



## Peer-Reviewed Medical Research Program

The Pediatric Congenital Heart Association (PCHA) advocates for improved quality and outcomes through congenital heart disease research. PCHA encourages congenital heart disease scientific and clinical investigators to apply for the Peer-Reviewed Medical Research Program.

### What is the PRMRP?

Established in 1999, the Department of Defense's **Peer-Reviewed Medical Research Program** (PRMRP) supports biomedical research through targeted appropriations in topic areas specified by Congress. The underlying goal of the PRMRP is to improve the health and well being of military personnel and their families, however, this program funds invaluable medical research that benefits all Americans.

Since the program's inception, Congress has appropriated more than \$600 million for the PRMRP, which has provided funding for more than 500 research awards covering nearly 100 topic areas. There are numerous examples of PRMRP-initiated research efforts that have led to profound impacts across society. Congress has significantly increased funding for this program in recent years with nearly \$250 million being appropriated in fiscal year 2015.

Fiscal Year	Appropriated
2015	\$247.50 M
2014	\$200 M
2013	\$50 M
2012	\$50 M

### Congenital Heart Disease

In 2014, congenital heart disease (CHD) was added as a specified topic area under the PRMRP program. This new CHD research opportunity has a unique grant structure that allows it to be more flexible than other traditional competitive, peer-reviewed medical research programs. Due to this structure, it is able to fund innovative, high-risk, high-return research and quickly respond to current scientific advances. The program's unparalleled efficiency allows 90 percent of the appropriated funds to go directly to research grants awarded to the best science.

It is anticipated that the PRMRP Program Announcement and General Applications Instructions will be posted on Grants.gov in April 2015. Deadlines will be announced in the Program Announcement. A pre-application is required and must be submitted through the CDRMP electronic Biomedical Research Application Portal (eBRAP) with final applications submitted through the federal government's grant portal, Grants.gov.

For more information, please visit the PRMRP website at <http://cdmrp.army.mil/prmrp>, calling the program's Public Affairs Department at 301-619-9783, or email the advocacy program at PCHA at [advocacy@conqueringchd.org](mailto:advocacy@conqueringchd.org).

