

# **I. OVERVIEW OF THE FUNDING OPPORTUNITY**

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## **SUBMISSION AND REVIEW DATES AND TIMES**

- **Pre-Application Submission Deadline:** 5:00 p.m. Eastern time (ET), June 26, 2019
- **Invitation to Submit an Application:** July 29, 2019
- **Application Submission Deadline:** 11:59 p.m. ET, September 18, 2019
- **End of Application Verification Period:** 5:00 p.m. ET, September 23, 2019
- **Peer Review:** November 2019
- **Programmatic Review:** January 2020

*This Program Announcement must be read in conjunction with the General Application Instructions, version 20190218. The General Application Instructions document is available for downloading from the Grants.gov funding opportunity announcement by selecting the “Package” tab, clicking “Preview,” and then selecting “Download Instructions.”*

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## **II. DETAILED INFORMATION ABOUT THE FUNDING OPPORTUNITY**

### **II.A. Program Description**

Applications to the Fiscal Year 2019 (FY19) Peer Reviewed Orthopaedic Research Program (PRORP) are being solicited for the Defense Health Agency (DHA) J9, Research and Development Directorate, by the U.S. Army Medical Research Acquisition Activity (USAMRAA) using delegated authority provided by United States Code, Title 10, Section 2358 (10 USC 2358). As directed by the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs (OASD[HA]), the DHA manages the Defense Health Program (DHP) Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation (RDT&E) appropriation. The execution management agent for this Program Announcement is the Congressionally Directed Medical Research Programs (CDMRP). The PRORP was initiated in 2009 to provide support for research of exceptional scientific merit on optimizing recovery and restoration of function for military personnel with orthopaedic injuries sustained in combat or combat-related duties. Appropriations for the PRORP from FY09 through FY18 totaled \$368.5 million (M). The FY19 appropriation is \$30M.

The FY19 PRORP challenges the scientific community to address the most significant gaps in care for the leading burden of injury and for facilitating return to duty. The program intends to support innovative, high-impact, clinically relevant research to advance optimal treatment and rehabilitation from neuromusculoskeletal injuries (excluding spinal cord injuries) sustained during combat or combat-related activities. It is expected that research findings would also benefit the general population. Applications involving multidisciplinary collaborations among academia, industry, the military Services, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), and other Federal agencies are highly encouraged.

#### **II.A.1. FY19 PRORP Applied Research Award (ARA) Focus Areas**

An estimated 3,700 civilian amputations occur annually as a result of traumatic injury. In the military, extremity battle wounds comprise approximately 50% of injuries reported in the Joint Theater Trauma Registry. Additionally, orthopaedic injuries and conditions that occur outside of combat (during training, leisure activities, resultant from old injuries, etc.) present one of the greatest threats to the readiness of our Service members and military. Early stabilization and treatment of orthopaedic injuries in both civilian and military populations have led to better outcomes, particularly in the prevention of secondary complications and in minimizing morbidity. Availability of orthopaedic care and treatment as early as possible, or as close to the point of injury as possible, also minimizes limb loss and loss of military readiness.

***All applications must address one of the following FY19 PRORP ARA Focus Areas. Selection of the appropriate Focus Area is the responsibility of the applicant. Studies that propose nominal or iterative advancements are not encouraged.***

- **Compartment Syndrome Models**: Diagnostic and/or treatment strategies developed in a large animal model that replicates compartment syndrome. Model system should be clinically relevant and scientifically reproducible.

- Limb Stabilization and Protection: Development of rapid limb stabilization and novel wound protectants for severely wounded limbs to enable transport at the point of need.
- Retention on Duty Strategies: Development and/or optimization of battlefield-feasible diagnostic capabilities, decision support tools, interventions, and/or rehabilitation strategies that can facilitate retention on duty for common combat-related musculoskeletal injuries. (Biomarker studies are excluded.)
- Skin-Implant Interface: Identification of best practices to address infection at the skin-implant interface for osseointegrated prosthetic limbs.

## II.B. Award Information

The PRORP ARA mechanism was first offered in FY15. Since then, 233 ARA applications have been received, and 35 have been recommended for funding.

The FY19 PRORP ARA seeks applied research applications focused on advancing optimal treatment and restoration of function for individuals with musculoskeletal injuries sustained during combat or combat-related activities. Applicants are encouraged to address how the proposed research will support patient care closer to the point of injury and/or allow patients to more quickly return to duty/work. It is expected that any research findings would also provide benefit to the general population. To meet the intent of the award mechanism, applications **must** specifically address an FY19 PRORP ARA Focus Area, listed in [Section II.A.1](#), above.

The FY19 PRORP ARA is focused on **applied research**, defined as work that refines concepts and ideas into potential solutions with a view toward evaluating technical feasibility of promising new knowledge products, pharmacologic agents, behavioral and rehabilitation interventions, diagnostic and therapeutic techniques, clinical guidance, and/or emerging approaches and technologies.

*Awards may not be used to support fundamental basic research.* Basic research is defined as research directed toward greater knowledge or understanding of the fundamental aspects of phenomena and of observable facts without specific applications toward process or products in mind.

The anticipated total (direct and indirect) costs budgeted for the entire period of performance for an FY19 PRORP ARA award will not exceed **\$750,000**. Refer to [Section II.D.5, Funding Restrictions](#), for detailed funding information.

*The CDMRP expects to allot approximately \$3.75M to fund approximately five ARA applications. Funding of applications received is contingent upon the availability of Federal funds for this program as well as the number of applications received, the quality and merit of the applications as evaluated by scientific and programmatic review, and the requirements of the Government. Funds to be obligated on any award resulting from this funding opportunity will be available for use for a limited time period based on the fiscal year of the funds. It is anticipated that awards made from this FY19 funding opportunity will be funded with FY19 funds, which will expire for use on September 30, 2025.*

Awards will be made no later than September 30, 2020. For additional information refer to [Section II.F.1, Federal Award Notices](#).

The types of awards made under the Program Announcement will be assistance agreements (grants or cooperative agreements). The level of involvement on the part of the Department of Defense (DoD) during project performance is the key factor in determining whether to award a grant or cooperative agreement.

An assistance agreement (grant or cooperative agreement) is appropriate when the Federal Government transfers a “thing of value” to a “state, local government,” or “other recipient” to carry out a public purpose of support or stimulation authorized by a law of the United States, instead of acquiring property or service for the direct benefit and use of the U.S. Government. An assistance agreement can take the form of a grant or cooperative agreement. If “no substantial involvement” on the part of the funding agency is anticipated, a grant award will be made (31 USC 6304). Conversely, if substantial involvement on the part of the funding agency is anticipated, a cooperative agreement will be made (31 USC 6305) and the award will identify the specific substantial involvement. Substantial involvement may include collaboration, participation, or intervention in the research to be performed under the award. The award type, along with the start date, will be determined during the negotiation process.

**Research Scope:** Research proposed under the FY19 PRORP ARA may include small- to large-scale projects. Upon successful completion, the proposed research is expected to yield knowledge products, approaches, or technologies that have the potential to advance toward clinical translation. Strong transition plans are expected.

***Inclusion of preliminary and/or published data relevant to the proposed research is required.*** Investigators must demonstrate logical reasoning. To be competitive, the application must include a sound scientific rationale and a well-formulated, testable hypothesis established through a critical review and analysis of the literature.

Studies allowed under the FY19 PRORP ARA may include, but are not limited to:

- Refinement of concepts and ideas into potential solutions, or research tools, with a view toward evaluating technical feasibility of emerging approaches, technologies, and promising new knowledge products.
- Evaluation, maturation, and/or down-selection of potential product candidates (drugs, biologic constructs, or devices/systems) in vitro and/or in vivo.
- Preparation activities needed to support a future clinical trial or regulatory submission.

***Awards may not be used to support clinical research or clinical trials. New FY19 definition:***

A clinical trial is defined as a research study in which one or more human subjects are prospectively assigned to one or more interventions (which may include placebo or other control) to evaluate the effects of the interventions on biomedical or behavioral health-related outcomes.

For more information on how to distinguish clinical research from clinical trials, see the Human Subject Resource Document at <https://ebrap.org/eBRAP/public/Program.htm>. Investigators seeking support to conduct a clinical trial should consider one of the other FY19 PRORP award mechanisms, which can be accessed at <https://cdmrp.army.mil/funding/>.

**Research Involving Human Anatomical Substances, Human Subjects, or Human Cadavers:** All DoD-funded research involving new and ongoing research with human anatomical substances, human subjects, or human cadavers must be reviewed and approved by the U.S. Army Medical Research and Materiel Command (USAMRMC) Office of Research Protections (ORP), Human Research Protection Office (HRPO), prior to research implementation. This administrative review requirement is in addition to the local Institutional Review Board (IRB) or Ethics Committee (EC) review. Local IRB/EC approval at the time of submission is *not* required. The HRPO is mandated to comply with specific laws and requirements governing all research involving human anatomical substances, human subjects, or human cadavers that is supported by the DoD. These laws and requirements will necessitate information in addition to that supplied to the IRB/EC. *Allow a minimum of 2 to 3 months for HRPO regulatory review and approval processes.* Additional time for regulatory reviews may be needed for clinical studies taking place in international settings. When possible, protocols should be written for research with human subjects and/or human anatomical substances that are specific to the DoD-supported effort outlined in the submitted application as a stand-alone study. Submission to HRPO of protocols involving more than the scope of work in the DoD-funded award will require HRPO review of the entire protocol (DoD and non-DoD funded). DoD human subjects protection requirements may be applied to non-DoD funded work and necessitate extensive revisions to the protocol. Applications that involve recruitment of human subjects must indicate the quarterly enrollment targets across all sites in [Attachment 5: Statement of Work \(SOW\)](#). Successful applicants will work with USAMRAA to establish milestones for human subjects recruitment. Continued support for the project will be based upon satisfactory progress in meeting the established milestones. Refer to the General Application Instructions, Appendix 1, and the Human Subject Resource Document available on the electronic Biomedical Research Application Portal (eBRAP) “Funding Opportunities & Forms” web page (<https://ebrap.org/eBRAP/public/Program.htm>) for additional information.

