have completed at least one year of training by the start of the award term. ARHP members must have earned a Ph.D., D.Sc., or equivalent doctoral degree and must propose patient-oriented research projects related to rheumatic disease.

7) **Healthy Smiles, Healthy Children Invites Applications for Access to Care Grants**
   
   - **Deadline:** August 3, 2015 (Letters of Intent)
   - **Amount:** up to $20,000

   The American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry established Healthy Smiles, Healthy Children in 1987 with the aim of providing dental care for all children nationwide. To that end, HSHC is accepting applications from pediatric dental care organizations for its Access to Care Grants program.

   Through the program, HSHC will award single-year matching grants of up to $20,000 each to support community-based initiatives that provide dental care to underserved children. Priority will be given to successful programs with the potential for replication in other communities, as well as initiatives that have demonstrated collaboration with other institutions and organizations.

   Funds may be applied to cover costs of clinic supplies and instruments, patient/parent education materials, take-home supplies (toothbrushes, toothpaste, etc.), education and/or outreach to recruit dentist participation in program activities, and/or other activity with clear, direct impact on pediatric oral health care.

   To be eligible, applicants must be a U.S.-based nonprofit organization or local government agency that provides dental services to children in the United States or its territories. Projects should have pediatric dentist involvement. If a pediatric dentist is not participating, programs must involve a general dentist in order to be considered for funding.

   In addition, applicants must have matching funds equal to the grant request amount at the time of application. Matching funds can either be cash or in kind.

8) **Burroughs Wellcome Fund Offers Career Awards for Medical Scientists**
   
   - **Deadline:** August 5, 2015 by 4:00 P.M. E.D.T. (Preproposal)
   - **Amount:** $750,000

   The Career Awards for Medical Scientists (CAMS) is a highly competitive program that provides $700,000 awards over five years for physician-scientists, who are committed to an academic career, to bridge advanced postdoctoral/fellowship training and the early years of faculty service.

   Proposals must be in the area of basic biomedical, disease-oriented, or translational research. Proposals in health services research or involving large-scale clinical trials are not eligible. The previously funded individuals (or researchers) are listed in the Grant Recipients section of this program.

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The competition will employ a two-stage process. Preproposals will be reviewed and approximately 80-90 full proposal invitations will be sent by October 1, 2015.

All applicants will be required to complete a web-based questionnaire assessing their eligibility to apply for this award. If eligibility criteria are met, applicants will be automatically directed to the web-based pre-proposal form.

It is strongly recommended that potential applicants review the Request for Proposals prior to accessing the eligibility questionnaire.

For a full explanation of the eligibility requirements, view the Request for Proposals here.

Note: BWF will make up to two additional awards to clinically trained psychiatrists who focus on research at the interface between neuroscience and psychiatry. These proposals must clearly demonstrate evidence of integration of neuroscience and psychiatry in project design.

9) Meso Foundation Invites Proposals for Mesothelioma Research Funding

- **Deadline:** August 7, 2015
- **Amount:** up to $100,000 over 2 yrs

The Meso Foundation (formerly the Mesothelioma Applied Research Foundation) is accepting applications for its 2015 round of mesothelioma research funding.

Grants of up $100,000 over two years will be awarded to qualified investigators for benchwork, translational, or clinical research projects that are not presently funded or are pending review.

Encouraged projects include but are not limited to investigations of strategies for the early detection of new or progressive disease, definition of targetable differences between normal and transformed mesothelium, and the development of novel strategies for the treatment, therapeutic intervention, and determination of clinical/molecular determinants for prognosis.

Scientists of all levels and degrees are encouraged to apply.


- **Deadline:** August 10, 2015
- **Amount:** $1,000,000

Investment Grants are conducted over a four-year funding period with up to $1,000,000 in total funding from amfAR (including up to 20% indirect costs).

amfAR, The Foundation for AIDS Research, is pleased to announce the availability of funding to support research by scientists outside the field of HIV that explores the potential for HIV eradication.

amfAR has established a new funding mechanism, known as Investment Grants, to bring scientists outside the field of HIV/SIV to lend their experience and vision to curing HIV. Investment Grants should include collaboration with a scientist who has a record of publications in the HIV field. Priority will be given to projects with the potential to improve upon current HIV cure strategies or identify undescribed challenges.

