



**Program Announcement for the Defense Health Agency**

# **Ovarian Cancer Research Program Pilot Award**

Funding Opportunity Number: HT942526OCRPPA

Pre-Application Due: July 13, 2026

Application Due: October 1, 2026

***This program announcement must be read in conjunction with the General Application Instructions, version [CD26\\_01](#).***

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## Before You Begin

- **Active [SAM.gov](#), [eBRAP.org](#) and [Grants.gov](#) registrations are required for application submission.** User registration for each of these websites can take several weeks or longer. Each applicant must ensure their registrations are active and up to date prior to application preparation.
- **Read this funding opportunity announcement in the order it is written before beginning to prepare application materials.** It is the responsibility of the applicant to determine whether the proposed research meets the intent of this funding opportunity and that all parties meet eligibility requirements.
- **To support application preparation, additional resources are available** including an application process [FAQ](#), a [Guide for Intragovernmental & Intramural Applicants](#) and a [CDMRP Video Series](#) detailing the application process.

## Who to Contact for Support

### eBRAP Help Desk

301-682-5507  
[help@eBRAP.org](mailto:help@eBRAP.org)

*Questions regarding  
funding opportunity submission  
requirements,  
as well as technical assistance  
related to pre-application or  
intramural application submission.*

### Grants.gov Support Center

800-518-4726  
International: 1-606-545-5035  
[support@grants.gov](mailto:support@grants.gov)

*Questions regarding  
Grants.gov registration  
and Workspace.*

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# 1. Basic Information About the Funding Opportunity

**Summary:** The Ovarian Cancer Pilot Award supports research that expands or modifies current thinking about and/or approaches in ovarian cancer, exploring innovative concepts or theories in ovarian cancer that could ultimately lead to critical discoveries or major advancements that will drive the field forward.

**Distinctive Features:** Innovation is key. Research projects that demonstrate exceptional scientific merit but lack innovation do not meet the intent of the mechanism. Preliminary data are not required but are allowed for this mechanism.

**This mechanism includes a blinded pre-application component.** Pre-applications to this funding opportunity will undergo a blinded pre-application screening. While preparing your pre-application, do not include any material that may identify the PI, a collaborator, or the organization of the PI or collaborator.

**Funding Details:** The Congressionally Directed Medical Research Programs (CDMRP) expects to allot roughly \$4.55 million (M) to fund approximately 13 Pilot Award applications with total cost caps of \$350,000 per award. The maximum period of performance is 2 years. It is anticipated that awards made from this fiscal year 2026 (FY26) funding opportunity will be funded with FY26 funds, which will expire for use on September 30, 2032. Awards supported with FY26 funds will be made no later than September 30, 2027.

### Submission and Review Dates and Times

- **Pre-Application (Preproposal) Submission Deadline:** 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time (ET), July 13, 2026
- **Invitation to Submit an Application:** August 12, 2026
- **Application Submission Deadline:** 11:59 p.m. ET, October 1, 2026
- **End of Application Verification Period:** 5:00 p.m. ET, October 6, 2026
- **Peer Review:** November 2026
- **Programmatic Review:** January 2027

**Announcement Type:** Initial

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## 2. Eligibility Information

### 2.1. Eligible Applicants

#### 2.1.1. Organization

[Extramural](#) and [intramural U.S. Department of War \(DOW\)](#) organizations are eligible to apply, ***including foreign and domestic organizations, for-profit and nonprofit organizations, and public or private entities.***

#### 2.1.2. Principal Investigator

Investigators affiliated with an eligible organization are eligible to be named Principal Investigator (PI) on the application, regardless of ethnicity, nationality or citizenship status.

Investigators at the level of postdoctoral fellow or clinical fellow (or equivalent) and above may be named by the organization as the PI on the application.

An investigator may be named on only **one** Pilot Award application as a PI.

### 2.2. Cost Sharing

Cost sharing is not an eligibility requirement.

### 2.3. Other

Awards are made to eligible **organizations**, not to individuals. Refer to the GAI for additional [recipient qualification requirements](#).

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### 3. Program Description

The Defense Health Agency Contracting Activity (DHACA) is soliciting applications to this funding opportunity using delegated authority provided by United States Code, Title 10, Section 4001 (10 USC 4001). The CDMRP is the program office managing this FY26 funding opportunity as part of the Ovarian Cancer Research Program (OCRP). The CDMRP is located within the Defense Health Agency Research and Development (DHA R&D), which is a part of the Department of Defense, DOD, herein referred to using the secondary title Department of War, DOW. Congress initiated the OCRP in FY97 to provide support for research of high potential impact and exceptional scientific merit. Appropriations for the OCRP from FY97 through FY25 totaled \$556.45M. The FY26 appropriation is \$50M

The mission of the OCRP is to support research to prevent, detect, treat, cure and optimally survive ovarian cancer to enhance the well-being of Service Members, Veterans, retirees, their Family members, and all women impacted by this disease.

#### 3.1. Award History

The OCRP Pilot Award mechanism was first offered in FY05. Since then, 1,558 Pilot Award applications were received, and 217 were recommended for funding.