**Guidelines for Animal Research:** All projects should adhere to a core set of standards for rigorous study design and reporting to maximize the reproducibility and translational potential of preclinical research. The standards are described in Landis, S.C., et al., A call for transparent reporting to optimize the predictive value of preclinical research, *Nature* 2012, 490:187-191 (<http://www.nature.com/nature/journal/v490/n7419/nature11556/>). While these standards are written for preclinical studies, the basic principles of randomization, blinding, sample-size estimation, and data handling derive from well-established best practices in clinical studies. Projects that include research on animal models are required to submit [Attachment 8: Animal Research Plan](#), as part of the application package to describe how these standards will be addressed. Applicants should consult the ARRIVE (Animal Research: Reporting *In Vivo* Experiments) guidelines to ensure relevant aspects of rigorous animal research are adequately planned for and, ultimately, reported. The ARRIVE guidelines can be found at <https://journals.plos.org/plosone/article/file?type=supplementary&id=info:doi/10.1371/journal.pone.0146533.s001>.

**Research Involving Animals:** All DoD-funded research involving new and ongoing research with animals must be reviewed and approved by the USAMRMC ORP Animal Care and Use Review Office (ACURO), in addition to the local Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) of record. IACUC approval at the time of submission is *not* required. Specific documents relating to the use of animals in the proposed research will be requested **if the application is selected for funding**. The ACURO must review and approve all animal use prior to the start of working with animals, including amendments to ongoing projects. PIs must submit the institutional animal use protocol, IACUC approval of that protocol, and a version of the animal use appendix titled “Research Involving Animals.” ***Allow at least 2 to 3 months for ACURO regulatory review and approval processes for animal studies.*** Refer to the General Application Instructions, Appendix 1, for additional information.

**Encouraged DoD and/or VA Collaboration and Alignment:** Military relevance is a key feature of this award. PIs are encouraged to integrate and/or align their research projects with DoD and/or VA research laboratories and programs. Collaboration with the DoD or VA is also encouraged ([Appendix 2](#)).

**Use of DoD or VA Resources:** If the proposed research involves access to DoD resources or databases, the application must describe the access at the time of submission and include a plan for maintaining access as needed throughout the proposed research. Access to DoD resource(s) or database(s) should be confirmed by including a letter of support, signed by the lowest-ranking person with approval authority.

If the proposed research involves access to VA study resources and databases, and/or VA research space and equipment, VA Principal Investigators (PI)s/co-PIs must have a plan for obtaining and maintaining access throughout the proposed research. Access to VA resources and/or VA research space should be confirmed by including a letter of support from the VA Facility Director(s) or individual designated by the VA Facility Director(s), such as the Associate Chief of Staff for Research and Development (ACOS/R&D) or Clinical Service Chief. If appropriate, the application should identify the VA-affiliated non-profit corporation (NPC) as the applicant institution for VA PIs. If the VA NPC is not identified as the applicant institution for administering the funds, the application should include a letter from the VA ACOS/R&D confirming this arrangement and identifying the institution that will administer the funds associated with the proposed research.

Access to certain DoD or VA resources or databases may only be obtained by collaboration with a DoD or VA investigator who has a substantial role in the research and may not be available to a non-DoD or non-VA investigator if the resource is restricted to DoD or VA personnel. Investigators should be aware of which resources are available to them if the proposed research involves a non-DoD or non-VA investigator collaborating with the DoD and/or VA. If access cannot be confirmed at the time of application submission, the Government reserves the right to withdraw or revoke funding until the PI has demonstrated support for and access to the relevant resource(s). Refer to [Section II.D.2.b.ii, Full Application Submission Components](#), for detailed information.

The CDMRP intends that information, data, and research resources generated under awards funded by this Program Announcement be made available to the research community (which

includes both scientific and consumer advocacy communities) and to the public at large. For additional guidance, refer to the General Application Instructions, Appendix 2, Section K.

## **II.C. Eligibility Information**

### **II.C.1. Eligible Applicants**

**II.C.1.a. Organization: All organizations, including international organizations, are eligible to apply.**

**Government Agencies Within the United States:** Local, state, and Federal Government agencies are eligible to the extent that applications do not overlap with their fully funded internal programs. Such agencies are required to explain how their applications do not overlap with their internal programs.

As applications for this Program Announcement may be submitted by extramural and intramural organizations, these terms are defined below.

**Extramural Organization:** An eligible non-DoD organization. Examples of extramural organizations include academic institutions, biotechnology companies, foundations, other Federal Government organization other than the DoD, and research institutes.

**Intramural DoD Organization:** A DoD laboratory, DoD military treatment facility, and/or DoD activity embedded within a civilian medical center.

**Note:** Applications from an intramural DoD organization or from an extramural Federal Government organization may be submitted to Grants.gov through a research foundation.

The USAMRAA makes awards to eligible organizations, not to individuals.

### **II.C.1.b. Principal Investigator**

Independent investigators at all academic levels (or equivalent) may be named by the organization as the PI on the application.

An eligible PI, regardless of ethnicity, nationality, or citizenship status, must be employed by, or affiliated with, an eligible organization.

The CDMRP encourages all PIs to participate in a digital identifier initiative through Open Researcher and Contributor ID, Inc. (ORCID). Registration for a unique ORCID identifier can be done online at <https://orcid.org/>.

### **II.C.2. Cost Sharing**

Cost sharing/matching is not an eligibility requirement.



### **II.C.3. Other**

Organizations must be able to access **.gov** and **.mil** websites in order to fulfill the financial and technical deliverable requirements of the award and submit invoices for payment.

There are no limitations on the number of applications for which an investigator may be named as a PI.

For general information on required qualifications for award recipients, refer to the General Application Instructions, Appendix 3.

Refer to [Section II.H.2, Administrative Actions](#), for a list of administrative actions that may be taken if a pre-application or application does not meet the administrative, eligibility, or ethical requirements defined in this Program Announcement.

### **II.D. Application and Submission Information**

*Submission of applications that are essentially identical or propose essentially the same research project to different funding opportunities within the same program and fiscal year is prohibited and will result in administrative withdrawal of the duplicative application(s).*

**Extramural Submission:** An application submitted by an organization to Grants.gov.

**Intramural DoD Submission:** An application submitted by a DoD organization to eBRAP.

#### **II.D.1. Address to Request Application Package**

eBRAP is a multifunctional web-based system that allows PIs to submit their pre-applications electronically through a secure connection, to view and edit the content of their pre-applications and full applications, to receive communications from the CDMRP, and to submit documentation during award negotiations and period of performance.

**Extramural Submissions:**

- Pre-application content and forms must be accessed and submitted at [eBRAP.org](http://eBRAP.org).
- Full application packages must be accessed and submitted at Grants.gov.

**Intramural DoD Submissions:**

- Pre-application content and forms must be accessed and submitted at [eBRAP.org](http://eBRAP.org).
- Full application packages must be accessed and submitted at [eBRAP.org](http://eBRAP.org).

Contact information for the CDMRP Help Desk and the Grants.gov Contact Center can be found in [Section II.G, Federal Awarding Agency Contacts](#).

## **II.D.2. Content and Form of the Application Submission**

Submission is a two-step process requiring both *pre-application* and *full application* as indicated below. The submission process should be started early to avoid missing deadlines. There are no grace periods.

**Pre-Application Submission:** All pre-applications for both extramural and intramural organizations must be submitted through eBRAP (<https://eBRAP.org/>).

**Full Application Submission:** Full applications must be submitted through the online portals as described below.

***Extramural Organization Submissions:*** Full applications from extramural organizations must be submitted through Grants.gov Workspace. Applications submitted by extramural organizations (e.g., research foundations) on behalf of intramural DoD or other Federal organizations or investigators will be considered extramural submissions. Applications from extramural organizations, including non-DoD Federal organizations, received through eBRAP will be withdrawn. See definitions in [Section II.C.1, Eligible Applicants](#).

***Intramural DoD Organization Submissions:*** Intramural DoD organizations may submit full applications to either eBRAP or Grants.gov. Intramural DoD organizations that are unable to submit to Grants.gov should submit through eBRAP. Intramural DoD organizations with the capability to submit through Grants.gov may submit following the instructions for extramural submissions through Grants.gov or may submit to eBRAP.

***For Both Extramural and Intramural Applicants:*** eBRAP allows an organization's representatives and PIs to view and modify the full application submissions associated with them. eBRAP will validate full application files against the specific Program Announcement requirements, and discrepancies will be noted in an email to the PI and in the "Full Application Files" tab in eBRAP. It is the applicant's responsibility to review all application components for accuracy as well as ensure proper ordering as specified in this Program Announcement.

***The application title, eBRAP log number, and all information for the PI, Business Official(s), performing organization, and contracting organization must be consistent throughout the entire pre-application and full application submission process.*** Inconsistencies may delay application processing and limit or negate the ability to view, modify, and verify the application in eBRAP. If any changes need to be made, the applicant should contact the CDMRP Help Desk at [help@eBRAP.org](mailto:help@eBRAP.org) or 301-682-5507 prior to the application submission deadline.

### **II.D.2.a. Step 1: Pre-Application Submission Content**

***During the pre-application process, eBRAP assigns each submission a unique log number. This unique eBRAP log number is required during the full application submission process.***

To begin the pre-application process, first select whether the submitting organization is extramural or intramural, then confirm your selection or cancel. **Incorrect selection of extramural or intramural submission type will delay processing.**

If an error has been made in the selection of extramural versus intramural and the pre-application submission deadline has passed, the PI or Business Official must contact the CDMRP Help Desk at [help@eBRAP.org](mailto:help@eBRAP.org) or 301-682-5507 to request a change in designation.

