



**Research Sundry Fund Program**

**Overview:**

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

**Process:**

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

**Timeline:**

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

**Eligibility:**

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

**Payout Table:**

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

**FAQ**

What can I use my sundry fund for?

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

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

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

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

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

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

*Contact the BWH Research Helpline at [ResearchHelpline@bwh.harvard.edu](mailto:ResearchHelpline@bwh.harvard.edu) for this and any other research-related questions.*

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

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

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

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

Why are R21 grants, specifically, not eligible?

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

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

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