

Scientific Research

Innovative research helps address emerging challenges and identify new trends in doping, new drugs, new delivery mechanisms and new methods of detection.

Helping researchers around the world develop breakthroughs in anti-doping science.

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The Agency's scientific research grants are critical because they facilitate research dedicated to developing new and improved detection methods for prohibited performance-enhancing substances and methods as well as attract high level researchers to this cause. We promote and fund [Scientific Research Projects](#) on these and other topics:

- Development or optimization of analytical tools for the detection of doping substances or methods

- Growth of the Athlete Biological Passport (ABP)
- Pharmacology of prohibited substances or drug combinations

WADA places high priority on projects with **direct and immediate applicability** to advancing clean sport. Accordingly, we **rarely fund basic research projects**. Instead, we encourage proposals that focus on **translational research**—especially those that go beyond the discovery phase and demonstrate potential for real-world implementation. Projects involving **human studies**, where relevant, are particularly encouraged. All proposals should aim to deliver **concrete deliverables** by the end of the funding period.

Call for Proposals

Expressions of Interest (EOIs) are accepted year-round using the [WADA Grants](#) platform. EOIs undergo an initial review and selected research teams are invited to submit a full application. Each full application is independently reviewed by three experts, and the final recommendations are made by the WADA Health, Medical and Research Committee. WADA conducts three review cycles annually, aligned with Executive Committee meetings, during which final funding decisions are made.

Deadlines for current and upcoming cycles:

Granting Year	Cycle	EOI submitted by	EOI Decision	Full Application submission	Final Decision
2025	#2	28-February-2025	Early-May-2025	30-May-2025	Mid-September-2025
2025	#3	04-July-2025	Late-August-2025	03-October-2025	Mid-December-2025

2026	#1	26-September-2025	Mid-November-2025	12-December-2025	Early-April-2026
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2026	#2	27-February-2026	Early-May-2026	29-May-2026	Mid-September-2026
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