To the Cornell University community,

Please make note of these Department of Defense (DoD) funding and engagement opportunities that may be of interest.

NOTE: If you intend to submit to a funding opportunity, please notify your college or department research administration office, or the Office of Sponsored Programs.

For assistance with internal proposal development, including consultation on proposal strategy; identifying sponsor-specific proposal strategies; coordinating project team meetings; identification of additional campus resources; management of proposal schedule; drafting letters of commitment from Cornell and any partner institutions; and liaising between your proposal team and OSP, please contact Carmel Lee (cll229@cornell.edu), Associate Director of Research Development.

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**Air Force Office of Scientific Research (AFOSR)**

**How to Engage with the Air Force Research Laboratory (AFRL) Research Ecosystem Webinar**
Friday, June 19, 2020
8:45am – 12:00pm EDT
https://afosr.gov1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_07bQFop3WS7fzW1
This LIVE virtual event is a great opportunity for university researchers and administrators to learn how do business with the Air Force Research Laboratory --- from basic to applied. Hear real accounts of researchers who have successfully navigated the system and transitioned work to the commercial sector. Get tips and resources from subject matter experts on applying for funding and building lasting relationships in the research ecosystem! Speakers include representatives from BRICC, AFOSR, Basic Research Office at OSD, APEX, Doolittle Institute, and Adranos, Inc.

**FY2021 Air Force Young Investigator Research Program (YIP)**
FOA-AFRL-AFOSR-2020-0003
Anticipate award amount: $150,000/year for 3 years
The Fiscal Year 2021 Air Force Young Investigator Research Program (YIP) intends to support young in career scientists and engineers who have received Ph.D. or equivalent degrees by 1 April 2013 or later showing exceptional ability and promise for conducting basic research. The program objective is to foster creative basic research in science and engineering; enhance early career development of outstanding young investigators; and increase opportunities for the young investigator to recognize the Air Force mission and related challenges in science and engineering.

**Congressionally Directed Medical Research Programs (CDMRP)**

**FY2020 Kidney Cancer Research Program (KCRP)**
https://cdmrp.army.mil/funding/kcrp
The KCRP’s vision is to eliminate kidney cancer through collaboration and discovery. The KCRP’s mission is to promote rigorous, innovative, high-impact research in kidney cancer for the benefit of Service members, Veterans, and the American public.

**Concept Award**  
**W81XWH-20-KCRP-CA**  
**Anticipated award amount: $100,000**  
The FY20 KCRP Concept Award supports highly innovative, untested, potentially groundbreaking novel concepts in kidney cancer. The Concept Award is not intended to support an incremental progression of an already established research project but, instead, it allows Principal Investigators (PIs) the opportunity to pursue serendipitous observations. This award mechanism supports high-risk studies that have the potential to reveal entirely new avenues for investigation. Applications must describe how the new idea will enhance the existing knowledge of kidney cancer or develop an innovative and novel course of investigation. Research completed through a Concept Award may generate sufficient preliminary data to enable the PI to prepare an application for future research. All investigators at or above the level of postdoctoral fellow (or equivalent) are eligible.

**Academy for Kidney Cancer Investigators: Early Career Investigators**  
**W81XWH-20-KCRP-AKCIECIA**  
**Anticipated award amount: $725,000 over 4 years**  
The overarching goal of the Academy of Kidney Cancer Investigators (AKCI) is to develop successful, highly productive kidney cancer researchers in a collaborative research and career development environment. The AKCI is a virtual career development and research training platform that consists of Early Career Investigator (ECI)/Designated Mentor pairs from different institutions, and an Academy Dean. The KCRP AKCIECIA is not a traditional career development award; the ECI is expected to participate in monthly webinars and annual workshops and to communicate and collaborate with other members of the Academy (other ECIs, Mentors, Dean) as well as with the kidney cancer advocacy community. This FY20 Program Announcement is soliciting ECIs and Designated Mentors to join the newly established Academy. This award mechanism enables the ECI (the investigator named as the Principal Investigator [PI] on the application) to pursue a kidney cancer project that may be basic, translational, and/or clinical research. The ECI may be a research- or physician-scientist, and must be less than 3 years from their last postdoctoral research position (Ph.D.), clinical fellowship (M.D.), or equivalent as of the full application submission deadline.

**Translational Research Partnership Award**  
**W81XWH-20-KCRP-TRPA**  
**Anticipated award amount: $750,000 over 3 years**  
The FY20 KCRP Translational Research Partnership Award supports partnerships between clinicians and research scientists that will accelerate the movement of promising ideas in kidney cancer toward clinical applications. This award supports the development of translational research collaborations between two independent, faculty level (or equivalent) investigators to address a central problem or question in kidney cancer in a manner that would be less readily achievable through separate efforts. One partner in the collaboration must be a research scientist and the other must be a clinician. Multi-institutional partnerships are encouraged. Inclusion of experts from outside the kidney cancer field is encouraged.