

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES & FAQs

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2025/2026 CF Foundation Funding Opportunities

The programs and funding levels listed below are intended to provide a general overview of CF Foundation funding opportunities and are subject to change. The Program Guidelines, which CFF publishes online for each Request for Applications (RFA) announcement, will contain the final program description and approved funding levels. These RFA announcements and Program Guidelines may be found on CFF's website at:

<https://www.cff.org/researchers/academic-funding-opportunities>



Additional RFAs may be posted throughout the year. Applicants are encouraged to check the CFF website frequently for new postings. Funding Opportunities are listed below according to general award type. Under each category, opportunities are listed in order of experience typically required.

The Cystic Fibrosis Foundation practices venture philanthropy by making strategic investments in companies and technologies with the potential to treat or cure CF. If interested in Industry Funding Opportunities with the CF Foundation, please find more information here: <https://www.cff.org/researchers/industry-funding-opportunities>

Training, Career Development, and Mentored Research Opportunities

**Month represents RFA deadline, see RFA details for specific last day for submissions*

Student Traineeship Award	Rolling through December	\$4,000
Travel Award Supplement	Rolling through December	\$3,000

Postdoctoral Fellows (Ph.D., D.V.M., Pharm.D., or equivalent terminal degree)

Clinical Postdoctoral Research Fellowship Award	December	\$75,000 (first year)
Postdoctoral Research Fellowship Award	May & December	\$75,000 (first year)
Path to a Cure Postdoctoral Research Fellowship Award	May & December	\$75,000 (first year)
Postdoc-to-Faculty Transition Award	December	\$81,000 – 84,000 (first year)
Path to a Cure Postdoc-to-Faculty Transition Award	December	\$81,000 – 84,000 (first year)

Clinical Fellows (M.D., D.O., or equivalent clinical degree)

Clinical Fellowship- Research	February	\$105,000
Clinical Fellowship - Education and Training	February	\$75,000
LeRoy Matthews Physician Scientist Award	February	\$105,000 (first year)

Junior Faculty Independent Investigator

Harry Shwachman Clinical Investigator Award	February	\$133,000
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Independent Research Funding Opportunities

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Note: For each RFA, if applicable, up to 12% of Indirect Costs may be requested in addition to the below stated funding levels.

Pilot & Feasibility Award Program	May & December	\$50,000
Path to a Cure Pilot and Feasibility Award	May & December	\$50,000
Clinical Pilot and Feasibility Award with LOI	LOI October/ Full App February LOI April/Full App August	\$80,000 single center \$150,000 multi center
Research Grant Program	May & December	\$150,000
Path to a Cure Research Grant	May & December	\$150,000
CFF/NIH R01-Unfunded Award	Rolling through December	\$125,000

<i>Clinical Research Award (w/LOI)</i>	LOI October/ Full App February LOI April/Full App August	\$150,000 single center \$350,000 multi center
<i>2024 Gastrointestinal Manifestations of CF Program (Basic Science Projects)</i>	December 2024	\$150,000
<i>Path to a Cure Collaborative Research Grant</i>	August	\$1,000,000
<i>Path to a Cure Pioneer Award</i>	Rolling	As agreed upon

Care Enhancement and Care Team Development

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¹These awards run every third year

<i>Program for Adult Care Excellence (PACE) Award</i>	Rolling through November	\$41,142 (first year)
<i>Developing Innovative GastroEnterology Specialty Training (DIGEST) Program¹</i>	Spring 2025	\$33,000 (first year)
<i>EnVision CF: Emerging Leaders in CF Endocrinology II Program¹</i>	Spring 2026	\$54,000 (first year)
<i>Implementation of Outpatient Clinical Pharmacy Services: Award for a Pharmacist and Pharmacy Technician¹</i>	Spring 2025	\$10,000-\$25,000 (first year)
<i>Screening Improvement Program (SIP) for Optimizing Diagnosis of Infants</i>	May 2024	\$75,000
<i>CF Lung Transplant Consortium</i>	May 2025	\$100,000
<i>Leadership and Education for Advanced Practice Providers Fellowship in CF (LEAPP)</i>	Spring 2023	\$75,000

Community Engagement Funding Opportunities

*Month represents RFA deadline, see RFA details for specific last day for submissions

¹These awards are open to the CF community only, not Care Centers

Community Grants do not fund medical research, clinical care, lobbying, or fundraising activities.

<i>Impact Grants¹</i>	April	\$10,000
<i>Community Support Grants¹</i>	April	\$10,000

Is Your Team Registered to Use the Grants Management System (GMS)?