Topics that will not be considered include, but are not limited to:
- Socio-behavioral science
- Prevention of HIV infection

Doctoral-level researchers from any field outside of HIV are eligible to apply. For example, applications are expected from the following research specialties:
- Oncology
- Neuroscience
- Autoimmune diseases
- Genetic engineering
- Stem cells
- Metagenomics
- Biological engineering and materials science

All of the following must be incorporated into Investment Grant proposals:
- Collaboration with an established HIV cure research scientist
- The application of techniques, treatments, molecular tools, or approaches that have shown sufficient success in improving disease outcomes in other fields
In vivo studies involving nonhuman primates or other appropriate animal models and a clinical (in vivo or ex vivo) component.

Applicants are especially encouraged to design research studies in which Investment Grant funding will generate findings that advance current HIV cure efforts.

Applications are accepted from nonprofit research institutions worldwide; applications are not accepted from individuals or for-profit entities. However, research teams may include members from, and budgets may include subcontracts or subawards to, for-profit entities.

Principal investigator:
- Must hold a doctoral-level degree.
- Must hold a faculty-level position.
- Must have verifiable competencies outside the field of HIV. Competencies will be assessed by reviewers and may include: publication record and history of research funding.
- Must collaborate with an HIV cure research scientist.
- The principal investigator will be expected to coordinate the development, implementation, and analysis of the collaboration as a whole and be responsible for overall financial management and the preparation and submission of required reports.

 Experienced HIV Scientist
- Must hold a doctoral-level degree.
- Must hold a faculty-level position.
- Verifiable expertise in HIV cure research could be demonstrated by a publication record (at least three first author publications or one last author publication) or other contributions to the field, and will be assessed by reviewers.

11) Oncology Nursing Society Foundation Seeks Letters of Intent for Research Grants
- **Deadline:** August 15, 2015 (Letters of Intent)
- **Amount:** up to $25,000 over 2 yrs

The Oncology Nursing Society Foundation is seeking Letters of Intent from oncology nursing research projects.

Two-year grants of up to $25,000 will be awarded for pilot or feasibility studies or for the development of a new aspect of a program of research. Preference will be given to projects that address ONS’ research priorities.

To be eligible, principal investigators must be actively involved in some aspect of cancer patient care, education, or research, and be Ph.D.- or D.N.Sc.-prepared. Priority will be given to projects that involve nurses in the design and conduct of the research activity and that promote theoretically based oncology practice. Membership in ONS is not required. Upon review, selected applicants will be invited to submit complete proposals by September 15, 2015.

12) SFARI Issues RFP for Bridge to Independence Award
- **Deadline:** August 21, 2015 (Letters of Recommendation); August 28, 2015 (First-State Proposals)
- **Amount:** up to $150,000

The Simons Foundation Autism Research Initiative seeks to fund innovative research of the highest quality and relevance in order to improve the understanding, diagnosis, and treatment of autism spectrum disorders.

One of the most salient milestones in a scientific career is the transition from formal mentorship to an independent position. Unfortunately, this transition has become increasingly tenuous in recent years, in part because of the declining number of tenure-track faculty positions, compounded by the growing number of Ph.D. graduates and postgraduate trainees. SFARI has introduced the Bridge to Independence Award program to address this issue and to encourage continued excellence in the autism research field.

Grants awarded through the program are intended to invest in the next generation of top autism investigators by identifying talented early-career scientists interested in autism research and facilitating their transition to an independent research career. The program is aimed at senior postdoctoral fellows who intend to seek tenure-track faculty positions during the 2015-16 academic year.

One grant of up to $150,000 per year for three years will be awarded in support of a meritorious autism-relevant research project.

To be eligible, applicants must hold a Ph.D., M.D., or equivalent degree; have fewer than eight years of postdoctoral or otherwise mentored training since receiving their Ph.D. or M.D.; and be actively seeking a tenure-track position at a U.S. institution of higher education during the 2015-16 academic year.

Letters of Recommendation must be received no later than August 21, 2015, and first-state proposals are due on August 28. Upon review, selected applicants will be invited to submit full proposals by December 1, 2015. A deferred deadline of November 23, 2016, is available for finalists who need more time to secure a tenure-track position.
13) World Federation of Hemophilia Accepting LOIs for Clinical Research Grants

- **Deadline:** August 31, 2015 (Letters of Intent)
- **Amount:** up to $50,000

The World Federation of Hemophilia is accepting Letters of Intent for international clinical research projects that address inherited bleeding disorders. Through its Clinical Research Grant Program, WFH will award grants of up to $50,000 to support investigations designed to create better evidence for the clinical management of hemophilia A and B, von Willebrand disease, rare factor deficiencies, and inherited platelet disorders.