All pre-application components must be submitted by the PI through eBRAP (<https://eBRAP.org>). Because the invitation to submit an application is based on the contents of the pre-application, investigators should not change the title or research objectives after the pre-application is submitted.

The applicant organization and associated PI identified in the pre-application should be the same as those intended for the subsequent application submission. If any changes are necessary after submission of the pre-application, the PI must contact the CDMRP Help Desk at [help@eBRAP.org](mailto:help@eBRAP.org) or 301-682-5507.

A change in PI or organization after submission of the pre-application may be allowed after review of a submitted written appeal (contact the CDMRP Help Desk at [help@eBRAP.org](mailto:help@eBRAP.org) or 301-682-5507) and at the discretion of the USAMRAA Grants Officer.

PIs with an ORCID identifier should enter that information in the appropriate field in the “My Profile” tab in the “Account Information” section of eBRAP.

The pre-application consists of the following components, which are organized in eBRAP by separate tabs (refer to the General Application Instructions, Section II.B, for additional information on pre-application submission):

- **Tab 1 – Application Information**

Submission of application information includes assignment of primary and secondary research classification codes, which may be found at <https://eBRAP.org/eBRAP/public/Program.htm>. Note that the codes have recently been revised. Applicants are strongly encouraged to review and confirm the codes prior to making their selection.

- **Tab 2 – Application Contacts**

Enter contact information for the PI. Enter the organization’s Business Official responsible for sponsored program administration (the “person to be contacted on matters involving this application” in Block 5 of the Grants.gov SF424 Research & Related Form). The Business Official must be either selected from the eBRAP list or invited in order for the pre-application to be submitted.

Select the performing organization (site at which the PI will perform the proposed work) and the contracting organization (organization submitting on behalf of the PI, which corresponds to Block 5 on the Grants.gov SF424 Research & Related Form), and click on “Add Organizations to this Pre-application.” The organization(s) must be either selected from the eBRAP drop-down list or invited in order for the pre-application to be submitted.

It is recommended that PIs identify an Alternate Submitter in the event that assistance with pre-application submission is needed.

- **Tab 3 – Collaborators and Key Personnel**

Enter the name, organization, and role of all collaborators and key personnel associated with the application.

[FY19 PRORP Programmatic Panel members](#) should not be involved in any pre-application or application. For questions related to panel members and pre-applications or applications, refer to [Section II.H.2.c, Withdrawal](#), or contact the CDMRP Help Desk at [help@eBRAP.org](mailto:help@eBRAP.org) or 301-682-5507.

- **Tab 4 – Conflicts of Interest (COIs)**

List all individuals other than collaborators and key personnel who may have a COI in the review of the application (including those with whom the PI has a personal or professional relationship).

- **Tab 5 – Pre-Application Files**

*Note: Upload documents as individual PDF files unless otherwise noted. eBRAP will not allow a file to be uploaded if the number of pages exceeds the limit specified below.*

- **Preproposal Narrative (three-page limit):** The Preproposal Narrative page limit applies to text and non-text elements (e.g., figures, tables, graphs, photographs, diagrams, chemical structures, drawings) used to describe the project. Inclusion of URLs that provide additional information to expand the Preproposal Narrative and could confer an unfair competitive advantage is prohibited and may result in administrative withdrawal of the pre-application.

The Preproposal Narrative should include the following:

- **Alignment with a Focus Area:** Explain how the proposed work addresses an FY19 PRORP ARA Focus Area. State how this project addresses an important problem relevant to combat-related orthopaedic injuries. State the ideas and reasoning on which the proposed work is based.
- **Research Idea:** State the hypothesis to be tested or the objective to be reached.
- **Research Strategy:** Clearly describe the research strategy for the proposed project. Concisely state the specific aims and ultimate goals of the project. Describe the proposed methods and how they will accomplish the project's aims.
- **Impact:** State explicitly how the proposed work may have a short- and/or long-term impact on patient care and/or restoration of function for those who have sustained traumatic orthopaedic injuries.
- **Military Benefit:** Describe how the proposed work may have an impact on unit readiness and the healthcare needs of Service members and/or Veterans who have

sustained combat-related orthopaedic injuries, as well as the treatment of non-battle injuries that significantly impact return to duty/work rates.

- **Personnel:** Briefly state the qualifications of the PI and key personnel to perform the described research (detailed key personnel biographical sketches [six pages per individual] are allowed as part of pre-application supporting documentation, as described below). Note any DoD or VA collaborations.
- **Pre-Application Supporting Documentation:** The items to be included as supporting documentation for the pre-application must be uploaded as individual files and are limited to the following:
  - References Cited (one-page limit): List the references cited (including URLs if available) in the Preproposal Narrative using a standard reference format that includes the full citation (i.e., author[s], year published, reference title, and reference source, including volume, chapter, page numbers, and publisher, as appropriate).
  - List of Abbreviations, Acronyms, and Symbols: Provide a list of abbreviations, acronyms, and symbols used in the Preproposal Narrative.
  - Key Personnel Biographical Sketches (six-page limit per individual): *All biographical sketches should be uploaded as a single combined file.* Biographical sketches should be used to demonstrate background and expertise through education, positions, publications, and previous work accomplished.
  - Quad Chart: Upload as “QuadChart.pdf”. The Quad Chart template is a one-page PowerPoint file that must be downloaded from eBRAP at <https://ebrap.org/eBRAP/public/Program.htm> in the “Generic Forms for Application Submission” section, then completed and saved as a PDF file.

- **Tab 6 – Submit Pre-Application**

This tab must be completed for the pre-application to be accepted and processed.

### **Pre-Application Screening**

- **Pre-Application Screening Criteria**

To determine the technical merits of the pre-application and the relevance to the mission of the DHP and the PRORP, pre-applications will be screened based on the following criteria:

- **Alignment with a Focus Area:** How well the project addresses an FY19 PRORP ARA Focus Area. To what degree the proposed project addresses the intent of the award mechanism and addresses an important problem relevant to the PRORP.
- **Research Idea and Strategy:** How well the rationale, objectives, and specific aims support the research idea. Whether the proposed methodology is appropriate to the specific aims.

- **Impact:** To what extent the potential short and/or long-range outcome(s) of the proposed study, if successful, will produce results that are likely to translate into improved patient care and/or restoration of function for those who have sustained traumatic orthopaedic injuries.
- **Military Benefit:** How well the proposed study will directly or indirectly impact unit readiness and the healthcare needs of Service members and/or Veterans who have sustained combat-related orthopaedic injuries, as well non-battle injuries that significantly impact return to duty/work.
- **Personnel:** Whether the qualifications and expertise of the PI and key personnel are appropriate to perform the proposed research.
- **Notification of Pre-Application Screening Results**

Following the pre-application screening, PIs will be notified as to whether or not they are invited to submit applications; however, they will not receive feedback (e.g., a critique of strengths and weaknesses) on their pre-application. The estimated timeframe for notification of invitation to submit an application is indicated in [Section I, Overview of the Funding Opportunity](#). Invitations to submit a full application are based on the Pre-Application Screening Criteria listed above.

#### **II.D.2.b. Step 2: Full Application Submission Content**

Applications will not be accepted unless notification of invitation has been received.

*The CDMRP cannot make allowances/exceptions to its policies for submission problems encountered by the applicant organization using system-to-system interfaces with Grants.gov.*

Each application submission must include the completed full application package for this Program Announcement. The full application package is submitted by the Authorized Organizational Representative through Grants.gov (<https://www.grants.gov/>) for extramural organizations or through eBRAP (<https://ebrap.org/>) for intramural organizations. See Table 1 below for more specific guidelines.

#### **II.D.2.b.i. Full Application Guidelines**

Extramural organizations must submit full applications through Grants.gov. Applicants must create a Grants.gov Workspace for submission, which allows the application components to be completed online and routed through the applicant organization for review prior to submission. Applicants may choose to download and save individual PDF forms rather than filling out webforms in Workspace. A compatible version of Adobe Reader **must** be used to view, complete, and submit an application package consisting of PDF forms. If more than one person is entering text into an application package, the **same version** of Adobe Reader software should be used by each person. Check the version number of the Adobe software on each user's computer to make sure the versions match. Using different versions of Adobe Reader may cause submission and/or save errors – even if each version is individually compatible with Grants.gov. Refer to the General Application Instructions, Section III, and the “Apply For Grants” page of

Grants.gov (<https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/applicants/apply-for-grants.html>) for further information about the Grants.gov Workspace submission process. Submissions of extramural applications through eBRAP may be withdrawn.

