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# ACS Petroleum Research Fund

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The Petroleum Research Fund is an endowed fund, managed by the American Chemical Society that supports fundamental research directly related to petroleum or fossil fuels at nonprofit institutions (generally colleges and universities) in the United States and other countries.

ACS Petroleum Research Fund (ACS PRF) grants are intended as seed money, to enable an investigator to initiate a new research direction. The investigator should not have published or received financial support from another funding agency for the proposed research. Also, proposals that the ACS PRF Committee feels are a logical extension of an investigator's previous research may be denied as "not a new direction."

Since the first ACS PRF grants were approved in 1953, several grant programs have evolved to serve segments of the scientific community, including "new investigator" grants and grants to support researchers in departments that do not award doctoral degrees.

## Scope of the Fund

Proposals must be for fundamental research in "the petroleum field," which is defined in our founding document as "petroleum, natural gas, coal, shale, tar sands and like materials." Fundamental research encompasses the properties of these materials, whereas the petroleum industry undertakes "applied research," which is outside the scope of ACS PRF.

See our list of [Research Areas](#) that are supported and not supported by ACS PRF.

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## Proposal Submission

At this time we are not accepting proposals for the [ND](#), [DNI](#), [UR](#), and [UNI](#) grant programs. The next submission window will be from Monday, September 19, 2022 to Friday, October 14, 2022 and the submitted proposals will be considered at the May 2023 ACS PRF Committee Meeting.

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## Celebrating 65 Years of Awarding Research Grants

In celebration of 65 years of Petroleum Research Fund (PRF) Grants, the Journal of the American Chemical Society (JACS) has published a [special open access virtual issue](#). This issue is a retrospective featuring

articles recently published in JACS by established chemists who have at some point in their career received PRF funding.

Recipients of PRF Grants were invited to share their [PRF stories](#).

### Grantees in the News

ACS PRF grantees receive [award recognition](#) for their significant contributions to science.



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