The program is open to applicants from all countries who are affiliated with a recognized medical, scientific, or academic institution; hemophilia or inherited bleeding disorder treatment center; or organizations with WFH member status. Ph.D. students are not eligible to apply, and the principal investigator must hold a faculty position at a recognized medical, scientific, or academic institution.

14) Alzheimer's Drug Discovery Foundation’s Program to Accelerate Clinical Trials (PACT) for Alzheimer's Disease

- **Deadline:** September 8, 2015 (letter of Intent); September 22, 2015 (Proposal)
- **Amount:** $1,500,000

The ADDF will provide funding for up to $1,500,000 per application. Multi-year proposals will be considered.

The true test for new Alzheimer's drugs is in human clinical trials. Numerous treatments for Alzheimer's disease have been shown to be safe and to have some positive effect when tested in animal models of Alzheimer's disease. However, many of these potentially successful drugs have not been brought to human trials because of the increased cost and risk at this stage of research. The ADDF is responding to this problem through the Program to Accelerate Clinical Trials (PACT). The goal of this Request for Proposals (RFP) is to increase the number of innovative drugs tested in humans for Alzheimer's disease, related dementias and cognitive aging. This program will fund biomarker-based pilot clinical trials for Alzheimer's disease and in some cases will also support Phase I safety testing and IND-enabling studies to accelerate new drugs into trials. The ADDF is also interested in supporting targeted pharmacological and non-pharmacological approaches to prevention and clinical biomarker development programs through this PACT RFP.

Funding mechanisms:

1. Academic Program seeks to create and support innovative translational programs in academic medical centers and universities.
2. Biotechnology Development Program supports qualified scientific projects in existing, private, early-stage biotechnology companies. The ADDF will provide support for qualified projects in more advanced companies if a clear need for non-profit funding to support the project can be demonstrated and justified. Funding is typically made as a program-related investment.
3. Biotechnology Founders Technology Transfer Program supports academic programs that are eligible for technology transfer and the start-up of new biotechnology companies. Up to 35 percent of funds from these awards may be employed for expenses related to company formation, such as administrative, legal, patent and third-party vendor costs.

Programs areas of particular interest include:

- Repurposing - Testing drugs approved for other indications in Alzheimer's disease clinical trials. Proposals should be hypothesis driven and drugs chosen for testing should target a mechanism of action(s) common to both diseases.
- Therapies addressing the following targets: Energy utilization/mitochondria function, insulin sensitivity, protein degradation/autophagy, ApoE function and cholesterol metabolism, vesicular trafficking, inflammatory pathways, synaptic function/morphology, calcium regulation, myelin changes, ischemia and oxidative stress, vascular injury and the blood-brain barrier interface.

Applications may be submitted by academic institutions (including non-profit research centers) as well as for-profit biotechnology companies worldwide.

15) Wolf Foundation Accepting Nominations for 2016 Wolf Prize in Sciences – Agriculture, Chemistry, Medicine, Physics

- **Deadline:** August 31, 2015
- **Amount:** $100,000

The Foundation is pleased to invite people to submit one or more candidates in one of the following fields: in one of the following fields: Agriculture, Chemistry, Medicine or Physics.

The prize in each area consists of a diploma and US$ 100,000. In the event of co-recipients sharing one prize, the honorarium is equally divided among them. Prizes are awarded since 1978 to outstanding artists and scientists for their achievements for the benefit of mankind and brotherly relations among peoples.
According to Israeli Law, the awards shall be presented in person by the President of the State of Israel in a special ceremony to take place in May 2016 in Jerusalem.

A person cannot be nominated by him/herself. Nominators are requested not to propose any candidates who, to the best of their knowledge, may not be able to comply with the requirement to attend in person, for either health or any other reason.

Awards are given to individuals regardless of nationality, race, color, religion, sex or political views. A Nobel Prize Laureate will not be considered, unless his/her nomination is proposed for an achievement entirely different from the one that won him/her the Nobel Prize.

16) Pardee Foundation Invites Proposals for Cancer Research Projects
- **Deadline:** October 1, 2015

The Elsa U. Pardee Foundation was established in 1944 under the terms of the will of Mrs. Elsa U. Pardee, whose life was taken by cancer on October 2, 1944. She directed that her bequest be used to support research in the field of cancer and to provide for others the advantages of new knowledge and techniques for the treatment of this related group of disabling and frequently lethal diseases.

To that end, the Pardee Foundation provides support to investigators at nonprofit institutions in the U.S. for research aimed at identifying new treatments or cures for cancer.

The foundation particularly encourages grant applications for projects of at least a year in duration and that lead to the creation of capabilities in new cancer researchers, or new cancer approaches by established cancer researchers. It is also anticipated that this early stage funding may lead to future funding from a government source.

