



Research Sundry Fund Program

Overview:

The office of the Brigham Health President, in concert with BH Department Chairs, has made funds available beginning in FY20 to support a new program to establish or contribute to research sundry funds for BWH investigators who obtain multi-year non-mentored NIH grants. No application is required; monies will be available for awards made on or after October 1, 2019.

Process:

- The Executive Director for Academic Finance will work with Research Analytics to review funded grants each month to determine eligibility
- Eligible investigators will receive notice from the Chief Academic Officer regarding the set-up of a new sundry fund or contribution to their existing fund

Timeline:

June 26, 2019	Program Announcement
Oct 1 st , 2019	Grants awarded on or after this date will be eligible for this program

Eligibility:

- **BWH investigators who receive a new NIH DP1, DP2, DP5, R01, R18, R35, R37, R61, RF1, P01, or U01**
- **Only BWH investigators with a rank of Instructor, Assistant Professor and Associate Professor are eligible.**

Payout Table:

PI Sundry Fund Balance	RSFP payout
No sundry fund	\$25,000 in new fund
≤\$25,000	\$25,000 in existing fund
\$25,000-50,000	q.s. existing fund to \$50,000
>\$50,000	No payout

FAQ

What can I use my sundry fund for?

A research sundry can be used to support any research related activity, including but not limited to: salary support, research supplies, research equipment, core services or facilities, travel to scientific meetings, journal publication fees, professional society dues, professional development activities

I received two R01s earlier prior to October 2019. Am I eligible?

Unfortunately, the program is not in effect until October 2019. Only grants funded on or after October 1, 2019 are eligible.

I do not know my department administrator. How can I make sure I get my sundry fund?

The Executive Director of Academic Finances will audit all funded grants on a monthly basis and you will be notified of your eligibility.

I think I am eligible for this program but haven't heard from anybody. Who should I contact?

Contact the BWH Research Helpline at ResearchHelpline@bwh.harvard.edu for this and any other research-related questions.

Is the \$25,000 awarded inclusive of the 15% research sundry IDC?

Yes, each \$25,000 award includes 15% IDC. Any research sundry funds set up to receive these awards must comply with the PHS F&A Policy and Sundry Fund Policy.

I share my R01 with another PI. Will we both receive the \$25,000?

Each eligible grant will only receive one \$25,000 award. If both PIs on a multiple PI grant are at BWH, then the award money can be split between them. If only one is eligible (one is a professor and the other is an assistant professor, or one already has sundries in excess of \$50K) then the \$25K can all go to one PI. If an award has a BWH PI and a non-BWH PI, only the BWH PI gets the \$25K. No funding will be awarded outside of BWH.

Why are R21 grants, specifically, not eligible?

The R21 grant mechanism is intended to encourage exploratory/developmental research by providing support for the early and conceptual stages of project development. The maximum project period is 2 years. The combined budget for direct costs for the two-year project period may not exceed \$275,000 with no more than \$200,000 requested in any single year. The Sundry Fund Program is an award given to full, long term research projects carrying full overhead for many years. The R21 mechanism is a smaller grant with a very limited project period and budget limitations bringing in fewer indirect recovery dollars.

Are there "lifetime (or other) caps" associated with the award or do investigators get indefinite top offs anytime they go below 50K and get an R01?

At this time, we do not have any limits set for how much support an individual investigator may get. Each time an investigator receives a new R01 and they have less than \$50K in sundry funds when it is received, then we will top them off up to \$25K each until their sundry reaches \$50K.