

**VCU**

Current Funding Opportunities – September 2018

1. Utilizing the PLCO Biospecimens Resource to Bridge Gaps in Cancer Etiology and Early Detection Research (U01 Clinical Trial Not Allowed) ([PAR-18-913](#))

Sponsor: NIH NCI

Synopsis: This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) encourages transdisciplinary and translational research that will identify the specific biological or biobehavioral pathways through which physical activity and/or weight control (either weight loss or avoidance of weight gain) may affect cancer prognosis and survival. Research applications should test the effects of physical activity, alone or in combination with weight control (either weight loss or avoidance of weight gain), on biomarkers of cancer prognosis among cancer survivors identified by previous animal or observational research on established biomarkers other than insulin/glucose metabolism, especially those obtained from tumor tissue sourced from repeat biopsies where available. Because many cancer survivor populations will not experience recurrence but will die of comorbid diseases or may experience early effects of aging, inclusion of biomarkers of comorbid diseases (e.g., cardiovascular disease) and of the aging process are also sought. Applications should use experimental designs (e.g., randomized controlled clinical trials (RCTs), fractional factorial designs), and will include transdisciplinary approaches that bring together behavioral intervention expertise, cancer biology, and other basic and clinical science disciplines relevant to the pathways being studied.

Application Receipt Date: [Standard dates](#) apply, by 5:00 PM local time of applicant organization.

2. RFA: The Role of Health Policy and Health Insurance in Improving Access to and Performance of Cancer Prevention, Early Detection, and Treatment Services ([weblink](#))

Sponsor: American Cancer Society

Synopsis: A call for research that evaluates the impact of the many changes now occurring in the healthcare system with a particular focus on cancer prevention, control, and treatment. Efforts focusing on improving access to care may also impact inequities that contribute to health disparities. New health public policy initiatives such as the new federal and state marketplaces that have expanded insurance coverage, as well as Medicaid expansion in some states, create natural experiments ripe for evaluation. Research to be funded by this RFA should focus on the changes in national, state, and/or local policy and the response to these changes by healthcare systems, insurers, payers, communities, practices, and patients.

Application Receipt Dates: October 15, 2018

3. Research Scholar Grants ([weblink](#))

Sponsor: American Cancer Society

Synopsis: The Research Scholar Grant (RSG) supports investigator-initiated projects across the cancer research continuum. Who's Eligible: Independent investigators in the first 6 years of an independent research career or faculty appointment are eligible to apply. Eligibility is extended for 8 years for clinician scientists who remain active in clinical care.

Application Receipt Dates: October 15, 2018.

4. Multiple CDMRP FY18 Funding Opportunities ([weblink](#))

Sponsor: DOD CDMRP

Synopsis: The CDMRP has multiple upcoming application deadlines for applications related to breast cancer, kidney cancer, lung cancer, ovarian cancer, and prostate cancer. There is also a "Peer Reviewed Cancer Research Program."

Application Receipt Dates: The deadlines vary by mechanism, and some require an earlier letter of intent or preproposal, but most occur between September and December of 2018.