

Below is this week's list of selected funding opportunities that may be of interest to Purdue faculty. Please review the opportunities and follow the links for additional details, eligibility requirements, and application instructions.

As a reminder, the Purdue Office of the Executive Vice President for Research and Sponsored Program Services (SPS) have launched a [website](#) to provide the most up-to-date information to help ensure compliance by researchers who may have grants impacted by executive orders during this period of transition at the U.S. government and among U.S. federal agencies.

Limited & INTERNALLY COORDINATED Submissions *

NIH Collaborative Program Grant for Multidisciplinary Teams (RM1) | National Institute of General Medical Sciences—*Limited Submission*

INTERNAL DEADLINE: February 16 via [InfoReady](#)

SPONSOR DUE DATE: May 27

DESCRIPTION: This National Institute of General Medical Sciences (NIGMS) RM1 program supports highly integrated, multidisciplinary research teams addressing complex biomedical problems through collaborative approaches. NIH limits submissions to **two applications per institution**.

NEA – Research Labs (FY27)—*Limited Submission*

INTERNAL DEADLINE: February 9 via [InfoReady](#)

SPONSOR DUE DATE: April 2 | **COST SHARE:** Yes, 1:1 non-federal match required | **FUNDING:** \$100K–\$300K

DESCRIPTION: The National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) Research Labs program supports long-term, interdisciplinary research agendas that include multiple empirical studies examining the contributions of the arts to American life. Each Research Lab must be led by an eligible organization and involve an interdisciplinary team of researchers producing research products or services with national, regional, or field-wide significance across areas such as arts and health, arts and education, or arts and the economy. The arts partner is expected to participate substantially in the NEA Research Lab activities.

DOC-NIST CHIPS Research and Development Office Broad Agency Announcement -- *Internal Coordination Required*

DESCRIPTION: NIST is soliciting proposals from eligible applicants for research, prototyping, and commercial solutions that advance microelectronics technology in the U.S., to be considered for funding by the CHIPS Research and Development Office (CRDO). Internal coordination is required. If you plan to submit a white paper for this BAA, you must contact Jessica Lawrence (jlawrenc@purdue.edu).

Selected Funding Opportunities:

Purdue Women's Global Health Institute (WGHI) & Catherine Peachey Fund – Breast Cancer Research Grants

FUNDING: Up to \$15K | **DUE:** March 2 | **COST SHARE:** No (Indirect costs not allowed)

DESCRIPTION: The Purdue Women's Global Health Institute (WGHI), in partnership with the Catherine Peachey Fund, invites proposals for interdisciplinary breast cancer research with strong potential to generate preliminary data for external funding. Projects may address prevention, early detection, or other innovative approaches and may include collaborations with clinicians or external partners. Eligibility is limited to tenured/tenure-track, research, or clinical faculty at or above the assistant professor rank on the Purdue West Lafayette campus. Faculty salary and indirect costs are not permitted.

NSF – Physical Oceanography

FUNDING: \$250K minimum award | **DUE:** February 17 | **COST SHARE:** No

DESCRIPTION: This program from the U.S. National Science Foundation supports fundamental research on the physical structure, dynamics, and circulation of the ocean and its interactions with the atmosphere, ice, solid

earth, and biological and chemical processes. Projects advance understanding of ocean transport processes and ocean–climate interactions across a broad range of spatial and temporal scales.

NSF -Plant Genome Research (PGRP)

FUNDING: Varies by program and project scope | **DUE:** Ongoing | **COST SHARE:** No

DESCRIPTION: This National Science Foundation (NSF) opportunity supports fundamental research that advances understanding of biological processes at the organismal level, including interactions among organisms and between organisms and their environments. The Division of Integrative Organismal Systems (IOS) funds projects across a broad range of disciplines such as physiology, behavior, biomechanics, development, neurobiology, ecology, and evolutionary biology. Projects may include laboratory, field, and computational approaches and are expected to contribute new, generalizable knowledge aligned with NSF’s core principles of intellectual merit and broader impacts.

NSF- Leveraging Innovations from Evolution (LIFE)

FUNDING: Varies by program and project scope | **DUE:** Ongoing | **COST SHARE:** No

DESCRIPTION: This program supports bold, integrative research that combines comparative and evolutionary biology with molecular and developmental approaches to uncover the mechanisms underlying biological function and adaptation across diverse organisms. By leveraging advances in genomics, computation, biotechnology, and AI, funded projects will generate foundational insights that enable translation of evolutionary innovation into future biotechnology, bio-inspired engineering, and applications across the U.S. bioeconomy.

