

The Department of Defense (DoD) Peer Reviewed Medical Research Program (PRMRP) has released four of four program announcements planned for Fiscal Year 2010 (FY10):

- Clinical Trial Award
- Concept Award
- Investigator-Initiated Research Award
- Technology/Therapeutic Development Award

The objectives of the FY10 PRMRP are to identify and fund the best medical research to protect and support warfighters, veterans, and all beneficiaries, and to eradicate diseases that impact these populations. The PRMRP challenges the scientific and clinical communities to address one of the FY10 congressionally directed topic areas with original ideas that foster new directions in basic science and translational research; novel product development leading to improved therapeutic or diagnostic tools, or improvements in clinical policies/guidelines; or clinical trials that address an immediate clinical need.

All applications for PRMRP funding must specifically and clearly address at least one of the following topic areas as directed by Congress, and must have direct relevance to the health care needs of the Armed Forces, their family members, and/or the U.S. veteran population.

- Chronic Migraine and Post-traumatic Headache
- Dystonia
- Drug Abuse
- Epilepsy
- Fragile X Syndrome
- Inflammatory Bowel Disease
- Interstitial Cystitis
- Listeria vaccine for infectious disease
- Lupus
- Mesothelioma
- Neuroblastoma
- Osteoporosis and related bone disease
- Paget's Disease
- Pheochromocytoma
- Polycystic Kidney Disease
- Post-traumatic Osteoarthritis
- Scleroderma
- Social Work Research
- Tinnitus

The PRMRP seeks applications in laboratory, clinical, behavioral, and epidemiologic research, as well as public health and policy; environmental sciences; nursing; occupational health; alternative therapies; ethics; economics; and strategic research, such as studies designed to shape the development of or to validate clinical policy or guidance. Interdisciplinary and integrative health approaches are welcomed.

Encouraged DOD alignment: Relevance to the health care needs of the Armed Forces, their family members, and/or the U.S. veteran population is a key feature of these awards. Therefore, PIs are strongly encouraged to collaborate, integrate, and/or align their research projects with military and/or VA research laboratories and programs. Websites which may be useful in identifying information about ongoing DOD areas of research interest within the FY10 PRMRP topic areas are listed in the Program Announcement.

DoD Peer Reviewed Medical Research Program: The Fiscal Year (FY) DoD 2010 Appropriation included \$50 million for the Peer Reviewed Medical Research Program. The following funding mechanisms, summarized below, are offered. *Please note that any FY10 mechanism may address any one or more of the above listed topic areas.* Program Announcements, Application Instructions and deadlines are available on our website at: <http://cdmrp.army.mil/funding/prmrp.htm>. The Synopsis Table with deadlines is on website: <http://cdmrp.army.mil/funding/reftable.htm>

1) Clinical Trial Award (CTA)

The intent of the PRMRP CTA award is to support the rapid implementation of clinical trials of interventions with the potential to have a significant impact on a disease or condition addressed in at least one of the congressionally directed FY10 PRMRP topic areas.

Interesting features of the Peer Reviewed Medical Clinical Trial Award include: PIs at or above the level of Assistant Professor (or equivalent) are eligible to submit applications; multi-institutional clinical trials are allowed; collaboration with VA researchers and/or clinicians is encouraged, however, use of military populations is not a prerequisite; all applications must specifically and clearly address the military relevance of the proposed research; *award cannot be used to support preclinical research studies.* Maximum funding is \$2.2 Million in direct costs plus indirect costs; period of performance cannot exceed five (5) years.

DEADLINES:

PRMRP Clinical Trial Award (CTA):

- **Pre-Application (Letter of Intent) through <http://cdmrp.org> required and due: April 22, 2010; 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time.**
- **Application through <http://www.grants.gov> due May 13, 2010, 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time.**

2) Concept Award (CA)

The intent of the PRMRP CA is to support the exploration of a highly innovative new concept or untested theory that addresses an important problem relevant to at least one of the FY10 PRMRP topic areas. *Innovation and novelty of the concept are the most important aspects of this award mechanism.* Inclusion of preliminary data is strongly discouraged. This award is not intended to support ongoing work; therefore, the existence and presentation of preliminary data suggests that the proposed research would be more appropriately submitted to a different award mechanism.

Interesting features of the Peer Reviewed Medical Concept Awards include: open to all investigators; the application project narrative is limited to one page, clinical trials are not allowed, peer reviewers are blinded as to identity of Principal Investigator (PI) and PI's institution/organization, Maximum funding of \$75,000 in direct costs, plus indirect costs, period of performance cannot exceed one (1) year.

DEADLINES:

PRMRP Concept Awards (CA):

- **Pre-Application (Letter of Intent) through <http://cdmrp.org> required and due: March 25, 2010; 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time.**
- **Application through <http://www.grants.gov> due April 8, 2010, 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time.**

3) **Investigator-Initiated Research Award (IIRA)**

The intent of the PRMRP IIRA is to support studies that will make an important contribution toward understanding mechanisms of initiation, or progression of and/or improving patient care for a disease or a condition related to at least one of the congressionally directed FY10 PRMRP topic areas.

Interesting features of the Peer Reviewed Medical Investigator-Initiated Research Awards include: PIs at or above the level of Assistant Professor (or equivalent) are eligible to submit applications; Partnering-PI option using a multi-institutional approach; clinical trials are not allowed; research projects may focus on any phase of research from basic laboratory research through translational research, Maximum funding of \$725,000 in direct costs, period of performance cannot exceed three (3) years.

DEADLINES:

PRMRP Investigator-Initiated Research Award (IIRA):

- **Pre-Application (Preproposal) through <http://cdmrp.org> required and due: March 11, 2010; 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time.**
- **Pre-Application (including Preproposal narrative with two (2) page limit) will be screened by peer review and submission of full application is by PRMRP invitation.**
- **Invitations from the PRMRP to selected pre-applications: June 2010**
- **Application through <http://www.grants.gov> due August 5, 2010, 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time.**

4) **Technology/Therapeutic Development Awards (TTDA)**

The intent of the PRMRP TTDA is to provide support for the translation of promising preclinical findings into products for clinical applications in at least one of the congressionally directed FY10 PRMRP topic areas. The product(s) to be developed may be pharmacologic agents (drugs or biologicals), devices, and/or clinical guidance. The Principal Investigator (PI) must provide a transition plan (including potential funding and resources) showing how the product will progress to clinical trials and/or delivery to the military or civilian market after the completion of the PRMRP award.

Interesting features of the Peer Reviewed Medical Technology/Therapeutic Development Awards include: PIs at or above the level of Assistant Professor (or equivalent) are eligible to submit applications; clinical trials are not allowed. Maximum funding of \$1.7 Million in direct costs plus indirect costs, period of performance cannot exceed four (4) years.

DEADLINES:

PRMRP Technology/Therapeutic Development Awards (TTDA):

- **Pre-Application (Letter of Intent) through <http://cdmrp.org> required and due: April 22, 2010; 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time.**
- **Application through <http://www.grants.gov> due May 13, 2010, 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time.**

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