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Dear Colleagues,

Are you a scientist or researcher looking for new funding opportunities to conduct high-risk, high-reward research to improve clinical care for patients with inflammatory bowel diseases (IBD)? If so, the Broad Medical Research Program at the Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of America (BMRP-CCFA) may be right for you.

With more funding than ever, BMRP-CCFA is seeking applications to fund clinical or translational research projects that are innovative; in the early stages of exploration; will improve diagnosis, therapy or prevention of IBD; and will lead to longer-term funding by more traditional granting agencies. Basic and clinical investigators, scientists not currently working in inflammatory bowel disease, and interdisciplinary teams are encouraged to apply.

One particular area of funding interest this year is the treatment of perianal fistulae. Colorectal surgeons and others investigating surgical and novel techniques to manage perianal fistulae are encouraged to apply.

BMRP-CCFA aims to help persons with inflammatory bowel diseases (IBD) by stimulating innovative, early stage research that opens new avenues for the diagnosis, therapy and prevention of these diseases. The program has awarded millions of dollars in grants to scientists and researchers representing a variety of approaches and fields from 43 countries who are bringing new insights and understanding into for Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis.

Funding may be requested for up to two years. Second-year funding will be based on an evaluation of the progress and the perceived value of the findings from the first year of funding.

Proposals for funding are accepted and reviewed on a rolling basis year-round, and the program is open to applicants both domestically and internationally. BMRP-CCFA makes every effort to provide rapid response to applications for funding. To apply for a grant, please visit [www.broadmedical.org](http://www.broadmedical.org).

Sincerely,



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