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NIH Office of Extramural Research [1]: The largest funder of biomedical research in the world; coordinates funding opportunities from the twenty-four grant-awarding Institutes and Centers of the NIH.

Agency for Health-Care Research and Quality (AHRQ) [2]: Supports research to improve the quality, effectiveness, accessibility, and cost effectiveness of health care.

Department of Defense (DOD) Congressionally Directed Medical Research Program (CDMRP [3]): Supports biomedical research in specific agency-designated strategic areas.

Federal Contract Opportunities [4]: Offers some research funds or research capabilities through a task contract with the federal government.

Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) [5]: Makes grants to organizations to improve and expand health care services for underserved people.

National Science Foundation (NSF) [6]: An independent federal agency that funds approximately 20 percent of all federally supported basic research conducted at America’s colleges and universities.

Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI [7]): Funds studies to improve the methods available for patient-centered Clinical Effectiveness Research and studies that compare outcomes between two or more approaches to health care.

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Pivot? Funding Opportunities Database
Pivot allows researchers to search a comprehensive database of over 40,000 private, federal, and international funding opportunities, as well as to save results, set automated funding alerts, and identify potential collaborators. Pivot is free to all UCSF faculty, staff and students, and training is available through the UCSF Library. For more information on Pivot training, contact Min-Lin Fang.

**COVID-Related Funding Opportunities**
The Office of Research maintains a searchable list of COVID-related funding opportunities, which can be filtered by funder and by topic.

**Distinguished Achievement Awards and Honorary Societies**
The EVCP Office maintains a list of links to information about distinguished honors and learned societies to which faculty can be nominated.

**Limited Submissions Program (LSP)**
Limited submission opportunities (LSOs) are extramural funding opportunities that either limit the number of applications that UCSF may put forward to a given sponsor or that require some kind of internal coordination. The LSP maintains a list of open LSOs and announces new LSOs through its listserv.

**Postdoc Funding Opportunities**
Denis Wirtz at Johns Hopkins University has created a searchable, downloadable list, available to anyone, of funding opportunities for postdocs.

**Together | UCSF GoFundMe**
UCSF has partnered with crowdfunding platforms to support researchers' fundraising efforts, and now offers a number of ways for UCSF researchers to conduct their own fundraising campaigns. Check out the Crowdfunding for Science Chatter group (via MyAccess) for more information and updates on new crowdfunding opportunities.

**UCSF Innovation Ventures**
To help investigators bridge their funding gaps, UCSF Innovation Ventures compiles a range of relevant funding opportunities for researchers, from traditional government sources to non-traditional sources, such as crowdfunding and disease foundations.

**UCSF Library**
The UCSF Library provides access to a variety of different databases, including those listing private foundation funding categorized by study area. Visit the UCSF Library online to learn more about this resource.