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## Project Concepts (Strategic Research Agreement)

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⚠ Deadlines are 5:00 PM (Eastern). No extensions will be granted.

Milestone	Date	Status
Letter of Intent	May 02, 2024	Next
Application	N/A	
Award Notification	N/A	
Earliest Start	N/A	

### Background & Purpose

#### **[CLICK HERE for the complete Strategic Research Agreement Mechanism Description](#)**

JDRF's Strategic Research Agreements provide research funding for single or multiple investigators to address critical gaps and challenges and potential breakthroughs in Type 1 diabetes research. The Strategic Research Agreement is a partnership between Investigator(s) and JDRF Scientists to help address roadblocks and accelerate JDRF's mission through support of cutting-edge scientific investigation. Further, this mechanism embodies cooperative development of a research plan, interim quarterly reporting on milestones and interaction with JDRF scientists prior to and during the award period. The budget and duration of funding are variable and continued funding is based on satisfactory effort and quarterly progress on milestones. Submission of an application requires permission from JDRF and is initiated with a Project Concept submitted to the JDRF **[Project Concept Call in RMS360](#)**

Successful Project Concept applicants will be contacted for further project development by JDRF personnel.

#### **Project Concept LOI Deadline LOI Status Notification**

11/2/2023	12/15/2023
5/2/2024	6/14/2024

Applicants must hold an MD, DMD, DVM, PhD, or equivalent and have a faculty position or equivalent at a college, university, medical school, company, or other research facility. Applications may be submitted by domestic and foreign non-profit organizations, public and private, such as colleges, universities, hospitals, laboratories, units of state and local governments, and eligible agencies of the federal government. Ordinarily, for-profit organizations will not be considered, except under special circumstances. See the [Industry Discovery & Development Partnerships](#) section for a description of special programs for for-profit entities. There are no citizenship requirements for this program. To assure continued excellence and diversity among applicants and awardees, JDRF welcomes applications from all qualified individuals and encourages applications from persons with disabilities, women, and members of minority groups underrepresented in the sciences.

### **Eligibility**

#### **Step 1: Project Concept**

An investigator interested in pursuing a research opportunity with JDRF must submit a Project Concept through JDRF's [Project Concept Call in RMS360](#). Project Concepts are selected on the basis of programmatic fit and robustness of the concept. In addition, projects that hold a prospect for transformative breakthroughs that prevent, treat or cure Type 1 diabetes will be given top priority.

#### **Step 2: Full Application**

If the applicant's Project Concept is approved by JDRF, the applicant will be invited to submit a full research application. The applicant will be authorized to access and electronically submit the completed application via [RMS360](#).

1. The JDRF Scientific Personnel works collaboratively with the investigator or investigator team to develop a full application in accordance with JDRF strategic objectives.
2. All research applications are submitted and reviewed using RMS360.
3. The complete and submitted application is reviewed by scientific experts and written critiques are received by the staff, generally in 4-8 weeks.
4. The reviewers' critiques will be shared with the applicant. JDRF Staff may request a rebuttal from the applicant to address concerns raised by the reviewers.
5. The entire application and review materials are evaluated amongst JDRF staff and reviewers, and final approval is made by the Research Committee.