#### 3.2. Intent of the Pilot Award

The OCRP Pilot Award supports the exploration of innovative concepts or theories in ovarian cancer that could ultimately lead to critical discoveries or major advancements that will drive the field forward. The proposed research must demonstrate a clear focus on ovarian cancer (e.g., using tissues, cell lines, datasets, or appropriate animal models), and serve as a catalyst to expand or modify current thinking about and/or approaches in ovarian cancer. ***If cell lines or animals are to be used, a clear justification should be provided for the choice of proposed cell line(s) or animal model(s).***

##### 3.2.1. Areas of Emphasis for the Pilot Award

To meet the intent of the funding opportunity, applications for the FY26 OCRP Pilot Award must address a critical component of at least one of the areas of emphasis listed below:

- Develop novel therapeutic strategies for treatment.
- Identify and develop new strategies for risk stratification, screening, early-stage detection, accurate diagnosis and prognosis.
- Identify and implement strategies to improve care, survivorship and quality of life.
- **(New this year)** Identify relationships between military service-related exposures and ovarian cancer.
- Investigate innovative approaches for ovarian cancer prevention.
- Understand the basic biology and etiology of ovarian cancer initiation, progression, metastasis, recurrence, genetics and other critical events.

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### 3.2.2. Key Elements for the Pilot Award

To foster research with a potential to yield new avenues of investigation, preliminary data are not required but are allowed. Research projects should include a well-formulated, testable hypothesis based on strong scientific rationale; however, applications that demonstrate exceptional scientific merit but lack innovation do not meet the intent of the Pilot Award.

The outcome of research supported by this award should be the generation of robust preliminary data that can be used as a foundation for future research projects. Clinical trials will not be supported by this award mechanism.

**Reviewers will be blinded to the identity of the PI, collaborator(s) and their organization(s) during pre-application screening.** Refer to [Section 4.2, Pre-Application Components](#), for more information.

**Innovation:** Research deemed innovative may introduce a new paradigm, challenge current paradigms, look at existing problems from new perspectives, or provide new insights, technologies, or applications that have the potential to meet the OCRP mission.

The following list, although not all-inclusive, provides examples of research that are **not** considered innovative and will likely not be considered for funding under this award mechanism:

- Investigating the next logical step or continuation of a previous research project.
- Proposing work that is an incremental advancement of published data.
- Using published series of in vitro assays to further characterize a model system.
- Incorporating known biomarkers into in vivo or clinical models of ovarian cancer.

### 3.2.3. Other Important Considerations for the Pilot Award

**[Clinical trials](#) are not allowed within this funding opportunity.**

**For the purposes of this funding opportunity, research that meets the definition of a clinical trial is distinct from [clinical research](#).**

In accordance with the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2026, Section 732, CDMRP does not support the conduct of painful research (USDA pain category D or E) involving domestic cats or dogs, except for studies relating to military or service animals.

All projects should adhere to a core set of standards for rigorous study design and reporting to maximize the reproducibility and translational potential of clinical and preclinical research, such as those described in the [STROBE](#), [CONSORT](#), [SPIRIT](#) and [ARRIVE 2.0](#) guidelines.

Applications from investigators within the DOW and applications involving multidisciplinary collaborations among academia, industry, the DOW, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and other federal government agencies are highly encouraged. These relationships can leverage knowledge, infrastructure and access to unique clinical populations that the collaborators bring to the research effort, ultimately advancing research that is of significance to Service Members, Veterans, their Families and the American Public. If the proposed research relies on access to unique 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.

A congressionally mandated Metastatic Cancer Task Force was formed with the purpose of identifying ways to help accelerate clinical and translational research aimed at extending the lives of advanced state and recurrent patients. As a member of the Metastatic Cancer Task

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Force, CDMRP encourages applicants to review the recommendations and submit research ideas to address these recommendations provided they are within the limitations of this funding opportunity and fit within the FY26 OCRP priorities.

### 3.3. Funding Instrument

The funding instrument for awards made under the program announcement will be grants (31 USC 6304).

### 3.4. Funding Details

**Period of Performance:** The maximum period of performance is **2** years.

**Cost Cap:** The application's total costs budgeted for the entire period of performance should not exceed **\$350,000**. If indirect cost rates have been negotiated, indirect costs are to be budgeted in accordance with the organization's negotiated rate. Collaborating organizations should budget associated indirect costs in accordance with each organization's negotiated rate.

All direct and indirect costs of any subaward or contract must be included in the 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 **2** years.

The appropriateness of the budget for the proposed research will be assessed during peer review.

**Direct Cost Restrictions:** For this award mechanism, direct costs:

May be requested for (not all-inclusive):

- Travel in support of multi-institutional collaborations.
- Costs for one investigator to travel to one scientific/technical meeting per year. The intent of travel to scientific/technical meetings should be to present project information or disseminate project results from the OCRP Pilot Award.

Must not be requested for:

- Costs for travel to scientific/technical meeting(s) beyond the limits stated above. The intent of travel to scientific/technical meetings should be to present project information or disseminate project results from the OCRP Pilot Award.
- Tuition.
- Clinical trial costs.

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# 4. Application Contents and Format

## 4.1. Application Overview

Application submission is a two-step process requiring both a **pre-application** submitted via the Electronic Biomedical Research Application Portal ([eBRAP](#)) and a **full application** submitted through eBRAP or Grants.gov. Depending on the submission portal, certain aspects of the application will differ.

***Intramural DOW organizations submitting a full application should follow instructions for submission through eBRAP.***



***Extramural organizations submitting a full application must follow instructions for submission through Grants.gov.***



## 4.2. Pre-Application Components

Pre-application submissions must include the following components.

***Pre-applications will be screened based on the merits of the proposed research. Therefore, reviewers will be blinded to the identity of the PI, collaborators and their organization(s).*** Due to the blinded nature of the review process, identifying or making references to the PI, collaborators or their organization(s) within the Preproposal Narrative is prohibited and will result in administrative rejection of the pre-application and preclude invitation to submit a full application. In addition, the use of “I,” “we,” “our,” “this organization,” or similar wording in phrases that refer to the PI, collaborators or their organization(s) through the references listed will also result in administrative rejection of the pre-application and preclude invitation to submit a full application. Do not define the organization in the acronyms listing.

