Grants & funding
“I will forever be grateful to the TSC Alliance for funding my research and for their support throughout the grant process. Having a leading TSC organization believe in my work at an early stage of my career was invaluable.”

Nicola Alesi, PhD, Brigham and Women’s Hospital

We invest in early-career researchers to drive innovative TSC research and to foster a diverse group of researchers dedicated to our shared mission. In 2023, we funded four awards to postdoctoral fellows and early-stage investigators. In 2024, we anticipate awarding three or four awards to postdoctoral fellows and early-stage investigators depending on merit, requested budgets, and funds available. For information about future grant cycles please subscribe to TSC Alert.

The TSC Alliance’s program follows a two-step process. A Letter of Intent (LOI) is required and must be submitted by the due date. LOIs will be peer-
Key dates

- **LOI portal opens:** Friday, March 1, 2024
- **LOI due:** Monday, April 29, 2024, 11:59 pm ET
- **Full proposal invitations distributed:** Week of June 24, 2024
- **Full proposal due (by invitation only):** Monday, August 7, 2024, 11:59 pm ET
- **Applicants notified:** Week of October 28, 2024
- **Project start date:** December 1, 2024

Important changes implemented in recent cycles

Types of grants

Policies

Duration and Budget

- Typical duration is two years. Can be shorter if appropriate for the project.
- Maximum total costs of $75,000 per year ($150,000 total).
  - Postdoctoral Fellowship proposals must include up to $1,500 for travel expenses to attend a relevant scientific meeting. This is optional but strongly encouraged for Research Grant proposals.

Indirect Costs

For research grants, including postdoctoral fellowships, the TSC Alliance allows no more than 10 percent of the total costs to be applied to indirect costs. As an example, a maximum of $15,000 indirect costs may be included within an award totaling $150,000.

The TSC Alliance does not pay indirect costs on contracts based on delivering a tangible or measurable work product. Examples of such
Eligibility

This opportunity is open to all investigators at established academic or research institutions or at pharmaceutical or biotech companies worldwide. Researchers residing in the United States do not need to be U.S. citizens to apply for funding.

Open Science Policy

As a nonprofit funded through contributions from the TSC community and the public at large, we are committed to being good stewards of these funds. We support projects that will rapidly advance our understanding of TSC and the development of therapies for the disease. The TSC Alliance seeks to inspire discovery and innovation by improving access to scientific data and outputs including data, code, software, protocols, and materials. Improved dissemination will lead to more opportunities for TSC investigators to collaborate and for build upon the latest developments in research. In this regard, the TSC Alliance has adopted an Open Science Policy to ensure transparency of and broad access to TSC Alliance-funded research. Please click here to read the policy in its entirety.

Additional Grant Policies

- TSC Alliance Intellectual Property Policy
- TSC Alliance Human and Animal Use Policy
- TSC Alliance Policy on the Use of Human Fetal Tissue and/or Human Embryonic Stem Cells in Research

Keith Hall Research Grant Award

Current and previous grant awards

Currently funded grant awards

Past grant awards

Other TSC funding opportunities
If you are interested in the possibility of exploring co-funding opportunities, please contact Steve Roberds.

Federal funding

Questions? Contact Sam Metzger, Scientific Project Manager.