

Funding Opportunity for ME/CFS Research

2020 Peer Reviewed Medical Research Program

This program will receive \$350 million in 2020. Along with 43 other diseases, ME/CFS is eligible for over 100 grants in 5 program areas: (1) Clinical Trial Award; (2) Discovery Award; (3) Focused Program Award; (4) Investigator-Initiated Research Award; (5) Technology/Therapeutic Development Award.

Quick Links

PRMRP funding announcement: <https://cdmrp.army.mil/pubs/press/2020/20prmrppreann>

Sign up for email updates: <https://ebrap.org/eBRAP/programSubscription/Subscribe.htm>

Application portal (eBRAP): <https://ebrap.org/eBRAP/public/index.htm>

Informational webinar series: https://cdmrp.army.mil/pubs/webinars/webinar_series

Steps to Apply

1

Register in the Electronic Biomedical Research Portal (eBRAP) and submit a pre-application.

Deadlines are in March 2020

2

Submit a full application in grants.gov

Note: if the pre-application requires a "pre-proposal" rather than a LOI, you must receive approval to submit a full application

3

Complete application verification in eBRAP

→ A detailed step-by-step on how to apply is on the CDMRP website: <https://cdmrp.army.mil/funding/apply>

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What is CDMRP and PRMRP?

The Congressionally Directed Medical Research Program (CDMRP) was initiated by Congress in 1992 to fund biomedical research. Founded in 1999, the Peer Reviewed Medical Research Program (PRMRP), a CDMRP-administered program, provides competitive research funding across a range of disciplines.

Q: Has research into ME/CFS been funded through this program before?

Yes, researchers from Stanford were funded at the level of \$1.08 million in 2011 to assay a large number of ME/CFS samples for immunological and genetic markers.

Q: Will Solve M.E. assist in application review?

Yes, Solve M.E. can provide guidance in the application process, review applications prior to submitting and connect PIs to mentors and pre-reviewers.

Q: How are grant applications reviewed?

The USAMRDC developed a two-tier review model based on recommendations of the 1993 Institute of Medicine (IOM):

- **THE FIRST TIER—Scientific Peer Review**-- a peer review system, composed of expert review panels scoring applications in specific related topic areas.
- **THE SECOND TIER—Programmatic Review**-- a comparison-based process that considers scientific evaluations across all disciplines and specialty areas to allocate the limited funds available to support each of the award mechanisms as wisely as possible. Read a [Description of Two-Tiered Program Review](#) Process with [FY19 funded program announcements](#)

Q: Do the study participants need to include service members or veterans?

The study participants don't have to be made up of service members or veterans. The aim of this funding is to support biomedical research that will benefit veterans and their families. In fact, the program cites the goal of "promoting readiness for military members and their families as well as the overall health of citizens of the United States and the world".

Q: Are researchers from outside the United States eligible for this funding?

Yes, researchers from outside the U.S. are eligible for PRMRP funding.