***Upload documents as individual PDF files unless otherwise noted. Files must comply with the [formatting guidelines](#) listed in the GAI.***

- **Preproposal Narrative (two-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:

- **Research Idea**
  - State the ideas and reasoning on which the proposed work is based and how the application addresses a critical problem in ovarian cancer. If cell lines or animals are to be used, justify why the proposed cell line(s) or animal model(s) were chosen.
  - Concisely state the project’s hypothesis and specific aims and describe the scientific approach. Include appropriate controls and demonstrate that the work is appropriately powered.
- **Innovation**
  - Briefly describe what is innovative about the proposed research. Describe how the research will introduce a new paradigm, challenge current paradigms, look at existing problems from new perspectives, or provide new insights or technologies or

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applications that have the potential to meet the OCRP mission. Describe how the proposed research is not a continuation of a previous research project, or not an incremental advance of published data.

- **Areas of Emphasis Relevance**
  - Explain how the proposed research will lead to promising outcomes for one or more of the [FY26 OCRP Areas of Emphasis](#) in Section 3.2.1.
- **Impact**
  - Describe the potential immediate or long-range outcome(s) of the proposed research and their impact on ovarian cancer or patient care/survivorship.
  - Explain why the proposed research is critical to the field.
- **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).
    - Do not include links or URLs to publications that identify the PI or any collaborator or their organization(s).
  - **List of Abbreviations, Acronyms, and Symbols:** Provide a list of abbreviations, acronyms, and symbols used in the Preproposal Narrative.
    - Do not include information that will identify the organization(s) of the PI or any collaborator.

### 4.3. Full Application Components

Applicants must receive an invitation to submit a full application. Uninvited full application submissions will be rejected.

Each application submission must include the completed full application package for this program announcement. See [Appendix 1](#) for a checklist of the full application components.

#### (a) SF424 Research & Related Application for Federal Assistance Form (*Grants.gov submissions only*):

***IMPORTANT:*** When completing the SF424 R&R, enter the **eBRAP log number** assigned during pre-application submission into **Block 4a – Federal Identifier**.

#### (b) Attachments:

Each attachment of the full application components must be uploaded as an individual file in the format specified and in accordance with the [formatting guidelines](#) in the GAI.

- **Attachment 1: Project Narrative (seven-page limit):** Upload as “ProjectNarrative.pdf”. 

***The full application is NOT blinded; reviewers will NOT be blinded to the identity of the PI, collaborators and their institutions during the peer and programmatic reviews.***

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Describe the proposed project in detail using the outline below.

- **Background:** Present the ideas and scientific rationale behind the proposed research, to include relevant literature citations.
- **Hypothesis:** State the hypothesis to be tested.
- **Specific Aims:** Concisely explain the project’s specific aims to be supported by this application. The specific aims should be aligned with the specific aims/tasks outlined in the Statement of Work (SOW). If this research project is part of a larger study, present only tasks that this OCRP award would fund.
- **Research Strategy and Feasibility:** Describe the experimental design, methods and analyses (including appropriate controls) in sufficient detail for scientific evaluation that will include an assessment of overall project feasibility. ***Preliminary data are not required but are allowed.***
  - If cell lines or animals are to be used, justify why the proposed cell line(s) or animal model(s) were chosen.
  - If applicable, describe the statistical and other data analyses to be used to justify the number of research subjects or samples (animal or human) and assess the data collected.
  - If human subjects, human biological samples, or datasets will be used, describe the study population and include a detailed plan for the recruitment of human subjects or the acquisition of samples. ***This award may not be used to conduct clinical trials.*** Please see the [definition of clinical research](#) in Section 3.2.3., Award Information. If applicable, describe the strategy for the inclusion of diverse populations appropriate to the objectives of the study, including a description of the composition of the proposed study population in terms of racial and ethnic group, and an accompanying rationale for the selection of subjects. It is not expected that every study will include all racial and ethnic groups. Studies utilizing human biospecimens or datasets that cannot be linked to a specific individual, ethnicity or race are exempt from this requirement. Anticipated enrollment table(s) with the proposed enrollment distributed on the basis of sex, race and ethnicity should be provided as part of [Attachment 8](#).
  - Address potential problem areas and present alternative methods and approaches.

If the proposed research involves access to military and/or VA patient populations and/or DOW or VA resources or databases, describe the access at the time of submission and include a plan for maintaining access as needed throughout the proposed research. Also include a plan for obtaining any required data sharing, memorandum of understanding or other agreements required to access and publish data. Refer to the General Application Instructions, [Appendix 4](#), for additional considerations.