The CF Foundation Grants Management System (GMS), is the platform for the administration of all applications and awards. Please ensure you and your team have GMS profiles at awards.cff.org and that each profile is connected to your institution. Each PI can add their own contacts to their applications and awards in the system.



Are You Receiving our Funding Opportunities Newsletter?

The CF Foundation sends out a monthly newsletter with announcements about current and upcoming Funding Opportunities, reminders for investigators, and updates about programs, events, and other related information. If you are not yet receiving this newsletter, scan the QR code to sign up!



For general questions about any program, please contact the CFF Grants and Contracts Management and Administration Department at <https://qr.cff.org/CFF-GARF-2025> or 301-841-2614.

Research and Clinical Funding Opportunities - By Career Stage

VISIT [AWARDS.CFF.ORG](https://www.cff.org/awards.cff.org)



KEY:

MD ONLY

Research
Investigators
(PhD, DVM,
MD, etc.)

Misc. (Check
RFA
Guidelines)

Program
and/or
Institution
awards

UNDERGRADUATE, GRADUATE, RESIDENCY

Student Traineeship

Summer Research Program

POST GRADUATE TRAINING

Fellowship Program Award

Clinical Fellowships

LeRoy Matthews Award

Clinical Postdoctoral Research
Fellowship

Postdoc to Faculty
Transition Award

Postdoctoral Research
Fellowship

Travel Award Supplement for Off-Site Research and Research Training

EARLY STAGE INVESTIGATOR

PACE

EnVISION

DIGEST

Harry Shwachman Award

R-Unfunded Award

If you want more information about these grant programs please visit:
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Clinical Care Team Grant Opportunities

VISIT [AWARDS.CFF.ORG](https://www.cff.org)



***With the exception of the Care Center Awards, all programs listed require a competitive application process in order to be considered for funding by CFF.**

PROGRAM LEVEL AWARDS

ADVANCED PRACTICE PROVIDERS

PHYSICIANS

Care Center Awards*

Implementation of Outpatient Clinical Pharmacy Services: Award for a Pharmacist and Pharmacy Technician

Leadership and Education Advanced Practice Provider Fellowship

Program for Adult Care Excellence (PACE)

EnVision CF: Emerging Leaders in CF Endocrinology Program

Screening Improvement Program (SIP) Award for Optimizing the Diagnosis of Infants

Developing Innovative Gastroenterology Specialty Training (DIGEST) Program

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Care Center and Clinical Care Team FAQs

Q: I have not received or cannot find my Award Letter, what do I do?

1. Log into the Grants Management System (GMS): <https://awards.cff.org/>
2. On the homepage click on the "Upcoming Deliverables" shortcut.
3. Locate the deliverable named "Award Letter" and click to view it.

Note: award letters are tied to the funding year. Grant administrators must be added as contacts on the award to view deliverables in the GMS.

Q: How is my funding amount determined?

CF Center award amounts are determined using a formula that takes into consideration the Center's patient load and the amount and quality of data submitted to the CFF Patient Registry. Additionally, administrative funds for the Pediatric, Adult, and Affiliate program(s), if any, may be included. Awards are conditional upon compliance with the regulations, policies, and objectives of CFF, as well as the availability of CFF funds.

Q: How do I access my Estimated Budget & Justification Deliverable?

Log in to <https://awards.cff.org>, click on "My Awards" at the top of the home page, then click on "Upcoming Deliverables." The list of all upcoming deliverables will display. Click on the Estimated Budget & Justification deliverable.

Q: What if the director changes or leaves?

Notify the Program Officer as soon as possible. As you identify a new director, log in to <https://awards.cff.org> and submit a Change in PI form.

Q: When are award letters issued each year?

Award letters are issued annually in June.

Q: What is the Care Center travel cap per year?

For the 2025-2026 Care Center Awards, travel costs are limited to \$3,000 per person per year.

Q: What is the Care Center carryover cap?

The carryover cap for the 2025-2026 Care Center Awards is \$10,000.

The carryover cap for the 2024-2025 Care Center Awards is \$20,000.

Deliverable Submission FAQs

Q: How can I tell if a deliverable or carryover request has been approved?

Log into <https://awards.cff.org> and go to the "My Activities" section, then click on "Completed Deliverables." Approved deliverables have the status: "Reviewed and Approved." Approved carryover amounts will be listed along the far right.

Q: Will CF Foundation accept late deliverable submissions?

This is considered on a case-by-case basis. If you anticipate a delay, contact your CFF grant administrator listed at the top of your award profile within the CFF Grants Management System.

