



Leidos Launches Portal to Accelerate and Improve Biomedical Research Funding

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OnPAR website will provide new funding opportunities for scientific projects

RESTON, Va., March 24, 2016 /PRNewswire/ -- In an effort to further scientific advancement, [Leidos](#) (NYSE: LDOS), a health, national security and engineering solutions company, in collaboration with the National Institutes of Health (NIH), created [OnPAR](#) (Online Partnership to Accelerate Research). OnPAR represents a new funding paradigm that provides a second opportunity for promising unfunded NIH research proposals. Leidos has developed the OnPAR processes and website and will manage the overall program.



There is currently a surplus of high-quality biomedical research applications that merit funding through alternative sources. Through the OnPAR public-private partnership, exceptional research applications that were not originally funded by the NIH will be matched for potential funding with a participating organization's specialized area of interest.

"OnPAR presents another avenue to fund important biomedical research," said Jim Pannucci, Leidos Director, Life Sciences. "The program will revolutionize the scientific funding environment and foster more discoveries at a faster pace to benefit and improve global health."

Research projects will be considered and funded by OnPAR funding organization members based on their specific research priority areas and requirements. For the pilot project, funding organization members include the Adenoid Cystic Carcinoma Research Foundation, the Breast Cancer Research Foundation, the Children's Tumor Foundation, the JDRF, the Melanoma Research Alliance, the National Alopecia Areata Foundation, and the Parent Project Muscular Dystrophy. These foundations were selected to span different disease areas and varied foundation sizes.

As the program progresses, OnPAR is planning on increasing its membership to include additional foundations, pharmaceutical companies, and other life sciences funding organizations across varied disease areas. In addition, Leidos foresees expanding the program globally to present an alternative option to the traditional government grant mechanisms.

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