- **Attachment 2: Supporting Documentation: Combine and upload as a single file named “Support.pdf”.** 

***There are no page limits for these components unless otherwise noted. Include only 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.***

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- **References Cited:** List the references cited in the Project Narrative using a standard reference format (include URLs, if available).
- **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; include any additional facilities or equipment proposed for acquisition at no cost to the award. Indicate whether government-furnished facilities or equipment are proposed for use. If so, reference the original or present government award under which the facilities or equipment items are now accountable. There is not a standardized 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.
- **Letters of Support (one-page limit per letter is recommended) :** Provide individual letters signed by collaborating individuals and/or organizational officials demonstrating that the PI has the support and resources necessary for the proposed work. Letters from the PI's Department Chair, or appropriate organization official, should also confirm that the PI(s) meet [eligibility criteria](#). If applicable, provide a letter of support, signed by the lowest-ranking person with approval authority, confirming participation of intramural DOW collaborator(s) and/or access to military populations, databases or DOW resources. If applicable, provide a letter of support signed by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Facility Director(s), or an individual designated by the VA Facility Director(s), confirming access to VA patients, resources and/or VA research space.
- **Intellectual Property:** Information can be found in the 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.
  - **Commercialization Strategy (if applicable):** Describe the commercialization plan. The plan should include intellectual property, market size, financial analysis, strengths and weaknesses, barriers to the market, competitors, and management team. Discuss the significance of this development effort, when it can be anticipated, and the potential commercial use for the technology being developed.
- **Research Sharing Plan:** Describe the type of data or research resources (e.g., bio-specimen, analysis tool/software, training material) to be made publicly available as a result of the proposed work. Describe the mechanism (e.g., direct sharing, repository, mixed mode) by which data and resources generated during the period of performance will be shared with the research community and other affected communities, including clinical research participants. Include the name of the repository(ies) where scientific data and resources arising from the proposed study will be archived, if applicable. Identify and provide the rationale for any data or resources that will not be shared (e.g., for intellectual property, feasibility, cost, or other considerations). The plan should also protect participant privacy, confidential


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and proprietary data, and performer/third-party intellectual property. Provide a milestone plan for disseminating data/results including when data and resources will be made available to other users. In cases where the study participant could potentially derive medical or other benefit from the information, explain whether the results of screening and/or study participation will be shared with the participant or their primary care provider, including results from any screening or diagnostic tests performed as part of the study.

***Do not submit a copy of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) Data Management and Sharing Plan or duplicate the Data Management Plan which will be requested only after a recommendation for funding is made.***

Refer to the [CDMRP Directive on Sharing Data and Research Resources](#) for more information about the CDMRP's expectations for making data and research resources publicly available.

- **Attachment 3: Technical Abstract (one-page limit): Upload as “TechAbs.pdf”.** 

Write the technical abstract using the outline below. Clarity and completeness within the space limits are highly important.

- **Background:** Present the scientific rationale behind the proposed research project.
- **Area of Emphasis:** State the FY26 OCRP area(s) of emphasis that will be addressed.
- **Hypothesis/Objective(s):** State the hypothesis to be tested and/or objective(s) to be reached.
- **Specific Aims:** State the specific aims of the study.
- **Study Design:** Describe the study design, including appropriate controls. Consult appropriate [guidelines](#) to ensure relevant aspects of rigorous and reproducible research are adequately planned for and, ultimately, reported.
- **Innovation:** Briefly describe how the proposed research is innovative in the ovarian cancer field.
- **Impact:** Describe how the proposed research will impact a critical problem or question in ovarian cancer or patient/survivor care. Articulate how the project, if successful, could ultimately lead to critical discoveries or major advancements and accelerate progress.
- **Military Relevance:** Describe how the study is relevant to military health.


- **Attachment 4: Lay Abstract (one-page limit): Upload as “LayAbs.pdf”.** 

The lay abstract should address the points outlined below ***in a manner that is readily understood by readers without a background in science or medicine.*** Avoid overuse of scientific jargon, acronyms and abbreviations. ***Do not duplicate the technical abstract.***

- Summarize the objectives and rationale for the proposed research.
- Describe the critical problem in ovarian cancer addressed in the proposed research.
- Which [FY26 OCRP Area\(s\) of Emphasis](#) is addressed?



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- Explain how the proposed research will provide new paradigms, insights, technologies or applications in ovarian cancer.
  - What population will the research help, and how will it help them?
  - What are the potential applications, benefits and risks of the anticipated outcomes?
  - What is the potential benefit of the proposed study and the anticipated outcomes to Service Members, Veterans and/or their Families.
- **Attachment 5: Statement of Work (three-page limit): Upload as “SOW.pdf”.**  Refer to eBRAP for the [Suggested SOW Format](#).
- For guidance on preparing the SOW, refer to the [Example: Assembling a Generic Statement of Work](#). Include milestones for data or research resource(s) sharing.
- **Attachment 6: Innovation Statement (one-page limit): Upload as “Innovation.pdf”.** Briefly describe what is innovative about the proposed research. Describe how the research will introduce a new paradigm, challenge current paradigms, look at existing problems from new perspectives, or provide new insights or technologies or applications that have the potential to meet the OCRP mission.
- **Attachment 7: Impact Statement (one-page limit): Upload as “Impact.pdf”.** State explicitly how the proposed work addresses critical component of at least one of the [FY26 OCRP Areas of Emphasis](#). Describe how the research will address a critical need in the field of ovarian cancer research and/or patient care/survivorship. Describe the anticipated outcomes from the proposed research, either short- or long-term, that will drive the field of ovarian cancer research and/or patient care/survivorship. Explain how the proposed research will have an impact on the health and well-being of Service Members, Veterans, and their Family members.
- **Attachment 8: Inclusion Enrollment Report: Upload as “Enrollment.pdf”.** (*Attachment 8 is only applicable and required for applications proposing clinical research studies.*) Provide an anticipated enrollment table(s) for the inclusion of women and minorities using the [“Public Health Service \(PHS\) Inclusion Enrollment Report”](#), a three-page fillable PDF form, that can be downloaded from eBRAP. The enrollment table(s) should be appropriate to the objectives of the study with the proposed enrollment distributed on the basis of sex, race and ethnicity. Studies utilizing human biospecimens or datasets that cannot be linked to a specific individual, ethnicity or race (typically classified as exempt from IRB review) are exempt from this requirement.
- **Attachment 9: Animal Research Plan (2-page limit): Upload as “AnimalResPlan.pdf”.** (*Attachment 9 is only applicable and required for applications proposing animal studies.*) If the proposed study involves animals, a summary describing the animal research that will be conducted must be included in the application. Consult the [ARRIVE guidelines 2.0](#) (Animal Research: Reporting *In Vivo* Experiments) to ensure relevant aspects of rigorous animal research are adequately planned for and, ultimately, reported. The Animal Research Plan may not be an exact replica of the protocol(s) submitted to the IACUC. The Animal Research Plan should address the following points to achieve reproducible and rigorous results for each proposed animal study:
- Briefly describe the research objective(s) of the animal study. Explain how and why the animal species, strain, and model(s) being used can address the scientific objectives and, where appropriate, the study’s relevance to human biology.

