The new Lupus Research Program (LRP) was started with a fiscal year 2017 (FY17) appropriation for $5 million (M) to the Department of Defense. The LRP is currently offering the Concept Award and the Impact Award. These funding opportunities support innovative and impactful research that addresses significant issues and gaps in lupus research.

### Funding Opportunities

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| **Concept Award** | • Supports highly innovative, untested, potentially groundbreaking concepts in lupus research.  
• Emphasis is on innovation.  
• Clinical trials are not allowed.  
• Preliminary data are discouraged.  
• Investigators at all academic levels are eligible to apply. | • Pre-Application (Letter of Intent): December 21, 2017 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time  
• Application: January 4, 2018 |
| **Impact Award** | • Supports innovative, high-risk/high-reward research.  
• Emphasis is on impact.  
• Clinical trials are not allowed.  
• Preliminary data are encouraged, but not required.  
• Investigators at the Assistant Professor level or above (or equivalent) are eligible to apply. | • Pre-Application (Letter of Intent): December 21, 2017 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time  
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### Focus Areas

Applications submitted to the FY17 LRP must address at least one of the three Focus Areas listed below:

- Understand lupus disease heterogeneity including, but not limited to, progressive stages of lupus disease over time, strategies and technologies to subtype patients, lupus disease mechanisms, biopsychosocial studies, personalized medicine, variation in treatment and its effects on patient outcomes, socioeconomic studies, environmental studies, and epidemiological studies.
- Understand how the underlying genetic components of lupus disease relate to clinical disease characteristics using functional genomic studies.
- Determine the pathobiology of lupus in target human tissues including, but not limited to, imaging studies, genetics of lupus disease in particular tissues, and metabolomics.