

**Defense Health Program  
Department of Defense Autism Research Program  
Funding Opportunities for Fiscal Year 2018 (FY18)**

FY18 ARP Program Announcements and General Application Instructions for the following award mechanisms are anticipated to be posted on Grants.gov in May 2018. Pre-application and application deadlines will be available when the Program Announcements are released. **This pre-announcement should not be construed as an obligation by the Government, and funding of research projects received in response to these Program Announcements is contingent on the availability of Federal funds appropriated for the ARP.**

As directed by the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs, the Defense Health Agency (DHA) J9, Research and Development Directorate manages the Defense Health Program (DHP) Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation (RDT&E) appropriation. The managing agent for the anticipated Program Announcements/Funding Opportunities is the Congressionally Directed Medical Research Programs (CDMRP).

<http://cdmrp.army.mil/pubs/press/2018/18arppreann>

**Clinical Trial Award**

- Investigators at or above the level of Associate Professor (or equivalent), **or**
- ***Nested Early-Career Investigator Option:*** Investigators at or above the level of Associate Professor (or equivalent) may collaborate on a single application with a young investigator (at the level of postdoctoral fellow up to early-career independent faculty) who meets the following criteria at the application submission deadline date:
  - Must be currently in or have completed a postdoctoral fellowship by the application deadline
  - Is no more than 7 years from the receipt of a terminal degree
  - Has the freedom to commit at least 50% time to the project
  - Supports research with the potential to have a major impact on the treatment and/or management of ASD.
  - Preliminary data relevant to the proposed clinical trial are ***required.***
  - Pre-application is required; application submission is by invitation only.
  - ***Nested Early-Career Investigator Option:*** Supports the development of young investigators pursuing or wishing to pursue a career in ASD clinical trial research.
  - Maximum funding of **\$1,000,000** for direct costs (plus indirect costs)
  - Maximum period of performance is **4** years
  - ***Nested Early-Career Investigator Option:***
  - Maximum funding of **\$1,155,000** for direct costs (plus indirect costs)
  - Maximum period of performance is **4** years

**Clinical Translational Award**

- Investigators at or above the level of Assistant Professor (or equivalent)
- Supports early-phase, proof-of-principle clinical trials with the potential to have a major impact on the treatment and/or management of autism spectrum disorder (ASD).
- Preliminary data relevant to the proposed project are ***required.***
- Pre-application is required; application submission is by invitation only.
- Maximum funding of **\$500,000** for direct costs (plus indirect costs)
- Maximum period of performance is **3** years

### **Idea Development Award**

- Investigators at all academic levels (or equivalent), **or**
- **Multiple PI Option:**  
Up to two investigators may collaborate on a single application, each of whom will be recognized as a Principal Investigator and receive a separate award.
- Supports the development of innovative, high-impact ideas that advance the understanding of ASD and ultimately lead to improved outcomes. Preliminary data relevant to the proposed project are **required**.
- Pre-application is required; application submission is by invitation only.
- Clinical trials or applications including a clinical trial aim are not allowed.
- Maximum funding of **\$500,000** for direct costs (plus indirect costs)
- Maximum period of performance is **3** years

A pre-application is required and must be submitted through the electronic Biomedical Research Application Portal (eBRAP) at <https://eBRAP.org> prior to the pre-application deadline. All applications must conform to the final Program Announcements and General Application Instructions that will be available for electronic downloading from the Grants.gov website. The application package containing the required forms for each award mechanism will also be found on Grants.gov. A listing of all CDMRP funding opportunities can be obtained on the Grants.gov website by performing a basic search using CFDA Number 12.420.

Applications must be submitted through the federal government's single-entry portal, [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov). Submission deadlines are not available until the Program Announcements are released. For email notification when Program Announcements are released, subscribe to program-specific news and updates under "Email Subscriptions" on the eBRAP homepage at <https://eBRAP.org>. For more information about the ARP or other CDMRP-administered programs, please visit the [CDMRP website \(http://cdmrp.army.mil\)](http://cdmrp.army.mil).

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