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- 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).
- **Attachment 10: Representations (*Grants.gov submissions only*): Upload as “RequiredReps.pdf”.** All extramural applicants must complete and submit the [Required Representations](#) document available on eBRAP. 
- **Attachment 11: Suggested Intragovernmental/Intramural Budget Form (*if applicable*): Upload as “IGBudget.pdf”.** If an [intramural DOW organization](#) will be a collaborator in the performance of the project, complete a separate budget for that organization using the [Suggested Intragovernmental/Intramural Budget](#) form available on eBRAP. 

### (c) Additional Application Materials:

The following are additional forms for application submission. Follow the instructions specific to the submission portal, as found within the GAI.



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#### i. Research & Related Senior/Key Person Profile

- **Biographical Sketch**
- **Current/Pending Support**

*Intragovernmental applicants must include their internally supported research and development programs.*

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#### ii. Research & Related Budget

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#### iii. Project/Performance Site Location(s)

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#### iv. Research & Related Subaward Budget Attachment(s) (*if applicable, Grants.gov submissions only*)

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## 4.4. Other Application Elements

The government reserves the right to request a revised budget, budget justification and/or additional information for applications recommended for funding.

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# 5. Submission Requirements

## 5.1. Location of Application Package

Download the application package components for HT942526OCRPPA from [Grants.gov](#) or [eBRAP](#), depending on which submission portal will be used.

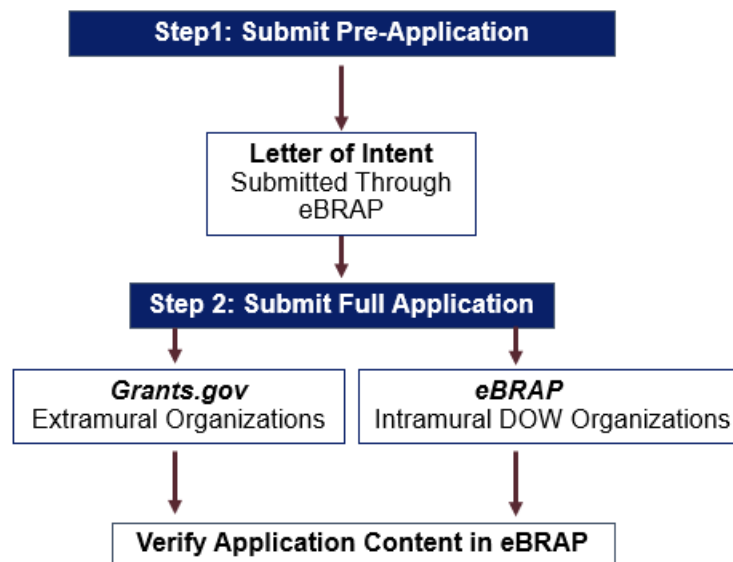
## 5.2. Unique Entity Identifier and System for Award Management

The applicant organization must be registered as an entity in the System for Award Management (SAM), [SAM.gov](#), and receive confirmation of an “Active” status before submitting an application through Grants.gov. Organizations must include the unique entity identifier (UEI) generated by the SAM in applications to this funding opportunity and maintain an active registration in the SAM at all times during which it has an active Federal award or an application under consideration. i

## 5.3. Submission Instructions

The CDMRP uses two portal systems to accept pre- and full application submissions. The workflow below shows which portal system to use for pre- and full application submissions, respectively.

### *Application Submission Workflow*



### 5.3.1. Pre-Application Submission

All pre-application components must be submitted by the PI through [eBRAP](#). i


During the pre-application process, eBRAP assigns each submission a unique log number. This unique log number is required during [the full application submission process](#). The eBRAP log number, application title and all information for the PI, Business Official(s), performing organization, and contracting organization must be consistent throughout the entire


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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. Contact the [eBRAP Help Desk](#) if any changes need to be made.

### 5.3.2. Full Application Submission

**Grants.gov Submissions:** Full applications from extramural organizations *must* be submitted through the Grants.gov Workspace. 

**eBRAP Submissions:** Only [intramural DOW organizations](#) may submit full applications through eBRAP. 

### 5.3.3. Applicant Verification of Full Application Submission in eBRAP

Independent of the submission portal, once the full application is submitted, it is transmitted to and processed in eBRAP; the transmission to eBRAP may take up to 48 hours. At this stage, the PI and organizational representatives will receive an email from eBRAP instructing them to log in to eBRAP to review, modify and verify the full application submission.   
***The Project Narrative and Research & Related Budget Form cannot be changed after the application submission deadline.*** Other application components, including subaward budget(s) and subaward budget justification(s), may be changed until the [application verification period](#) ends. The full application cannot be modified once the application verification period ends.

