



# FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Since the Foundation's establishment in 1982, it has invested over \$60 million in more than 1,300 research, clinical and scientific grants, awards, fellowships and scientific meetings. The Foundation's financial commitment over the years has seen results on a local, national, and even global level, including initiating funding for young investigators from around the world; supporting innovative research ideas; and providing seed funding to researchers to allow researchers world-wide to apply for larger National Institutes of Health (NIH) grants.

## FELLOWSHIPS

### Overview

The PKD Foundation is interested in fostering research in the area of polycystic kidney disease with the goal of furthering our understanding of the physiological, biochemical and genetic mechanisms of this disease. This fellowship is designed to allow trainees to obtain significant research experience as they initiate careers in polycystic kidney disease research.

### Eligibility

Fellows may submit a proposal that examines any aspect of polycystic kidney disease biology. Applicants must:

- › Hold an M.D. or Ph.D. or the equivalent degree at the time of the award.
- › May not have completed the equivalent of more than five years of research or post-doctoral training (excluding clinical training) after completion of M.D. or Ph.D. training at the time the award begins This does not include medical parental leave or FMLA.
- › Complete research under the direction and mentorship of a sponsor.
- › Not hold another full fellowship award although institutional supplemental support is acceptable.
- › Commit a minimum of 75 percent of time to research during the fellowship period.

### Milestones

PRE-APPLICATION DEADLINE  
August 2025

INVITATIONS TO SUBMIT FULL APPLICATIONS  
October 2025

REVIEW PERIOD  
January–April 2026

APPLICANT NOTIFICATION  
May 2026

FUNDING CYCLE  
July 1, 2026–June 30, 2028

### Amount

\$70,000/yr for 2 years

### Connect

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## GRANTS

### Overview

One of the PKD Foundation's principal goals is the development of clinical interventions for the treatment of polycystic kidney disease. Under this Request for Applications (RFA), proposals in the following areas will be accepted:

- Basic research — to enhance understanding of molecular basis of PKD and its pathobiology
- Translational research — to accelerate development of predictive and therapeutic strategies for PKD
- Clinical research — such as small pilot studies
- Epidemiology/data analysis research — to conduct secondary data analyses utilizing existing database resources, or to develop new statistical methodologies or test hypotheses using existing data

Thanks to international PKD Foundation alliances, special consideration will be given to grant applications for research conducted in:

- Canada (made possible by a collaboration with the PKD Foundation of Canada)
- Australia (made possible by a collaboration with the PKD Australia)

### Eligibility

Applicants must have an M.D., Ph.D. or equivalent degree and hold a faculty appointment or equivalent at the institution where the research will be conducted at the time of award. Applicants do not need to be United States citizens. No fellowships will be awarded under this RFA, although salary support for personnel working on the project may be requested. Applicants may only submit one grant proposal per funding cycle.

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October 2025

REVIEW PERIOD  
January–April 2026

APPLICANT NOTIFICATION  
May 2026

FUNDING CYCLE  
July 1, 2026–June 30, 2028

### Amount

\$80,000/yr for 2 years

### Connect

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