Applications requesting more than 15 percent overhead are usually not considered. Papers verifying nonprofit status and relevant human subject and experimental animal treatment approvals from the recipient institution will be requested prior to project initiation. A final report summarizing financial expenditures and research achievement is required.

17) Whitehall Foundation Invites LOIs for Bioscience Research Projects
- **Deadline:** October 1, 2015 (Letters of Intent)
- **Amounts:** up to $225,000 for Research Grants; up to $30,000 for Grants-in-Aid

The Whitehall Foundation assists scholarly research in the life sciences through its research grants and grants-in-aid programs. It is the foundation’s policy to support dynamic areas of basic biological research that are not heavily supported by federal agencies or other foundations with a specialized mission. The foundation emphasizes the support of young scientists at the beginning of their careers and productive senior scientists who wish to move into new fields of interest.

1) Research grants of up to $225,000 over three years will be awarded to established scientists of all ages working at accredited institutions in the United States. Grants will not be awarded to investigators who have already received, or expect to receive, substantial support from other sources, even if it is for an unrelated purpose.

2) Grants-in-Aid provide up to $30,000 over one year to researchers at the assistant professor level who have experienced difficulty in competing for research funds because they have not yet become firmly established. Grants-in-Aid can also be made to senior scientists.

To be eligible, applicants must hold the position of assistant professor or higher; hold principal investigator status; and be considered an “independent investigator” with his/her own dedicated lab space or with lab space independent of another investigator.

Letters of Intent must be received no later than October 1, 2015. Upon review, selected applicants will be invited to submit complete applications by February 15, 2016.

18) ACS Seeks Proposals on Role of Health Care and Insurance in Improving Outcomes in Cancer Prevention
- **Deadline:** October 15, 2015
- **Amount:** up to $800,000 over 4 yrs

The American Cancer Society has released a Request for Proposals designed to stimulate research that will generate 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 impacting access — including insurance status, costs, capacity, personal characteristics, provider characteristics, components of the healthcare delivery system, and other known factors — and outcomes interact are encouraged. Studies may be at the state, multi-state, or national levels, 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, and other existing datasets) is preferred.

Potential areas of investigation include but are not limited to how the structure and capacity of the healthcare system affect 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 the 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) by linking diverse data sources for broad patient populations.

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

To be eligible, applicants must be affiliated with nonprofit institutions located in the United States, its territories, or the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico; and 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.

19) Lalor Foundation Accepting Applications for Reproductive Health Programs

- **Deadline:** November 1, 2015
- **Amount:** up to $50,000

The Lalor Foundation is accepting applications from programs designed to educate young women about human reproduction in order to broaden and enhance their options in life.

Through the Anna Lalor Burdick Program, the foundation seeks to empower young women through education about healthy reproduction in order to broaden and enhance their options in life. The program focuses on young women who have inadequate access to information regarding sexual and reproductive health, including comprehensive and unbiased information on contraception and pregnancy termination.

Grants of up to $50,000 will be awarded in support of programs for young women, particularly those who are disadvantaged by poverty, discrimination, geographic isolation, lack of specific sex education, hostile public policy, or other factors leading to inadequate reproductive health. Areas of interest include programs that include a comprehensive approach to sexual and reproductive health education; novel ideas, including innovative methods of delivering information; and programs that incorporate advocacy or policy change, consistent with IRS 501(c)(3) status.

To be eligible, applicants must be tax exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Service Code and be defined as not a private foundation under Section 509(a) of the code.

20) American College of Gastroenterology Invites Applications for 2016 Clinical Research Awards

- **Deadline:** December 11, 2015
- **Amount:** up to $35,000

The American College of Gastroenterology aims to advance world-class care for patients with gastrointestinal disorders through excellence, innovation, and advocacy in the areas of scientific investigation, education, prevention, and treatment. To that end, ACG Gastroenterology is accepting applications for its 2016 Clinical Research Awards.

Through the program, grants of up to $35,000 will be awarded for original research in clinical gastroenterology. Awardees will be selected based on feasibility, scientific and clinical significance, originality, and the anticipated contribution of the research to clinical practice. Applications will also be evaluated on the availability of adequate resources, including personnel and facilities. The program will consider pilot projects for grants of up to $10,000.

To be eligible, at least one of the investigators must be an ACG member or trainee member at the time of submission of the grant proposal. Note that physicians in training (interns, residents, and fellows) are eligible to apply, provided the work is conducted under the preceptorship of a more senior or experienced investigator.