

# NOTICE OF FUND AVAILABILITY (NOFA) – GRANTS

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**NAME OF GRANT PROGRAM:**

New Jersey Commission on Spinal Cord Research  
Individual Research Grant

**NOFA REFERENCE NO.**

CSCR17IRG

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**PURPOSE FOR WHICH THE GRANT PROGRAM FUNDS WILL BE USED:**

To fund research activities that hold promise of developing effective interventions and cures for paralysis and other consequences of spinal cord injury and disease.

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**ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF MONEY IN THE GRANT PROGRAM:**

\$6,500,000.00

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**ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS MUST COMPLY WITH THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS:**

1. Terms and Conditions for the Administration of Grants.
  2. General and specific Grant Compliance requirements issued by the Granting Agency.
  3. Applicable Federal Cost Principles relating to the Applicant.
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**GROUP OR ENTITIES WHICH MAY APPLY FOR THE GRANT PROGRAM:**

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hospital               | <input type="checkbox"/> Local Health Department  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> City/Municipality                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Federally Qualified Health Center                                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> County Government                 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NJ Based and Operated Research Organization             |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Agency           | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: Please refer to the NJCSCR Research Guidelines__ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-Profit Corporation |   |
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**QUALIFICATIONS NEEDED BY APPLICANT TO BE CONSIDERED FOR A GRANT:**

Principal investigators must be affiliated with a New Jersey State academic institution, research organization, public or private agency or other entity with demonstrated capability to conduct research responsibly. Unaffiliated individuals will not be funded. Individuals of any nationality or citizenship status may apply, provided they are employed by or affiliated with a qualified New Jersey State organization/institution.

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**APPLICATION PROCEDURES:**

1. The applicant requests a copy of the RFA from the Information Contact referenced below.
  2. The applicant submits a Letter of Intent, inquiry, or concept paper to the Information Contact referenced below. This may be submitted via an email.
  3. The Program Management Office will make a grant application available to all “Eligible” agencies in the System for Administering Grants Electronically (SAGE) ([www.sage.nj.gov](http://www.sage.nj.gov)).
  4. The agency will submit a grant application in accordance with the RFA.
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**FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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**DATE ON WHICH APPLICATION WILL BE AVAILABLE:**

August 1, 2016

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**SAGE PROGRAM NAME:**

Spinal Cord - Individual Research Grant 2017

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**DEADLINE BY WHICH APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED:**

December 12, 2016

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**DATE BY WHICH APPLICANT SHALL BE NOTIFIED WHETHER THEY WILL RECEIVE FUNDS:**

June 30, 2017

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**ADDITIONAL NARRATIVE PROVIDED BY THE DIVISION:**

Individual Research Grant awards will be awarded to independent investigators with a record of productivity, a demonstrated commitment to spinal cord research, and only for projects that will address significant questions that will advance knowledge in the field. The goals of this program are (1) to encourage independent investigators to undertake research on spinal cord regeneration, recovery and rehabilitation; (2) to encourage scientists who are well-established in other areas to transfer their efforts to spinal cord research; and (3) enable researchers with novel scientific and clinical ideas to test them and develop pilot data needed to seek larger awards from the National Institutes of Health, and other funding sources.

Applicants are encouraged to apply for a one - three year award. Maximum funding is up to \$200,000 per year including direct and indirect costs, (10% maximum for the latter). Successful applicants are offered the opportunity to participate in an approved spinal cord injury techniques course. The NJCSCR will make available up to \$4,000 for a grantee to attend a spinal cord injury techniques course. Grantees are responsible for making all necessary travel and course participation arrangements and payments. All awards are made through one-year contracts. Each funding award within the three-year period will be contingent upon the availability of funds. Second and third year support for all Individual Research grants is contingent upon the review and submission of a Progress Report.

For full Program details please refer to the NJCSCR 2017 Research Guidelines at [www.state.nj.us/health/spinalcord/](http://www.state.nj.us/health/spinalcord/)

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