USDA-NIFA AFRI – Competitive Grants Program Education and Workforce Development (EWD), FY26

FUNDING: Varies by program area and project type, Minimum \$10K, Max \$650K | **DUE:** Varies by track | **Cost Share:** Dependent on project type

DESCRIPTION: The USDA Agriculture and Food Research Initiative (AFRI) Education and Workforce Development (EWD) program supports projects that strengthen the agricultural workforce pipeline through education, training, and professional development. Funding supports a range of activities, including curriculum development, experiential learning, faculty development, and workforce training aligned with priority areas in agriculture, food, natural resources, and related sciences. Applicants should carefully review track-specific eligibility, funding limits, deadlines, and cost-share requirements.

USDA-APHIS – New World Screwworm (NWS) Grand Challenge

FUNDING: Up to \$5M per award (up to \$100M total available) | **DUE:** February 23 | **COST SHARE:** No

DESCRIPTION: This program from the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) supports research and technology development to prevent and respond to the threat of New World screwworm. Funded projects will advance sterile insect production, novel traps and lures, animal therapeutics, and other tools to strengthen national preparedness and animal health response capabilities. *This opportunity may be of interest to researchers in agriculture, animal health, entomology, engineering, and biosecurity.*

Foundation for Food & Agriculture Research (FFAR) Advancing Protein Flavor & Functionality

FUNDING: \$400-\$500k | **DUE:** March 25 | **COST SHARE:** Yes, 1:1 match required

FFAR and the Good Food Institute (GFI) launched a funding opportunity to drive protein innovation by improving the flavor and palatability of plant-based and fermentation-enabled proteins. FFAR and GFI seek projects that address key sensory and functional challenges limiting the adoption of plant-based and fermentation-derived proteins. Supported work may include innovations in identifying and reducing off-flavors, enhancing desirable flavor, improved ingredient functionality and/or other solutions that improve flavor and overall eating experience. An informational webinar will be held at 11 a.m. (EST) on Feb. 11, 2026 to provide an overview of the program, review application requirements and answer questions. [Registration is required.](#)

DOJ BJS FY25 Survey of Public Defenders (SPD)

FUNDING: Up to \$1M (1 award) | **DUE:** March 9 | **COST SHARE:** No

DESCRIPTION: This Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) solicitation supports the implementation of a nationally representative survey of public defenders to collect and disseminate data on attorney characteristics, workload,

and activities. Funded projects will manage survey design, data collection, analysis, and dissemination to produce national statistical datasets that inform criminal justice research and policy.

Prostate Cancer Foundation TACTICAL Award (Cancer Research – Team Science)

FUNDING: \$5M–\$10M | **DUE:** March 16- LOI; June 15- Proposals | **COST SHARE:** No

DESCRIPTION: The TACTICAL Award supports large, interdisciplinary team science projects focused on transformative cancer research. Proposals must be led by a collaborative team of at least five investigators, including a minimum of two early-career investigators, and emphasize innovative, high-impact approaches. Clinical trial direct costs are not allowed, and institutional indirect costs are not permitted. A **required Letter of Intent (LOI)** will be used for sponsor screening prior to invitation for a full proposal.

National Film Preservation Foundation (NFPF) Basic Preservation Grants

FUNDING: \$1K–\$20K | **REGISTRATION DUE:** March 20 | **APPLICATION DUE:** April 24 | **COST SHARE:** No (supplemental funds may be required)

DESCRIPTION: The National Film Preservation Foundation (NFPF) Basic Preservation Grants support laboratory work to preserve culturally and historically significant orphan film materials held by public and nonprofit institutions that provide public access to their collections. Funds support the creation of new preservation elements and public access copies for eligible U.S. film materials. Please note, indirect costs and staffing expenses are not allowed.

Spencer Foundation – Research Grants on Education (Small)

FUNDING: Up to \$50K (projects up to 5 years) | **DUE:** April 15 | **COST SHARE:** No (Indirect costs not allowed)

DESCRIPTION: This Spencer Foundation program supports field-initiated education research projects that contribute to the improvement of education, broadly defined. The program welcomes rigorous, intellectually ambitious studies across disciplines, topics, and methodologies, including quantitative, qualitative, mixed-methods, and interdisciplinary approaches. Projects must be research-focused; program development, evaluation-only projects, and tool creation without a research component are not eligible.

