



BUSCH BIOMEDICAL GRANTS 2026

Enhancing Biomedical Research at Rutgers

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The **Busch Biomedical Grant** program, now accepting applications, is designed to enhance basic or fundamental biomedical research at the university and to strengthen the competitive position of our faculty members who seek external research funds.

Supporting research projects up to a total of **\$60,000 over two years**, the program provides two funding mechanisms:

- **Early Career Pilot Grants**, single investigator awards from early-career investigators as defined below); and
- **New Direction Pilot Grants**, single investigator awards for mid- and senior-career investigators to facilitate exploration of innovative new projects in basic or fundamental biomedical research that illustrate a significant departure from the applicant's previously funded work.

Who Can Apply:



Applicants must have a Full-Time Faculty appointment (Tenure Track Faculty and independent NTT Faculty).



Current total annual extramural support (federal and private) as principal investigator cannot be greater than \$400,000 in direct costs as of June 1, 2026.



Early Career Pilot Grants

Open to investigators who:

- Have not received tenure as of June 1, 2026 (tenure-track applicants)

or

- Completed their terminal research degree or end of post-graduate clinical training (whichever date is later) after June 1, 2016 (non-tenure track applicants).



New Direction Pilot Grants

Open to investigators who:

- Have received tenure as of June 1, 2026 (tenure-track applicants)

or

- Completed their terminal research degree or end of post-graduate clinical training (whichever date is later) before June 1, 2016 (non-tenure track applicants).

- One application per cycle allowed.

Notice of Intent Deadline: May 1, 2026

Proposal Deadline: June 1, 2026

For more information: go.rutgers.edu/buschbiomed

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