### 5.4. Submission Dates and Times

The pre-application and full application submission process should be started early to avoid missing deadlines. Regardless of submission portal used, all pre- and full application components must be submitted by the deadlines stipulated in this program announcement. There are no grace periods for deadlines; failure to meet submission deadlines will result in application rejection. ***The DHACA cannot make allowances/exceptions for submission problems encountered by the applicant.***

Submission dates and times are specified in [Section 1, Basic Information](#).

### 5.5. Intergovernmental Review

Not applicable for this funding opportunity.

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# 6. Application Review Information

## 6.1. Application Compliance Review

***Submitting applications that 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).***

While it is allowable to propose similar research projects to different programs within the CDMRP or to other organizations, duplication of funding or accepting funding from more than one source for the same research is prohibited. See the [CDMRP's Directive on Research Duplication](#).

Including classified research data within the application and/or proposing research that may produce classified outcomes or outcomes deemed sensitive to national security concerns, may result in application withdrawal. 

Members of the FY26 OCRP Programmatic Panel must not be involved in any pre-application or full application including, but not limited to, concept design, application development, budget preparation and the development of any supporting documentation, including personal letters of support/recommendation for the research and/or PI. Programmatic panel members **may** provide [letters](#) to confirm [PI eligibility](#) and access to laboratory space, equipment and other resources necessary for the project if that is part of their regular roles and responsibilities (e.g., as Department Chair). ***A list of the [FY26 OCRP Programmatic Panel members](#) can be found on the CDMRP website.***

Additional restrictions and associated administrative responses are outlined in [Section 9.2, Administrative Actions](#).

## 6.2. Review Criteria

### 6.2.1. Pre-Application Screening Criteria

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

***Blinded Content: Identifying or making references to the PI, collaborators or their organizations will result in administrative rejection of the pre-application.***

- **Research Idea:** How well the proposed work addresses a critical problem in ovarian cancer.
- **Innovation:** Whether the research will introduce a new paradigm, challenge current paradigms, look at existing problems from new perspectives, or provide new insights or technologies or applications that have the potential to meet the OCRP mission. To what degree the proposed research is not a continuation of a previous research project, or not an incremental advance of published data.
- **Area of Emphasis Relevance:** Whether the proposed project addresses at least one of the [FY26 OCRP Areas of Emphasis](#). To what degree the proposed research may lead to promising outcomes for one or more of the selected [FY26 OCRP Areas of Emphasis](#).
- **Impact:** To what degree the proposed study will impact a critical problem or question in ovarian cancer or patient care/survivorship. To what degree the project could ultimately lead

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to critical discoveries or major advancements and accelerate progress toward eliminating ovarian cancer.

### 6.2.2. Peer Review Criteria

To determine technical merit, all applications will be evaluated individually according to the following **scored criteria**, which are of equal importance:

- **Research Strategy and Feasibility**
  - How well studies are designed to achieve reproducible and rigorous results, including the choice of model and the endpoints/outcomes to be measured.
  - To what extent the scientific rationale supports the hypothesis and feasibility of this pilot project, as demonstrated by a review and analysis of the literature.
  - If preliminary data are included, how well they support the proposed research.
  - If applicable, whether the strategy for the inclusion of diverse populations and distribution of proposed enrollment are appropriate for the proposed research.
  - How well potential problems are identified and alternative approaches are addressed.
  - To what extent the plan for sharing of project data and research resources is appropriate and reasonable and includes dissemination to affected communities, study participants and/or the scientific community. If applicable, whether specific repository(ies) are named where data and research resources arising from the project will be stored.
- **Innovation**
  - To what extent the proposed research will introduce a new paradigm, challenge current paradigms, look at existing problems from new perspectives, or provide new insights or technologies or applications that have the potential to meet the [OCRP mission](#).
- **Impact**
  - Whether the application stated explicitly how the proposed work addresses a critical component in at least one of the [FY26 OCRP Areas of Emphasis](#).
  - How well the proposed research addresses a critical need in the field of ovarian cancer research and/or patient care/survivorship.
  - To what extent the anticipated outcomes from the proposed research, either short-term or long-term, will drive the field of ovarian cancer research and/or patient/survivor care forward.

In addition, the following criteria will also contribute to the overall evaluation of the application, but will not be individually scored and are therefore termed **unscored criteria**:

- **Personnel**
  - How appropriate the expertise and levels of effort are for successful conduct of the proposed work.
  - To what degree the levels of effort by the PI and other key personnel will ensure success of the proposed work.
- **Budget**
  - Whether the budget is appropriate for the proposed research.

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- **Environment**
  - To what extent the scientific environment and level of institutional support is appropriate for the proposed research project.
  - How well the research requirements are supported by the availability of and accessibility to facilities and resources.
  - If applicable, to what degree the intellectual and material property plan is appropriate.
- **Application Presentation**
  - To what extent the writing, clarity and presentation of the application components influence the review.

### 6.2.3. 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 peer reviewers
- Relevance to the priorities of the FY26 OCRP, as evidenced by the following:
  - Adherence to the intent of the funding opportunity
  - Relative innovation
  - Program portfolio balance
  - Relative impact on ovarian cancer and/or relevance to military health

## 6.3. Application Review and Selection Process

### 6.3.1. Pre-Application

Following the pre-application screening, PIs will be notified as to whether they are invited to submit full applications. The estimated date when PIs can expect to receive notification of an invitation to submit a full application is indicated in [Section 1, Basic Information about the Funding Opportunity](#). No feedback (e.g., a critique of the pre-application's strengths and weaknesses) is provided at this stage. Because the invitation to submit a full 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.