Q: Award Letters are sent to Authorized Institution Officials (AIO) via Adobe Sign. What if the AIO does not receive the link?

First check that the AIO selected on the award letter deliverable is the correct contact who will be signing your award letter. If not, click the "Revise AIO" button at the bottom of the award letter deliverable to resend the Adobe email to the correct contact. If all contacts are correct, check the spam/junk folder. If you still do not see it, contact your GCMA Post-Award Administrator.

Q: How do I contact CFF with a question about my application or grant?

Navigate to the application, grant or deliverable within the GMS to view your contacts. They are listed in a grey panel at the top of the page.

If you don't have access to your award, contact the GCMA team via the Grant Assistance Request Form at <https://qr.cff.org/CFF-GARF-2025>

Q: Why am I no longer receiving Adobe Sign emails to sign applications, renewal reports and supplement requests?

For applications, renewal reports and supplement requests, the Adobe Sign signature process has been replaced with a simple attestation-based process within the GMS. This means that Authorized Institution Officials (AIOs) will now have to log in to approve these submissions.

An important exception is that Adobe Sign will continue to be used for Award Letters, as they are a legal contract between CFF and the grantee institution.

Grants Management System (GMS) Access FAQs

Q: How do I access the CF Foundation's Grants Management System (GMS)?

Visit <https://awards.cff.org//> to login or register for an account. Use the QR code to the right to view the "GMS How-ToGuide".



Q: I created an account within the Grants Management System, why don't I see any awards on my dashboard when I log-in?

If you are unable to view an application or award within the GMS once you login, check the following items:

- You are registered within the GMS AND are associated with your institution.
- You have been added to the award by the Principal Investigator
- The email used for the award or application matches the email used during your account setup.

If you still cannot view your award, contact the GCMA team via the Grant Assistance Request Form at <https://qr.cff.org/CFF-GARF-2025>

Q: How do I add a new contact to my award? (See QR code for visual support)



Only the Principal Investigator or Authorized Institution Official (AIO) can add individuals to applications and awards and are the only roles with the ability to grant individuals Budget Access. If you need access to view an award and all payments/deliverables associated with that award, please contact the PI of the award to request access.

1. The PI should log into the GMS. The PI should select the Active Award that the contact requires access to. (Contacts must be added to each individual award.) For Care Center awards, contacts must be added for each fiscal year awarded.
2. On the Award Profile page, the PI should click on the CONTACTS tab to add the contact to the award. The PI should click the look-up field below each contact role. By clicking on the look-up field, all contacts associated with the PI's Institution AND that are associated with the contact role will display and can be selected from this list.
3. If the contact does not appear in the look-up field, the contact must first register themselves in the system. When registering, the contact must register under the relevant institution, NOT as an individual to be associated with the respective institution.
4. When the contact is selected, the PI will need to click on the Save My Work button at the bottom of the Award Profile Page. Once saved, the contact will have access to the Award on the system.

Q: What if an administrative support person has changed at my institution, how do I change them in the system?

This change will require assistance from GCMA staff to update admin permissions for the new contact. Please make sure that the new support contact has a registered account in the GMS which you have connected to your award. Then, contact your CFF Post-Award Administrator directly for assistance updating the roles and access as needed. To find the contact information for your designated Post-Award contact, visit the main page of your award within the GMS.

Q: How do I give a non-PI access to enter a Renewal Budget or Report of Expenditure? (See QR code for visual support)



The ability to enter details within the Renewal Progress Report Budget and the Report of Expenditures details is initially limited to the Principal Investigator and the Financial Officer.

However, by completing the following steps, the Principal Investigator may grant Budget Access to contacts associated with their award in other roles.

1. Log into <https://awards.cff.org/>
2. Click on the "Upcoming Deliverables" dashboard shortcut in the "My Activities" section
3. To grant Budget Access to an associated contact, select the relevant financial deliverable (Budget or Report of Expenditures).
4. Begin typing the Contact name in the search box located on the bottom left side of the page. Make the Contact selection from the drop-down list and then click on Save My Work
5. The Contact that was selected will now be able to view/edit the budget.

Please Note: You will not be able to search for a Contact under Budget Access if the Contact has not been added to your Award Contacts. The Contact must be added to the Award with the same Project Period as the financial deliverable. Please see "How to Add Contacts" guide for further information.

Q: Why am I unable to enter my prior year Report of Expenditures?

The Principal Investigator needs to add the person entering the budget into the budget access section. Please see "How to Grant Budget Access" guide for further information.