NEA – Research Grants in the Arts (FY27)

FUNDING: \$20K–\$100K | **DUE:** April 2 | **COST SHARE:** Yes, 1:1 non-federal match required

DESCRIPTION: This National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) program supports research projects that examine the value, impact, and role of the arts in society. Funded projects may investigate the arts' contributions to learning, health, workforce development, economic vitality, and community well-being through rigorous qualitative or quantitative research, culminating in a publishable research paper.

ANTICIPATED & ADVANCED NOTICE

LOCAL & STATE:

Grow Rural Health Indiana – Regional Grants

FUNDING: \$200M+ across 8 Indiana Regions | **ANTICIPATED to Post:** March 2026

Purdue anticipates the release of the [Rural Health Transformation Program \(RHTP\)](#) in March 2026. While this opportunity is not formally limited, the sponsor does not allow duplicative or overlapping project scopes across applications. The Office of Research will internally coordinate interest to ensure alignment and compliance with sponsor requirements. *Interested parties are encouraged to contact [Sue Grimes](#) as early as possible to indicate interest and discuss potential project scope and coordination.*

NIH:

National Resource Network for the Study of Human Auditory and Vestibular Disorders

FUNDING: est. \$3.5M across 5 award | **ANTICIPATED to Post:** March 2026

Resource-Related Research Projects Cooperative Agreements in Aging and/or Alzheimer's Disease (AD) and Alzheimer's Disease-Related Dementias (ADRD) Research

FUNDING: Amount Unknown | **ANTICIPATED to Post:** April 2026

BRAIN Initiative: Brain-Behavior Quantification and Synchronization – Transformative Research on Behavior at the Organismal Level

FUNDING: est. \$8M across 10 awards | **ANTICIPATED to Post:** June 2026

Pilot and Feasibility Studies in Preparation for Substance Use and HIV Prevention Intervention and Services Research Trials

FUNDING: Amount Unknown | **ANTICIPATED to Post:** July 2026

Restoring Joint Health and Function to Reduce Pain (RE-JOIN) 2.0

FUNDING: Amount Unknown | **ANTICIPATED to Post:** October 2026

Lasker Clinical Research Scholar's Program (Si2/R00 Clinical Trial Optional)

FUNDING: Five awards of \$499,999 | **ANTICIPATED to Post:** April 2026

Research Project Cooperative Agreements in Aging and/or Alzheimer's disease (AD) and Alzheimer's disease-related dementias (ADRD) Research

FUNDING: Amount Unknown | **ANTICIPATED to Post:** April 2026

Specialized Center Cooperative Agreements in Aging and/or Alzheimer's Disease (AD) and AD-Related Dementias (ADRD) Research

FUNDING: Amount Unknown | **ANTICIPATED to Post:** April 2026

Discovery of the Genetic Basis of Childhood Cancers and of Congenital Anomalies: Gabriella Miller Kids First Pediatric Research Program (X01 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)

FUNDING: Amount Unknown | **ANTICIPATED to Post:** May 2026

*Limited Submission Preproposals should be submitted via Purdue's InfoReady portal (<https://purdue.infoready4.com/>). For any case in which the number of preproposals received is no more than the number of proposals allowed by the sponsor, the OOR will notify the PI(s) that an internal competition will be unnecessary. Questions should be addressed to OORlimited@purdue.edu. Purdue's open limited submission competitions, templates, and limited submission policy may be found at <http://www.purdue.edu/research/funding-and-grant-writing/limited-submissions.php>.

Researchers should continue working on their grants and contracts unless you receive instructions from your grant program officer, agency contact or Purdue SPS. Any researcher who has received or receives information from your grant program officer or agency should reach out to SPS at spsopers@groups.purdue.edu to be directed to the appropriate person to help determine actions and next steps. Likewise, if SPS receives communication from an agency, they will notify directly relevant principal investigators if action needs to be taken. The website has the status for each agency and will be updated as new information is available.

Please contact Sue Grimes (sgrimes@purdue.edu) or Kristi Reynolds (reyno240@purdue.edu) with any questions.

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