

Sponsor: American Diabetes Association (ADA) - 2026 Pathway to Stop Diabetes

Foundation Link:

<https://professional.diabetes.org/research-grants/current-funding-opportunities-pathway-stop-diabetes>

Submission Limitation per Institution: Two (2) nominations per institution, with one (1) nomination spanning basic through preclinical research and one (1) nomination spanning clinical through public health research.

Internal Expression of Interest Deadline: 2026-03-02

Sponsor Application Deadline: 2026-05-19

Maximum Award Amount: Up to \$1,625,000 (Varies by category: Initiator or Accelerator)

For more information on this funding opportunity, please refer to the [Pathway to Stop Diabetes: Call for Nominations document](#).

Program Overview: Pathway to Stop Diabetes® has a simple, yet revolutionary goal: to find scientists at the peak of their creativity and provide them with the flexibility and resources they need on the road to breakthrough discoveries. We attract and retain brilliant scientists in diabetes. Our three areas of focus—awarding research grants, providing access to scientific and career mentoring from leading diabetes researchers, and creating a diabetes think tank—are each key components of a unique formula to cultivate the next generation of leaders, whose discoveries will stop diabetes and its burdens once and for all.

To accelerate the research needed to stop this deadly disease, the American Diabetes Association's bold transformational initiative, Pathway to Stop Diabetes®, is inspiring a new generation of diabetes researchers. Pathway provides crucial support to individuals focusing on innovative ideas and transformational approaches that will lead to ground-breaking discoveries in diabetes prevention, management, and cures. We are building a human pathway to tackle the toughest questions in diabetes by driving research innovations through 1:1 mentorship and the creation of a brain trust in diabetes.

This call for nominations will prioritize translational applications that move knowledge and discovery gained from basic research to its eventual translation into patient and population benefit. The ideal applicant will propose innovative research that will be an important step towards the eventual goal of improving the lives of people at risk of diabetes or living with the disease - and the pathway to this impact is clear. Our vision is to create a pathway to launch the next generation of trailblazers in diabetes research.

Principal Investigator Eligibility:

- **Initiator Award (INI):** For postdoctoral fellows or those in research training with no more than seven years of research training following their terminal doctoral degree.
 - Budget Limits: Initiator Phase 1 (\$100k/year), Initiator Phase 2 (\$325k/year).
- **Accelerator Award (ACE):** For early-career faculty who have demonstrated independent productivity; must not have received a second NIH R01 or equivalent.
 - Budget Limit: Accelerator (\$325k/year).

Internal Application Requirements: Upload the following information to the Google Form at <https://forms.gle/NSM26ovwE8VVABUf7> by the internal deadline:

- Name of the Principal Investigator (PI)
- Project Title
- Select the Pathway Program Award type that you are applying for:
 - Initiator Award (INI)
 - Accelerator Award (ACE)
- Project Summary: Provide a project summary (maximum two (2) pages, single-spaced) describing your proposed research. The summary should clearly articulate the goals, methodology, expected outcomes, and alignment with the selected Pathway Program Award type.
- A current NIH Biosketch (maximum five (5) pages).
- A brief statement from the nominee confirming eligibility.

Questions: Contact Tom Scrace, Ph.D., Director of Foundation Relations in the Office of Foundation Relations at tscrace@nd.edu.

Unless otherwise noted, all internal applications are due by 11:59 PM Eastern Time on the internal expression of interest deadline.

Applications submitted after the deadline will not be accepted.