**Table 1. Full Application Submission Guidelines**

| Extramural Submissions   | Intramural DoD Submissions   |
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| <b>Application Package Location</b>  |  |
| <p>Download application package components for W81XWH-19-PRORP-ARA from Grants.gov (<a href="https://www.grants.gov">https://www.grants.gov</a>) and create a Grants.gov Workspace. Workspace allows online completion of the application components and routing of the application package through the applicant organization for review prior to submission.</p>   | <p>Download application package components for W81XWH-19-PRORP-ARA from eBRAP (<a href="https://ebrap.org">https://ebrap.org</a>).</p>   |
| <b>Full Application Package Components</b>   |  |
| <p><b>SF424 Research &amp; Related Application for Federal Assistance Form:</b> Refer to the General Application Instructions, Section III.A.1, for detailed information.</p>  | <p><b>Tab 1 – Summary:</b> Provide a summary of the application information.</p> <p><b>Tab 2 – Application Contacts:</b> This tab will be pre-populated by eBRAP; add Authorized Organizational Representative.</p>  |
| <p>Descriptions of each required file can be found under Full Application Submission Components:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Attachments</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Research &amp; Related Personal Data</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Research &amp; Related Senior/Key Person Profile (Expanded)</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Research &amp; Related Budget</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Project/Performance Site Location(s) Form</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Research &amp; Related Subaward Budget Attachment(s) Form</a> (if applicable)</li> </ul> | <p><b>Tab 3 – Full Application Files:</b> Upload files under each Application Component in eBRAP. Descriptions of each required file can be found under Full Application Submission Components:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Attachments</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Key Personnel</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Budget</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Performance Sites</a></li> </ul> <p><b>Tab 4 – Application and Budget Data:</b> Review and edit proposed project start date, proposed end date, and budget data pre-populated from the Budget Form.</p> |



| Extramural Submissions   | Intramural DoD Submissions   |
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| <b>Application Package Submission</b>  |  |
| <p><b>Create a Grants.gov Workspace.</b><br/>Add participants (investigators and Business Officials) to Workspace, complete all required forms, and check for errors before submission.</p> <p><b>Submit a Grants.gov Workspace Package.</b><br/>An application may be submitted through Workspace by clicking the “Sign and Submit” button on the “Manage Workspace” page, under the “Forms” tab. Grants.gov recommends submission of the application package <b>at least 24-48 hours prior to the close date</b> to allow time to correct any potential technical issues that may disrupt the application submission.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> If either the Project Narrative or the budget fails eBRAP validation or if the Project Narrative or the budget needs to be modified, an updated Grants.gov application package must be submitted via Grants.gov as a “Changed/Corrected Application” with the previous Grants.gov Tracking ID <i>prior to</i> the application submission deadline.</p> | <p><b>Submit package components to eBRAP (<a href="https://ebrap.org">https://ebrap.org</a>).</b></p> <p><b>Tab 5 – Submit/Request Approval Full Application:</b> After all components are uploaded and prior to the full application submission deadline, enter your password in the space provided next to “Enter Your Password Here” and press the “Submit Full Application” button. eBRAP will notify your Resource Manager/ Comptroller/Task Area Manager or equivalent Business Official by email.</p>   |
| <b><u>Application Verification Period</u></b>  |  |
| <p>The full application package submitted to Grants.gov may be viewed and modified in eBRAP until the end of the application verification period. During the application verification period, the full application package may be modified <i>with the exception of the Project Narrative and Research &amp; Related Budget Form</i>.</p>  | <p>After eBRAP has processed the full application, the organizational Resource Manager/Comptroller/ Task Area Manager or equivalent Business Official and PI will receive email notification of this status and will be able to view and modify application components in eBRAP. During the application verification period, the full application package may be modified <i>with the exception of the Project Narrative and Research &amp; Related Budget Form</i>. Your Resource Manager/ Comptroller/Task Area Manager or equivalent Business Official should log into eBRAP to review and to approve prior to the application verification deadline.</p> |



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| <b>Further Information</b>   |   |
| <p><b>Tracking a Grants.gov Workspace Package.</b><br/>           After successfully submitting a Workspace package, a Grants.gov Tracking Number is automatically assigned to the package. The number will be listed on the “Confirmation” page that is generated after submission.<br/>           Refer to the General Application Instructions, Section III, for further information regarding Grants.gov requirements.</p> | <p>Refer to the General Application Instructions, Section IV, for further information regarding eBRAP requirements.</p> |

**Both Extramural and Intramural Organizations:** Application viewing, modification, and verification in eBRAP are strongly recommended, but not required. ***The Project Narrative and Research & Related Budget Form cannot be changed after the application submission deadline.*** Prior to the full application deadline, a corrected or modified full application package may be submitted. Other application components may be changed until the end of the application verification period. Verify that subaward budget(s) and budget justification forms are present in eBRAP during the application verification period. If these components are missing, upload them to eBRAP before the end of the application verification period. After the end of the application verification period, the full application cannot be modified.

The full application package must be submitted using the unique eBRAP log number to avoid delays in application processing.

#### **II.D.2.b.ii. Full Application Submission Components**

- **Extramural Applications Only**

**SF424 Research & Related Application for Federal Assistance Form:** Refer to the General Application Instructions, Section III.A.1, for detailed information.

- **Extramural and Intramural Applications**

**Attachments:**

***Each attachment to the full application components must be uploaded as an individual file in the format specified and in accordance with the formatting guidelines listed in the General Application Instructions, Appendix 4.***

For all attachments, ensure that the file names are consistent with the guidance. Attachments will be rejected if the file names are longer than 50 characters or have incorrect file names that contain characters other than the following: A-Z, a-z, 0-9, underscore, hyphen, space, and period. In addition, there are file size limits that may apply in some circumstances. Individual attachments may not exceed 20 MB, and the file size for the entire full application package may not exceed 200 MB.

- **Attachment 1: Project Narrative (12-page limit): Upload as “ProjectNarrative.pdf”.** The page limit of the Project Narrative applies to text and non-text elements (e.g., figures, tables, graphs, photographs, diagrams, chemical structures, drawings) used to describe the project. Inclusion of URLs that provide additional information to expand the Project Narrative and could confer an unfair competitive advantage is prohibited and may result in administrative withdrawal of the application.

Describe the proposed project in detail using the outline below.

- **Background:** Establish the relevance of the study to a FY19 PRORP ARA Focus Area. Describe in detail the rationale for the study questions and/or study hypotheses. Cite relevant literature. Include pilot or preliminary data that led to the development of the proposed project. State how the proposed work is a refinement or maturation of any existing work or research.
- **Hypotheses/Objectives/Specific Aims:** State the hypotheses to be tested or the objectives to be reached. Concisely explain the specific aims of the proposed project.
- **Research Strategy:** Describe the study design, methods, and models, including appropriate controls, in sufficient detail for assessment of the application. Explain how this research strategy will meet the research goals and milestones. Provide a well-developed, well-integrated, and detailed research plan that supports the translational feasibility and promise of the approach. If active duty military and/or Veteran dataset(s) will be used in the proposed research, describe the dataset(s), the appropriateness of the dataset(s) for the proposed study, and the feasibility of using the dataset(s).
- **Technical Risks:** Identify and describe potential problem areas in the proposed approach and alternative methods and approaches that will be employed to mitigate any risks that are identified.
- **Statistical and Data Analysis Plan:** Describe the statistical model and data analysis plan with respect to the study objectives as appropriate to the type of study. Include a complete power analysis to demonstrate that the sample size is appropriate to meet the objectives of the study.
  - If any biological material will be used in the proposed studies, the name, definition, pathological classification, and source of the material must be provided.
  - If human anatomical samples will be used, include a detailed plan for the acquisition of samples.
- **Attachment 2: Supporting Documentation: Combine and upload as a single file named “Support.pdf”.** Start each document on a new page. If documents are scanned to PDF, the lowest resolution (100 to 150 dpi) should be used. The Supporting Documentation attachment should not include additional information such as figures,

tables, graphs, photographs, diagrams, chemical structures, or drawings. These items should be included in the Project Narrative.

***There are no page limits for any of these components unless otherwise noted. Include only those components described below; inclusion of items not requested or viewed as an extension of the Project Narrative will result in the removal of those items or may result in administrative withdrawal of the application.***

- References Cited: List the references cited (including URLs, if available) in the Project Narrative using a standard reference format that includes the full citation (i.e., author[s], year published, title of reference, source of reference, volume, chapter, page numbers, and publisher, as appropriate).
- List of Abbreviations, Acronyms, and Symbols: Provide a list of abbreviations, acronyms, and symbols.
- Facilities, Existing Equipment, and Other Resources: Describe the facilities and equipment available for performance of the proposed project and any additional facilities or equipment proposed for acquisition at no cost to the award. Indicate whether or not Government-furnished facilities or equipment are proposed for use. If so, reference should be made to the original or present Government award under which the facilities or equipment items are now accountable. There is no form for this information.
- Publications and/or Patents: Include a list of relevant publication URLs and/or patent abstracts. If articles are not publicly available, then copies of up to five published manuscripts may be included in Attachment 2. Extra items will not be reviewed.
- Current Quad Chart: Provide a current Quad Chart (<https://ebrap.org/eBRAP/public/Program.htm>). If no changes have been made to the project, the same Quad Chart submitted with the pre-application may be used.
- Letters of Organizational Support (one-page limit per letter is recommended): Provide a letter (or letters, if applicable), signed by the Department Chair or appropriate organization official, confirming the laboratory space, equipment, and other resources available for the project. Letters of support not requested in the Program Announcement, such as those from members of Congress, do not impact application review or funding decisions.
- Letters of Collaboration (if applicable; one -page limit per letter is recommended): Provide a signed letter from each collaborating individual or organization that will demonstrate that the PI has the support or resources necessary for the proposed work. If an investigator at an intramural organization is named as a collaborator on an application submitted through an extramural organization, the application must include a letter from the collaborator's Commander or Commanding Officer at the intramural organization that authorizes the collaborator's involvement.

- Intellectual Property: Information can be found in Code of Federal Regulations, Title 2, Part 200.315 (2 CFR 200.315), “Intangible Property.”
  - Intellectual and Material Property Plan (if applicable): Provide a plan for resolving intellectual and material property issues among participating organizations.
- Data and Research Resources Sharing Plan: Describe how data and resources generated during the performance of the project will be shared with the research community. Refer to the General Application Instructions, Appendix 2, Section K, for more information about the CDMRP expectations for making data and research resources publicly available.
- Use of DoD Resources (if applicable): Provide a letter of support signed by the lowest-ranking person with approval authority confirming access to active duty military populations and/or DoD resources or databases.
- Use of VA Resources (if applicable): Provide a letter of support from the VA Facility Director(s) or individual designated by the VA Facility Director(s), such as the ACOS/R&D or Clinical Service Chief confirming access to VA patients, resources, and/or VA research space. For VA PIs, if the VA NPC is not identified as the applicant institution for administering the funds, include a letter from the VA ACOS/R&D confirming this arrangement and identifying the institution that will administer the funds associated with the proposed research.
- **Attachment 3: Technical Abstract (one-page limit): Upload as “TechAbs.pdf”.** The technical abstract is used by all reviewers. Abstracts of all funded research projects will be posted publicly. *Do not include proprietary or confidential information.* Use only characters available on a standard QWERTY keyboard. Spell out all Greek letters, other non-English letters, and symbols. Graphics are not allowed.