For this program announcement, reviewers at the pre-application tier of review will be blinded to the identity of the PI, collaborator(s), and their organization(s).

### 6.3.2. Full Application

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 subject to review and approval by a designated official. ***The highest-scoring applications from the first tier of review are not***

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***automatically recommended for funding. Funding recommendations depend on various factors as described in [Section 6.2.3, Programmatic Review](#).*** Additional information about the two-tier process used by the CDMRP can be found on the [CDMRP website](#).

Funding of applications received is contingent upon the availability of federal funds for this program, the number of applications received, the quality and merit of the applications as evaluated by peer 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.

### 6.4. Risk, 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 the 2 CFR 200.1, 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 SAM.

An applicant organization may review the SAM and submit comments on any information currently available about the organization that a federal awarding agency previously entered. 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.

In accordance with National Security Presidential Memorandum-33 and all associated laws, all fundamental research funded by the DOW must be evaluated for affiliations with foreign entities. All applicant organizations must disclose foreign affiliations of all key personnel named on applications. Failure to disclose foreign affiliations of key personnel shall lead to withdrawal of recommendations to fund applications. Applicant organizations may be presented with an opportunity to mitigate identified risks, particularly those pertaining to influence from foreign entities specified in law. Implementation of mitigation discussions and utilization of the [DOD Component Decision Matrix](#) must decrease risk of foreign influence in accordance with the above-mentioned laws and guidance prior to award.

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## 7. Federal Award Notices

For each compliant full application received, the organizational representative(s) and PI will receive email notification when the funding recommendations are posted to eBRAP, typically within 6 weeks after programmatic review. At this time, each PI will receive a peer review summary statement on the strengths and weaknesses of the application and an information paper describing the application receipt and review process for the OCRP award mechanisms. The information papers and a list of organizations and PIs recommended for funding are also posted on the program's page within the CDMRP website. After all awards are made, the CDMRP includes individual award information in a searchable [database](#).

If an application is recommended for funding, after the email notification is posted to eBRAP, a government representative will contact the person authorized to negotiate on behalf of the recipient organization.

***Only an appointed DHACA Grants Officer may obligate the government to the expenditure of funds to an extramural organization.*** 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 (i.e., assistance agreement).***

***Intragovernmental obligations of funding will be made according to the terms of a negotiated Inter-Agency Agreement and managed by a CDMRP Science Officer.***

Funding obligated to ***intragovernmental and intramural DOW organizations*** will be sent through the Military Interdepartmental Purchase Request (MIPR), Funding Authorization Document (FAD) or Direct Charge Work Breakdown Structure processes. Transfer of funds is contingent upon appropriate safety and administrative approvals. Intragovernmental and intramural DOW investigators and collaborators must coordinate receipt and commitment of funds through their respective Resource Manager/Task Area Manager/Comptroller or equivalent Business Official. 

An organization may, at its own risk and without the government's prior approval, incur obligations and expenditures to cover costs up to 90 days before the beginning date of the initial budget period of a new award.

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# 8. Post-Award Requirements


## 8.1. 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.

The GAI contain information regarding [administrative requirements](#) and [national policy requirements](#).

Refer to full text of the latest [DoD R&D Terms and Conditions](#) and the [DHACA Terms and Conditions](#) for further information.

***If there are delinquencies in technical reporting requirements for any existing DHA or U.S. Army Medical Research and Development Command awards at the applicant organization, DHACA will not issue any new awards to the applicant organization until all delinquent reports have been submitted.***

Applications recommended for funding that involve animals, human data, human specimens, human subjects or human cadavers must be reviewed for compliance with federal animal and/or human subjects protection requirements and must be approved by the DHA R&D Office of Research and Regulatory Compliance (ORRC), prior to implementation. This administrative review requirement is in addition to the local Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC), Institutional Review Board (IRB) or Ethics Committee (EC) review. 

## 8.2. Reporting

Annual technical progress reports as well as a final technical progress report will be required. Annual and final technical progress reports must be prepared in accordance with the Research Performance Progress Report (RPPR).

The Award Terms and Conditions will specify whether additional and/or more frequent reporting is required.

Award Expiration Transition Plan: An [Award Expiration Transition Plan](#), using the template available on eBRAP, must be submitted with the final progress report.

PHS Inclusion Enrollment Reporting (Required for research proposing clinical research and/or clinical trials): Enrollment reporting on the basis of sex, race and/or ethnicity will be required with each annual and final progress report. The [PHS Inclusion Enrollment Report](#) is available on eBRAP.

Awards resulting from this program announcement may entail 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 \$10M are required to provide information to the SAM about certain civil, criminal and administrative proceedings that reached final disposition within the most recent 5-year period and that were connected with their performance of a federal award. These recipients are required to disclose, semiannually, information about criminal, civil and administrative proceedings as specified in the applicable [Representations](#).

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### 8.3. Additional Requirements

Unless otherwise restricted, changes in the PI or organization will be allowed on a case-by-case basis, 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.

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# 9. Other Information

## 9.1. Program Announcement Version

Questions related to this program announcement should refer to the program name, the program announcement name and the program announcement version code CD26\_01d.

## 9.2. Administrative Actions

After receipt of pre-applications and full applications, the following administrative actions may occur.

### 9.2.1. Rejection

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

- The Preproposal Narrative is missing.
- The PI(s), collaborator(s), or their organization(s) are identified or referenced in the Preproposal Narrative or Preproposal Supporting Documentation.
- Use of “I,” “we,” “our,” “this organization,” or similar phrases that refer to the PI(s), collaborator(s), or their organization(s) through the references listed, or the use of formatting (e.g., bolding, underlining, names in headers/footers), inclusion citations to unpublished manuscripts, or in any other way highlighting (and therefore revealing) the names of the PI(s), collaborator(s), or their organization(s) in the pre-application components.