Technical abstracts should be written using the outline below. Clarity and completeness within the space limits of the technical abstract are highly important for the review of the application.

- **Background:** State the FY19 PRORP ARA Focus Area addressed by the proposed research. State how the proposed research addresses the intent of the award mechanism. Present the ideas and reasoning behind the proposed work.
- **Objective/Hypothesis:** State the objective to be reached/hypothesis to be tested. Provide evidence or rationale that supports the objective/hypothesis.
- **Specific Aims:** State the specific aims of the study.
- **Study Design:** Briefly describe the study design, including appropriate controls.
- **Impact and Military Benefit:** State explicitly how the proposed work may have a short- and/or long-term impact on patient care and/or restoration of function for those

who have sustained combat or combat-related orthopaedic injuries. Identify where along the military (and civilian) pathway of care the proposed product or intervention will be applied.

- **Attachment 4: Lay Abstract (one-page limit): Upload as “LayAbs.pdf”.** The lay abstract is used by all reviewers. Abstracts of all funded research projects will be posted publicly. ***Do not include proprietary or confidential information.*** Use only characters available on a standard QWERTY keyboard. Spell out all Greek letters, other non-English letters, and symbols. Graphics are not allowed.
  - Describe the objectives and rationale for the application in a manner that will be readily understood by readers without a background in science or medicine. ***Do not duplicate the technical abstract.***
  - Describe the ultimate applicability of the research.
    - Which FY19 PRORP ARA Focus Area will be addressed?
    - What are the potential research and clinical applications, benefits, and risks?
    - What is the projected time it may take to achieve a clinically relevant outcome? If the research is far from clinical applicability, describe the interim outcomes.
  - Describe how the proposed work may have a short- and/or long-term impact on patient care and/or restoration of function for those who have sustained traumatic orthopaedic injuries.
- **Attachment 5: Statement of Work (three-page limit): Upload as “SOW.pdf”.** The suggested SOW format and examples specific to different types of research projects are available on the eBRAP “Funding Opportunities & Forms” web page (<https://ebrap.org/eBRAP/public/Program.htm>). For the ARA mechanism, use the SOW format example titled “SOW Generic Format.” The SOW must be in PDF format prior to attaching.

The SOW should include a list of major tasks that support the proposed specific aims, followed by a series of subtasks outlined related to the major tasks and milestones within the period of performance. The SOW should describe only the work for which funding is being requested by this application and, as applicable, should also:

- Include the name(s) of the key personnel and contact information for each study site/subaward site.
- Briefly state the methods to be used.
- Indicate the number (and type, if applicable) of research subjects and/or human anatomical samples projected or required for each task and at each site. Refer to the General Application Instructions, Appendix 1, for additional information regarding regulatory requirements.

- If human anatomical substances (including cell lines) will be used, specify whether or not identifiable information is accessible to the research team by any means.
- Identify cell line(s) and commercial or organizational source(s) to be used.
- **Attachment 6: Impact and Military Benefit Statement (three-page limit): Upload as “MilBen.pdf”.**
  - Describe the short- and long-term impact of this study on the care and lives of individuals with traumatic orthopaedic injuries, including but not limited to how the expected results of the proposed work will contribute to the goals of decreasing the clinical impact of these injuries and provide better long-term outcomes.
  - Describe how the proposed study may impact Prolonged Field Care (PFC), point of injury care, and/or allow patients to more quickly return to duty work. (The North Atlantic Treaty Organization [NATO] defines PFC as field trauma care extended beyond doctrinal timelines until the patient can be transported from the point of injury to an appropriate level of care.)
  - Demonstrate how the proposed study is responsive to the healthcare needs of military Service members and/or the Veteran population that have sustained orthopaedic injuries. Provide information about the incidence and/or prevalence of the project-relevant orthopaedic injuries in military Service members and/or Veterans, as well as the incidence in the general population, if appropriate and available.
- **Attachment 7: Transition Plan (two-page limit): Upload as “Transition.pdf”.** Describe/discuss the methods and strategies proposed to move the anticipated research outcomes to the next phase of development (e.g., clinical research trials, commercialization, and/or delivery to the civilian or military market) after successful completion of the award. Outline the regulatory strategy, as applicable. Applicants are encouraged to work with their organization’s Technology Transfer Office (or equivalent) to develop the transition plan. **PIs are encouraged to explore developing relationships with industry and/or other funding agencies to facilitate moving the product into the next phase of development.** The plan for post-award transition of the anticipated research outcome should include the components listed below, as appropriate and applicable to the research proposed.
  - A description of collaborations and other resources that will be used to provide continuity of development
  - The planned indication for the product label, if appropriate, and an outline of the development plan required to support that indication.
  - Details of the funding strategy to transition to the next level of development and/or commercialization (e.g., partners, internal/external funding opportunities to be applied for).

- For Knowledge Products, the description of collaborations and other resources that will provide continuity of development may include proposed development or modification of Clinical Practice Guidelines (CPGs) and recommendations; provider training materials, patient brochures, and other clinical support tools; scientific journal publications; models; simulations; and applications. A “Knowledge Product” is a non-materiel product that addresses an identified need, topic area, or capability gap; is based on current evidence and research; aims to transition into medical practice, training, tools, or support for materiel solutions (systems to develop, acquire, provide, and sustain medical solutions and capabilities); and educates or impacts behavior throughout the continuum of care, including primary prevention of negative outcomes.
  - A brief schedule and milestones for transitioning the anticipated research outcomes to the next phase of development.
  - A description of ownership rights/access to the intellectual property necessary for the development and/or commercialization of products or technologies supported with this award and the Government’s ability to access such products or technologies in the future.
- **Attachment 8: Animal Research Plan, if applicable (five-page limit): Upload as “AnimalPlan.pdf”.**

When the proposed study involves animals, the applicant is required to submit a summary describing the animal research that will be conducted. Applicants should not submit a verbatim replica of the protocol(s) to be submitted to the IACUC as the Animal Research Plan. The Animal Research Plan should address the following points for each proposed animal study:

- Briefly describe the research objective(s) of the animal study. Explain how and why the proposed animal species, strain, and model(s) are appropriate for addressing the scientific objectives and, where appropriate, the study’s relevance to human biology.
- Summarize the procedures to be conducted. Describe how the study will be controlled.
- Describe the randomization and blinding procedures for the study, and any other measures to be taken to minimize the effects of subjective bias during animal treatment and assessment of results. If randomization and/or blinding will not be utilized, provide justification.
- Provide a sample size estimate for each study arm and the method by which it was derived, including power analysis calculations.
- Describe how data will be handled, including rules for stopping data collection, criteria for inclusion and exclusion of data, how outliers will be defined and handled, statistical methods for data analysis, and identification of the primary endpoint(s).

- Describe how data will be reported and how it will be assured that the documentation will support a regulatory filing with the FDA, if applicable.
- **Attachment 9: Data Management (if applicable; required for all studies using human anatomical substances) (no page limit): Upload as “Data\_Manage.pdf”.** The Data Management attachment should include the components listed below.
  - **Data Management:** Describe all methods used for data collection to include the following:
    - **Confidentiality:**
      - ❖ Explain measures taken to protect the privacy of study human subjects and maintain confidentiality of study data. Strategies to protect the privacy and confidentiality of study records, particularly those containing identifying information, should be addressed.
      - ❖ Address who will have access to study records, data, and specimens, including an acknowledgment that representatives of USAMRMC are eligible to review study records.
      - ❖ Address requirements for reporting sensitive information to state or local authorities.
    - **Data capture, verification and disposition:** Describe how data will be captured and verified. Describe where data (both electronic and hard copy) will be stored, who will keep the data, how the data will be stored, and the length of time data will be stored.
    - **Data reporting:** Describe how data will be reported and how it will be assured that the documentation will support a regulatory filing with the FDA, if applicable.
    - **Storage:** Describe specimen storage, to include location of storage, how long specimens have been or will be stored, any special conditions required, labeling, and disposition. Outline the plan to store specimens for future use, if applicable.
    - **Laboratories performing evaluations and special precautions:** Identify the laboratory performing each evaluation, as well as any special precautions that should be taken in handling the samples. If transport of samples is required, describe provisions for ensuring proper storage during transport.
- **Attachment 10: Representations, if applicable (extramural submissions only): Upload as “RequiredReps.pdf”.** All extramural applicants must complete and submit the Required Representations template available on eBRAP (<https://ebrap.org/eBRAP/public/Program.htm>). For more information, see the General Application Instructions, Appendix 5, Section B, Representations.



- **Attachment 11: DoD Military Budget Form(s), if applicable: Upload as “MFBudget.pdf”.** If a military facility (Military Health System facility, research laboratory, medical treatment facility, dental treatment facility, or a DoD activity embedded with a civilian medical center) will be a collaborator in performance of the project, complete the DoD Military Budget Form, available for download on the eBRAP “Funding Opportunities & Forms” web page (<https://ebrap.org/eBRAP/public/Program.htm>), including a budget justification, for each military facility as instructed. The costs per year should be included on the Grants.gov Research & Related Budget Form under subaward costs. Refer to the General Application Instructions, Section III.A.8, for detailed information.

- **Extramural and Intramural Applications**

To evaluate compliance with Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (20 USC A§1681 et seq.), the DoD is collecting certain demographic and career information to be able to assess the success rates of women who are proposed for key roles in applications in science, technology, engineering, and/or mathematics (STEM) disciplines. To enable this assessment, each application must include the following forms completed as indicated.

**Research & Related Personal Data:** For extramural submissions (via Grants.gov), refer to the General Application Instructions, Section III.A.3, and for intramural submissions (via eBRAP), refer to the General Application Instructions, Section IV.A.2, for detailed information.

**Research & Related Senior/Key Person Profile (Expanded):** For extramural submissions (via Grants.gov), refer to the General Application Instructions, Section III.A.4, and for intramural submissions (via eBRAP), refer to the General Application Instructions, Section IV.A.3, for detailed information.

- PI Biographical Sketch (six-page limit): Upload as “Biosketch\_LastName.pdf”. The suggested biographical sketch format is available on the “Funding Opportunities & Forms” web page (<https://ebrap.org/eBRAP/public/Program.htm>) in eBRAP. The National Institutes of Health Biographical Sketch may also be used. All biographical sketches should be submitted in uneditable PDF format.
- PI Previous/Current/Pending Support (no page limit): Upload as “Support\_LastName.pdf”.
- Key Personnel Biographical Sketches (six-page limit each): Upload as “Biosketch\_LastName.pdf”.
- Key Personnel Previous/Current/Pending Support (no page limit): Upload as “Support\_LastName.pdf”.

**Research & Related Budget:** For extramural submissions (via Grants.gov), refer to the General Application Instructions, Section III.A.5, and for intramural submissions (via eBRAP), refer to the General Application Instructions, Section IV.A.4, for detailed information.

**Budget Justification (no page limit):** Upload as “BudgetJustification.pdf”. The budget justification for the entire period of performance must be uploaded to the Research & Related Budget after completion of the budget for Period 1.

**Project/Performance Site Location(s) Form:** For extramural submissions (via Grants.gov), refer to the General Application Instructions, Section III.A.6, and for intramural submissions (via eBRAP), refer to the General Application Instructions, Section IV.A.5, for detailed information.

- **Extramural Applications Only**

**Research & Related Subaward Budget Attachment(s) Form (if applicable):** Refer to the General Application Instructions, Section III.A.7, for detailed information.

- **Extramural Subaward:** Complete the Research & Related Subaward Budget Form through Grants.gov. (Refer to the General Application Instructions, Section III.A.7, for detailed information.) Verify subaward budget(s) and budget justification forms are present in eBRAP during the application verification period. If these components are missing, upload them to eBRAP before the end of the application verification period.
- **Intramural DoD Collaborator(s):** Complete the DoD Military Budget Form and upload to Grants.gov attachment form as Attachment 11. (Refer to the General Application Instructions, Section IV.A.4, for detailed information.) Each Intramural DoD Collaborator should include costs per year on the Grants.gov Research & Related Budget Form under subaward costs.

### **II.D.3. Dun and Bradstreet Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) Number and System for Award Management (SAM)**

Applicant organizations and all sub-recipient organizations must have a DUNS number to submit applications to Grants.gov. The applicant organization must also be registered in the Entity Management functional area of the SAM with an “Active” status to submit applications through the Grants.gov portal. Verify the status of the applicant organization’s Entity registration in SAM well in advance of the application submission deadline. Allow several weeks to complete the entire SAM registration process. If an applicant has not fully complied with the requirements at the time the Federal awarding agency is ready to make a Federal award, the Federal awarding agency may determine that the applicant is not qualified to receive a Federal award and use that determination as a basis for making a Federal award to another applicant. Refer to the General Application Instructions, Section III, for further information regarding Grants.gov requirements.

### **II.D.4. Submission Dates and Times**

All submission dates and times are indicated in [Section I, Overview of the Funding Opportunity](#). Pre-application and application submissions are required. The pre-application and application submission process should be started early to avoid missing deadlines. There are no grace periods. Failure to meet either of these deadlines will result in submission rejection.

## **Applicant Verification of Full Application Submission in eBRAP**

Following retrieval and processing of the full application, eBRAP will notify the organizational representatives and PI by email to log into eBRAP to review, modify, and verify the full application submission. eBRAP will validate retrieved files against the specific Program Announcement requirements, and discrepancies will be noted in both the email and in the “Full Application Files” tab in eBRAP. eBRAP does not confirm the accuracy of file content. It is the applicant’s responsibility to review all application components and ensure proper ordering as specified in the Program Announcement. ***If either the Project Narrative or the budget fails eBRAP validation or needs to be modified, an updated full application package must be submitted prior to the application submission deadline.*** The Project Narrative and Budget Form cannot be changed after the application submission deadline.

***Extramural Submission:*** The full application package submitted to Grants.gov may be viewed and modified in eBRAP until the end of the application verification period. During the application verification period, the full application package, ***with the exception of the Project Narrative and Budget Form,*** may be modified.

***Intramural DoD Submission:*** After eBRAP has processed the full application, the organizational Resource Manager/Comptroller/Task Area Manager or equivalent Business Official and PI will receive email notification of the status and will be able to view and modify application components in eBRAP. During the application verification period, the full application package, ***with the exception of the Project Narrative and Budget Form,*** may be modified. The Resource Manager/Comptroller/Task Area Manager or equivalent Business Official should log into eBRAP to review and to approve the application package prior to the application verification deadline.

***For All Submissions:*** Verify that subaward budget(s) with budget justification are present in eBRAP during the application verification period. If these components are missing, upload them to eBRAP before the end of the application verification period.

### **II.D.5. Funding Restrictions**

The maximum period of performance is **3** years.

The anticipated total (direct plus indirect) costs budgeted for the entire period of performance will not exceed **\$750,000**. If indirect cost rates have been negotiated, indirect costs are to be budgeted in accordance with the organization’s negotiated rate. No budget will be approved by the Government exceeding **\$750,000** total costs or using an indirect cost rate exceeding the organization’s negotiated rate.

All funding amounts requested should be well-justified and appropriate for the scope of work proposed.

All direct and indirect costs of any subaward or contract must be included in the total direct costs of the primary award.

The applicant may request the entire maximum funding amount for a project that may have a period of performance less than the maximum **3** years.

For this award mechanism, direct costs must be requested for:

- Travel costs for the PI to present project information or disseminate project results at two DoD-sponsored meetings (i.e., the Military Health System Research Symposium) in Years 2 and/or 3 of the period of performance. These travel costs are in addition to those allowed for annual scientific/technical meetings.

May be requested for (not all-inclusive):

- Salary
- Research supplies and equipment
- Research-related subject costs
- Support for multidisciplinary collaborations, including travel
- Travel costs for one investigator to travel to two scientific/technical meetings per year in addition to the required meetings described above. The intent of travel costs to scientific/technical meetings is to disseminate project results from the FY19 PRORP ARA.

Must not be requested for:

- Clinical research costs
- Clinical trial costs

Awards made to extramural organizations will consist solely of assistance agreements (grants and cooperative agreements). For extramural awards with an intragovernmental component, direct transfer of funds from an extramural award recipient to a DoD or other Federal agency is not allowed except under very limited circumstances. Funding to intramural DoD and other Federal agencies will be managed through a direct funds transfer. Intramural applicants are responsible for coordinating through their agency's procedures the use of contractual or assistance funding awards or other appropriate agreements to support extramural collaborators. Refer to the General Application Instructions, Section III.A.5, for budget regulations and instructions for the Research & Related Budget. ***For Federal agencies or organizations collaborating with Federal agencies, budget restrictions apply as are noted in the General Application Instructions, Section III.A.5.***

Funds to be obligated on any award resulting from this funding opportunity will be available for use for a limited time period based on the fiscal year of the funds. The time is considered when establishing the award's period of performance. It is anticipated that awards made from this FY19 funding opportunity will be funded with FY19 funds, which will expire for use on September 30, 2025.

## **II.D.6. Other Submission Requirements**

Refer to the General Application Instructions, Appendix 4, for detailed formatting guidelines.

## **II.E. Application Review Information**

### **II.E.1. Criteria**

#### **II.E.1.a. Peer Review**

To determine technical merit, all applications will be evaluated according to the following **scored criteria**, which are listed in decreasing order of importance:

- **Research Strategy and Feasibility**
  - How well the scientific rationale supports the project and its feasibility, as demonstrated by a critical review and analysis of the literature, logical reasoning, and the presentation of preliminary data or published data.
  - How well the hypotheses or objectives, aims, experimental design, data management plan (if applicable), methods, and analyses are developed and support successful completion of the project aims.
  - How well potential problems are acknowledged and alternative approaches are addressed.
  - Whether the application includes sufficient evidence to support availability of and access to the animal model/samples required for the study, as appropriate.
  - If applicable, whether the animal research plan is rigorous and reproducible, and will provide data that can be used in a future regulatory filing, if needed.
  - Whether the plan for acquiring the necessary research resources is sufficient for the proposed research project, if applicable.
  - How consistent the methods and procedures are with sound research design.
  - If applicable, to what degree the statistical plan and power analysis are appropriate for the proposed project and future transition to the next level of development.
- **Impact and Military Benefit**
  - How well the proposed study addresses the selected FY19 PRORP ARA Focus Area.
  - To what degree the proposed research, if successful, will make a major impact, in the short and/or long term, on patient care and restoration of function of the orthopaedically injured Service member, Veteran, and civilian.

- Whether the proposed study, if successful, will impact point of injury case and/or return to duty/work rates, in the near future.

- **Transition Plan**

- Whether the identified next level of development and/or commercialization is well-described and realistic.
- Whether the funding strategy described to bring the anticipated research outcomes to the next level of development is reasonable and realistic.
- Whether the planned collaborations, schedule, and milestones for bringing the study results to the next level of development (e.g., clinical research or trial, transition to industry, delivery to the market) are achievable.
- How well the application identifies intellectual property ownership, describes an appropriate intellectual and material property plan among all participating organizations (if applicable), and addresses impact of any intellectual property issues on product or technology development and subsequent Government access to products or technologies supported by this Program Announcement.

In addition, the following **unscored** criteria will also contribute to the overall evaluation of the application:

- **Personnel**

- How well the background and expertise of the PI and other key personnel demonstrate their ability to successfully complete the proposed research.
- How appropriate the composition of the research or study team is to accomplishing the proposed work (e.g., statistical expertise, expertise in orthopaedic care/research).
- How appropriate the levels of effort by the PI and other key personnel are for successful conduct of the proposed work.

- **Environment**

- How well the research requirements are supported by the availability of and the accessibility to facilities and resources (including collaborative arrangements).
- Whether the quality and extent of institutional support are appropriate for the proposed project.

- **Budget**

- Whether the **total** costs are equal to or less than the allowable total maximum costs as published in the Program Announcement.
- Whether the budget is appropriate for the proposed research.

- **Application Presentation**

- To what extent the writing, clarity, and presentation of the application components influence the review.

### **II.E.1.b. Programmatic Review**

To make funding recommendations and select the application(s) that, individually or collectively, will best achieve the program objectives, the following criteria are used by programmatic reviewers:

- Ratings and evaluations of the peer reviewers
- Relevance to the mission of the DHP and FY19 PRORP, as evidenced by the following:
  - Adherence to the intent of the award mechanism
  - Program portfolio composition
  - Programmatic relevance
  - Relative impact and military benefit

### **II.E.2. Application Review and Selection Process**

All applications are evaluated by scientists, clinicians, and consumers in a two-tier review process. The first tier is **peer review**, the evaluation of applications against established criteria to determine technical merit, where each application is assessed for its own merit, independent of other applications. The second tier is **programmatic review**, a comparison-based process in which applications with high scientific and technical merit are further evaluated for programmatic relevance. Final recommendations for funding are made to the Commanding General, USAMRMC, on behalf of the DHA and the OASD(HA). ***The highest-scoring applications from the first tier of review are not automatically recommended for funding. Funding recommendations depend on various factors as described in [Section II.E.1.b, Programmatic Review](#).*** Additional information about the two-tier process used by the CDMRP can be found at <https://cdmrp.army.mil/about/2tierRevProcess>. A PI Information Paper describing the funding recommendations and review process for the award mechanisms for the PRORP will be provided to the PI and posted on the CDMRP website.

All CDMRP review processes are conducted confidentially to maintain the integrity of the merit-based selection process. Panel members sign a statement declaring that application and evaluation information will not be disclosed outside the panel. Violations of confidentiality can result in the dissolving of a panel(s) and other corrective actions. In addition, personnel at the applicant or collaborating organizations are prohibited from contacting persons involved in the review and approval process to gain protected evaluation information or to influence the evaluation process. Violations of these prohibitions will result in the administrative withdrawal of the organization's application. Violations by panel members or applicants that compromise the confidentiality of the review and approval process may also result in suspension or

debarment from Federal awards. Furthermore, the unauthorized disclosure of confidential information of one party to another third party is a crime in accordance with 18 USC 1905.

### **II.E.3. Integrity and Performance Information**

Prior to making an assistance agreement award where the Federal share is expected to exceed the simplified acquisition threshold, as defined in 2 CFR 200.88, over the period of performance, the Federal awarding agency is required to review and consider any information about the applicant that is available in the Federal Awardee Performance and Integrity Information System (FAPIIS).

An applicant organization may review FAPIIS, accessible through SAM, and submit comments to FAPIIS on any information about the organization that a Federal awarding agency previously entered and is currently available in FAPIIS.

The Federal awarding agency will consider any comments by the applicant, in addition to other information in the designated integrity and performance system, in making a judgment about the applicant's integrity, business ethics, and record of performance under Federal awards when determining a recipient's qualification prior to award, according to the qualification standards of the Department of Defense Grant and Agreement Regulations (DoDGARs), Section 22.415.

### **II.E.4. Anticipated Announcement and Federal Award Dates**

All application review dates and times are indicated in [Section I, Overview of the Funding Opportunity](#).

Each PI and organization will receive email notification of posting of the funding recommendation in eBRAP. Each PI will receive a peer review summary statement on the strengths and weaknesses of the application.

## **II.F. Federal Award Administration Information**

### **II.F.1. Federal Award Notices**

Awards supported with FY19 funds are anticipated to be made no later than September 30, 2020. Refer to the General Application Instructions, Appendix 2, for additional award administration information.

After email notification of application review results through eBRAP, and if selected for funding, a representative from USAMRAA will contact the Business Official authorized to negotiate on behalf of the PI's organization.

*Only an appointed USAMRAA Grants Officer may obligate the Government to the expenditure of funds.* No commitment on the part of the Government should be inferred from discussions with any other individual. **The award document signed by the Grants Officer is the official authorizing document.**



**Federal Government Organizations:** Funding made to Federal Government organizations (to include intramural DoD organizations) will be executed through the Military Interdepartmental Purchase Request (MIPR) or Funding Authorization Document (FAD) process. Transfer of funds is contingent upon appropriate safety and administrative approvals. Intramural applicants and collaborators are reminded to coordinate receipt and commitment of funds through their respective Resource Manager/Task Area Manager/Comptroller or equivalent Business Official.

After email notification of application review results through eBRAP, and if selected for funding, a representative from the CDMRP will contact the Business Official authorized to negotiate on behalf of the PI's organization.

#### **II.F.1.a. PI Changes and Award Transfers**

Unless otherwise restricted, changes in PI or organization will be allowed at the discretion of the USAMRAA Grants Officer, provided the intent of the award mechanism is met.

An organizational transfer of an award will not be allowed in the last year of the (original) period of performance or any extension thereof.

Refer to the General Application Instructions, Appendix 2, Section B, for general information on organization or PI changes.

#### **II.F.2. Administrative and National Policy Requirements**

Applicable requirements in the DoDGARs found in 32 CFR, Chapter I, Subchapter C, and 2 CFR, Chapter XI, apply to grants and cooperative agreements resulting from this Program Announcement.

Refer to the General Application Instructions, Appendix 2, for general information regarding administrative requirements.

Refer to the General Application Instructions, Appendix 5, for general information regarding national policy requirements.

Refer to full text of the latest [DoD R&D General Terms and Conditions](#), the [USAMRAA General Research Terms and Conditions with Institutions of Higher Education, Hospitals, and Non-Profit Organizations](#); Addendum to the DoD R&D General Terms and Conditions and the [USAMRAA General Research Terms and Conditions with For-Profit Organizations](#) for further information.

#### **II.F.3. Reporting**

Refer to the General Application Instructions, Appendix 2, Section A, for general information on reporting requirements. ***If there are technical reporting requirement delinquencies for any existing USAMRAA-sponsored awards at the applicant organization, no new awards will be issued to the applicant organization until all delinquent reports have been submitted.***

Quarterly technical progress reports, quad charts, annual progress reports, as well as a final progress report will be required.

In addition to written progress reports, in-person presentations may be requested.

**Award Expiration Transition Plan:** An Award Expiration Transition Plan must be submitted with the last annual progress report (i.e., 12 months prior to the final progress report). Use the one-page template “Award Expiration Transition Plan,” available on the eBRAP “Funding Opportunities & Forms” web page (<https://ebrap.org/eBRAP/public/Program.htm>) under the “Progress Report Formats” section. The Award Expiration Transition Plan must outline if and how the research supported by this award will progress and must include source(s) of funding, either known or pending.

Awards resulting from this Program Announcement will incorporate additional reporting requirements related to recipient integrity and performance matters. Recipient organizations that have Federal contract, grant, and cooperative agreement awards with a cumulative total value greater than \$10,000,000 are required to provide information to FAPIIS about certain civil, criminal, and administrative proceedings that reached final disposition within the most recent 5-year period and that were connected with performance of a Federal award. Recipients are required to disclose, semiannually, information about criminal, civil, and administrative proceedings as specified in the applicable Representations (see General Application Instructions, Appendix 5, Section B).

## **II.G. Federal Awarding Agency Contacts**

### **II.G.1. CDMRP Help Desk**

Questions related to Program Announcement content or submission requirements as well as questions related to the pre-application or intramural application submission through eBRAP should be directed to the CDMRP Help Desk, which is available Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. ET. Response times may vary depending upon the volume of inquiries.

Phone: 301-682-5507

Email: [help@eBRAP.org](mailto:help@eBRAP.org)

### **II.G.2. Grants.gov Contact Center**

Questions related to extramural application submission through Grants.gov portal should be directed to the Grants.gov Contact Center, which is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week (closed on U.S. Federal holidays). Note that the CDMRP Help Desk is unable to provide technical assistance with Grants.gov submission.

Phone: 800-518-4726; International 1-606-545-5035

Email: [support@grants.gov](mailto:support@grants.gov)

Sign up on Grants.gov for “send me change notification emails” by following the link on the “Synopsis” page for the Program Announcement or by responding to the prompt provided by Grants.gov when first downloading the Grants.gov application package. If the Grants.gov application package is updated or changed, the original version of the application package may not be accepted by Grants.gov.

## **II.H. Other Information**

### **II.H.1. Program Announcement and General Application Instructions Versions**

Questions related to this Program Announcement should refer to the Program name, the Program Announcement name, and the Program Announcement version code 20190218e. The Program Announcement numeric version code will match the General Application Instructions version code 20190218.

### **II.H.2. Administrative Actions**

After receipt of pre-applications or applications, the following administrative actions may occur:

#### **II.H.2.a. Rejection**

The following will result in administrative rejection of the pre-application:

- Preproposal Narrative exceeds page limit.
- Preproposal Narrative is missing.

The following will result in administrative rejection of the application:

- Submission of an application for which a letter of invitation was not received.
- Project Narrative exceeds page limit.
- Data Management is missing, *for studies using human anatomical substances*
- Project Narrative is missing.
- Budget is missing.

#### **II.H.2.b. Modification**

- Pages exceeding the specific limits will be removed prior to review for all documents other than the Preproposal Narrative and Project Narrative.
- Documents not requested will be removed.

### II.H.2.c. Withdrawal

The following may result in administrative withdrawal of the pre-application or application:

- An FY19 PRORP Programmatic Panel member is named as being involved in the research proposed or is found to have assisted in the pre-application or application processes including, but not limited to, concept design, application development, budget preparation, and the development of any supporting documentation. *A list of the FY19 PRORP Programmatic Panel members can be found at <https://cdmrp.army.mil/prorp/panels/panels19>.*
- The application fails to conform to this Program Announcement description.
- Inclusion of URLs, with the exception of links in References Cited and Publication and/or Patent Abstract sections.
- Page size is larger than 8.5 inches x 11.0 inches (approximately 21.59 cm x 27.94 cm).
- To preserve the integrity of its peer and programmatic review processes, the CDMRP discourages inclusion of any employee of its review contractors having any role in the preparation, research or other duties for submitted applications. For FY19, the identities of the peer review contractor and the programmatic review contractor may be found at the CDMRP website (<https://cdmrp.army.mil/about/2tierRevProcess>). Applications that include names of personnel from either of these companies may be administratively withdrawn.
- Personnel from applicant or collaborating organizations are found to have contacted persons involved in the review or approval process to gain protected evaluation information or to influence the evaluation process.
- Applications from extramural organizations, including non-DoD Federal agencies, received through eBRAP may be withdrawn.
- Applications submitted by an intramural DoD organization may be withdrawn if the intramural organization cannot coordinate the use of contractual, assistance, or other appropriate agreements to provide funds to extramural collaborators.
- Submission of the same research project to different funding opportunities within the same program and fiscal year.
- The research proposed in the application is outside the scope of the research described in the pre-application.
- The PI does not meet the eligibility criteria.
- A clinical trial is proposed.
- Clinical research is proposed.

#### **II.H.2.d. Withhold**

Applications that appear to involve research misconduct will be administratively withheld from further consideration pending organizational investigation. The organization will be required to provide the findings of the investigation to the USAMRAA Grants Officer for a determination of the final disposition of the application.

### II.H.3. Application Submission Checklist

| Application Components   | Action   | Completed |
|--|--|-----------|
| SF424 Research & Related Application for Federal Assistance ( <b>Extramural submissions only</b> ) | Complete form as instructed  |           |
| Summary (Tab 1) and Application Contacts (Tab 2) ( <b>Intramural submissions only</b> )            | Complete tabs as instructed  |           |
| Attachments  | Project Narrative: Upload as Attachment 1 with file name "ProjectNarrative.pdf"  |           |
|  | Supporting Documentation: Upload as Attachment 2 with file name "Support.pdf"  |           |
|  | Technical Abstract: Upload as Attachment 3 with file name "TechAbs.pdf"  |           |
|  | Lay Abstract: Upload as Attachment 4 with file name "LayAbs.pdf"   |           |
|  | Statement of Work: Upload as Attachment 5 with file name "SOW.pdf"   |           |
|  | Impact and Military Benefit Statement: Upload as Attachment 6 with file name "MilBen.pdf"                              |           |
|  | Transition Plan: Upload as Attachment 7 with file name "Transition.pdf"  |           |
|  | Animal Research Plan: Upload as Attachment 8 with file name "AnimalPlan.pdf" if applicable                             |           |
|  | Data Management: Upload as Attachment 9 with file name "Data_Manage.pdf" if applicable                                 |           |
|  | Representations (extramural submissions only): Upload as Attachment 10 with file name "RequiredReps.pdf" if applicable |           |
|  | DoD Military Budget Form(s): Upload as Attachment 11 with file name "MFBudget.pdf" if applicable                       |           |
| Research & Related Personal Data   | Complete form as instructed  |           |

| Application Components   | Action   | Completed |
|--|--|-----------|
| Research & Related Senior/Key Person Profile (Expanded)              | Attach PI Biographical Sketch (Biosketch_LastName.pdf) to the appropriate field                            |           |
|  | Attach PI Previous/Current/Pending Support (Support_LastName.pdf) to the appropriate field                 |           |
|  | Attach Biographical Sketch (Biosketch_LastName.pdf) for each senior/key person to the appropriate field    |           |
|  | Attach Previous/Current/Pending (Support_LastName.pdf) for each senior/key person to the appropriate field |           |
| Research & Related Budget ( <b>Extramural submissions only</b> )     | Complete as instructed. Attach Budget Justification (BudgetJustification.pdf) to the appropriate field     |           |
| Budget ( <b>Intramural submissions only</b> )                        | Complete the DoD Military Budget Form and justification  |           |
| Project/Performance Site Location(s) Form                            | Complete form as instructed  |           |
| Research & Related Subaward Budget Attachment(s) Form, if applicable | Complete form as instructed  |           |

## APPENDIX 1: ACRONYM LIST

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| ACOS/R&D | Associate Chief of Staff for Research and Development           |
| ACURO    | Animal Care and Use Review Office                               |
| ARA      | Applied Research Award  |
| ARRIVE   | Animal Research: Reporting <i>In Vivo</i> Experiments           |
| CDMRP    | Congressionally Directed Medical Research Programs              |
| CFR      | Code of Federal Regulations                                     |
| COI      | Conflict of Interest  |
| CPG      | Clinical Practice Guidelines                                    |
| DHA      | Defense Health Agency   |
| DHP      | Defense Health Program  |
| DoD      | Department of Defense   |
| DoDGARs  | Department of Defense Grant and Agreement Regulations           |
| DUNS     | Data Universal Numbering System                                 |
| eBRAP    | Electronic Biomedical Research Application Portal               |
| EC       | Ethics Committee  |
| ET       | Eastern Time  |
| FAD      | Funding Authorization Document                                  |
| FAPIIS   | Federal Awardee Performance and Integrity Information System    |
| FY       | Fiscal Year   |
| HRPO     | Human Research Protection Office                                |
| IACUC    | Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee                     |
| IRB      | Institutional Review Board                                      |
| M        | Million   |
| MIPR     | Military Interdepartmental Purchase Request                     |
| NATO     | North Atlantic Treaty Organization                              |
| NPC      | Non-Profit Corporation  |
| OASD(HA) | Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs |
| ORCID    | Open Researcher and Contributor ID, Inc.                        |
| ORP      | Office of Research Protections                                  |
| PFC      | Prolonged Field Care  |
| PI       | Principal Investigator  |
| PRORP    | Peer Reviewed Orthopaedic Research Program                      |
| RDT&E    | Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation                     |
| SAM      | System for Award Management                                     |
| SOW      | Statement of Work   |
| STEM     | Science, Technology, Engineering, and/or Mathematics            |
| USAMRAA  | U.S. Army Medical Research Acquisition Activity                 |
| USAMRMC  | U.S. Army Medical Research and Materiel Command                 |
| USC      | United States Code  |
| VA       | Department of Veterans Affairs                                  |



## APPENDIX 2: DOD AND VA WEBSITES

PIs are encouraged to integrate and/or align their research projects with DoD and/or VA research laboratories and programs. Collaboration with DoD and/or VA investigators is also encouraged. Below is a list of websites that may be useful in identifying additional information about DoD and VA areas of research interest, ongoing research or potential opportunities for collaboration.

Air Force Office of Scientific Research  
<https://www.wpafb.af.mil>

Air Force Research Laboratory  
<https://www.wpafb.af.mil>

Armed Forces Radiobiology Research  
Institute  
<https://www.usuhs.edu/afri>

Clinical and Rehabilitative Medicine  
Research Program  
<https://crmrp.amedd.army.mil>

Combat Casualty Care Research Program  
<https://ccc.amedd.army.mil>

Congressionally Directed Medical Research  
Programs  
<https://cdmrp.army.mil>

Defense Advanced Research Projects  
Agency  
<https://www.darpa.mil>

Defense Health Agency  
<https://health.mil/dha>

Defense Technical Information Center  
<https://discover.dtic.mil>

Defense Threat Agency  
<https://www.dtra.mil>

Reduction  
Military Health System Research  
Symposium  
<https://mhsrs.amedd.army.mil>

Military Infectious Diseases Research  
Program  
<https://midrp.amedd.army.mil>

Military Operational Medicine Research  
Program  
<https://momrp.amedd.army.mil>

Naval Health Research Center  
<https://www.med.navy.mil/sites/nhrc>

Navy Bureau of Medicine  
<https://www.med.navy.mil>

Naval Medical Research and Development  
<https://www.med.navy.mil/sites/nmrc>

Navy and Marine Corps Public Health  
Center  
<https://www.med.navy.mil/sites/nmcphc>

Office of Naval Research  
<https://www.onr.navy.mil>

Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for  
Acquisition, Technology and Logistics  
<https://www.acq.osd.mil>

Telemedicine and Advanced Technology  
Research Center  
<https://www.tatrc.org>

Uniformed Services University of the Health  
Sciences  
<https://www.usuhs.edu/research>

U.S. Air Force 59<sup>th</sup> Medical Wing  
<https://www.59mdw.af.mil>

U.S. Army Aeromedical Research  
Laboratory  
<https://www.usaarl.army.mil>

U.S. Army Center for Environmental Health  
Research  
<https://usacehr.amedd.army.mil>

U.S. Army Institute of Surgical Research  
<https://www.usaisr.amedd.army.mil>

U.S. Army Research Institute of  
Environmental Medicine  
<https://www.usariem.army.mil>

U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of  
Infectious Diseases  
<https://www.usamriid.army.mil>

U.S. Army Medical Research and Materiel  
Command  
<https://mrmc.amedd.army.mil>

U.S. Army Research Laboratory  
<https://www.arl.army.mil>

U.S. Army Combat Capabilities  
Development Command  
<https://www.army.mil/ccdc>

U.S. Army Sharp, Ready & Resilient  
Directorate  
<http://readyandresilient.army.mil>

U.S. Department of Defense Blast Injury  
Research Program  
<https://blastinjuryresearch.amedd.army.mil>

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, Office  
of Research and Development  
<https://www.research.va.gov>

U.S. Naval Research Laboratory  
<https://www.nrl.navy.mil>

Walter Reed Army Institute of Research  
<https://www.wrair.army.mil>