The following will result in administrative rejection of the full application:

- The Project Narrative is missing.
- The Budget is missing.
- Pre-application was not submitted.
- Submission of an application for which a letter of invitation was not issued.

### 9.2.2. Modification

- Pages exceeding the specified limits will be removed prior to reviewing all documents.
- Documents not requested will be removed.

### 9.2.3. Withdrawal

The following may result in administrative withdrawal of the full application:

- A member of the [FY26 OCRP Programmatic Panel](#) is named as being involved in the development or execution of the research proposed or is found to have assisted in the pre-application or application processes.
- The application includes the name(s) of personnel from either of the CDMRP peer or programmatic review companies for which conflicts cannot be adequately mitigated. For FY26, the identities of the peer review contractor and the programmatic review contractor may be found on the [CDMRP website](#).

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- 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.
- The application from an extramural organization, including non-DOW federal agencies, is received through eBRAP.
- The federal government recipient organization (including an intramural DOW organization):  
(a) cannot accept and execute the entirety of the requested budget in FY26 funds; and/or (b) cannot coordinate the use of contractual, assistance or other appropriate agreements to provide funds to collaborators.
- The application fails to conform to this program announcement description.
- The application includes URLs, with the exception of links in the References Cited and Publication and/or Patent sections.
- The application includes research data that are classified and/or proposes research that may produce classified outcomes, or outcomes deemed sensitive to national security concerns.
- The same research project is submitted to different funding opportunities within the same program and fiscal year.
- The PI does not meet the [eligibility criteria](#).
- If an investigator is named in multiple FY26 OCRP Pilot Award applications, only the first application received will be accepted; additional applications will be administratively withdrawn.
- The invited application proposes a different research project than that described in the pre-application.
- A clinical trial is proposed.

### 9.2.4. 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 DHACA Grants Officer for a determination of the final disposition of the application.

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Full Application Components	Uploaded
SF424 Research & Related Application for Federal Assistance <i>(Grants.gov submissions only)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Summary (Tab 1) and Application Contacts (Tab 2) <i>(eBRAP submissions only)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Attachments</b>	
<a href="#">Project Narrative</a> – Attachment 1, upload as “ProjectNarrative.pdf”	<input type="checkbox"/>
<a href="#">Supporting Documentation</a> – Attachment 2, upload as “Support.pdf”	<input type="checkbox"/>
<a href="#">Technical Abstract</a> – Attachment 3, upload as “TechAbs.pdf”	<input type="checkbox"/>
<a href="#">Lay Abstract</a> – Attachment 4, upload as “LayAbs.pdf”	<input type="checkbox"/>
<a href="#">Statement of Work</a> – Attachment 5, upload as “SOW.pdf”	<input type="checkbox"/>
<a href="#">Innovation Statement</a> – Attachment 6, upload as “Innovation.pdf”	<input type="checkbox"/>
<a href="#">Impact Statement</a> – Attachment 7, upload as “Impact.pdf”	<input type="checkbox"/>
<a href="#">Inclusion Enrollment Report</a> (if applicable) – Attachment 8, upload as “Enrollment.pdf”	<input type="checkbox"/>
<a href="#">Animal Research Plan</a> (if applicable) – Attachment 9, upload as “AnimalResPlan.pdf”	<input type="checkbox"/>
<a href="#">Representations</a> <i>(Grants.gov submissions only)</i> – Attachment 10, upload as “RequiredReps.pdf”	<input type="checkbox"/>
<a href="#">Suggested Intragovernmental/Intramural Budget Form</a> <i>(if applicable)</i> – Attachment 11, upload as “IGBudget.pdf”	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b><a href="#">Additional Application Materials</a></b>	
Research & Related Senior/Key Person Profile (Expanded)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Attach Biographical Sketch for Senior/Key Persons (Biosketch_LastName.pdf)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Attach Current/Pending Support for Senior/Key Persons (Support_LastName.pdf)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Research & Related Budget	<input type="checkbox"/>
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## Appendix 2. Acronym List

ARRIVE	Animal Research: Reporting of In Vivo Experiments
CDMRP	Congressionally Directed Medical Research Programs
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
CONSORT	Consolidated Standards of Reporting Trials
DHA	Defense Health Agency
DHA R&D	Defense Health Agency Research and Development
DHACA	Defense Health Agency Contracting Activity
DOD	U.S. Department of Defense
DoDGARs	Department of Defense Grant and Agreement Regulations
DOW	Department of War
eBRAP	Electronic Biomedical Research Application Portal
EC	Ethics Committee
ET	Eastern Time
FAD	Funding Authorization Document
FY	Fiscal Year
IACUC	Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee
IRB	Institutional Review Board
M	Million
MIPR	Military Interdepartmental Purchase Request
NIH	National Institutes of Health
OCRP	Ovarian Cancer Research Program
ORRC	Office of Research and Regulatory Compliance
PA	Pilot Award
PDF	Portable Document Format
PHS	Public Health Service
PI	Principal Investigator
R&D	Research and Development
RPPR	Research Performance Progress Report
SAM	System for Award Management
SF424 R&R	Standard Form 424 (Application for Federal Assistance, Research & Related)
SOW	Statement of Work
SPIRIT	Standard Protocol Items: Recommendations for Interventional Trials
STROBE	STrengthening the Reporting of OBServational studies in Epidemiology
UEI	Unique Entity Identifier

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USC                    United States Code  
VA                      U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs