



# PARALYZED VETERANS OF AMERICA

## FUNDING FACT SHEET

### What does the PVA fund?

The PVA funds research through two foundations: The Research Foundation and the Education Foundation.

The Research Foundation primarily supports innovative research to find treatments and cures for spinal cord injury and disease (SCI/D). The Education Foundation focuses on funding educational projects that improve the quality of life for individuals with SCI/D and increase the knowledge of health professionals.

### Mission of the PVA

**Mission:** “Paralyzed Veterans of America, a congressionally chartered veterans service organization founded in 1946, has developed a unique expertise on a wide variety of issues involving the special needs of our members – veterans of the armed forces who have experienced spinal cord injury or dysfunction.

PVA will use that expertise to be the leading advocate for:

- Quality health care for our members,
- Research and education addressing spinal cord injury and dysfunction,
- Benefits available as a result of our members’ military service,
- Civil rights and opportunities that maximize the independence of our members.

To enable Paralyzed Veterans to continue to honor this commitment, we must recruit and retain members who have the experience, energy, dedication, and passion necessary to manage the organization and ensure adequate resources to sustain the programs essential for Paralyzed Veterans of America to achieve its mission.”

### More about PVA

**PVA homepage:** <https://pva.org>

**PVA publications:** <https://pva.org/research-resources/publication/>

**Monthly newsletter:** <https://pva.org/research-resources/publication/monthly-newsletter/>

**Education Foundation:** <https://pva.org/research-resources/education-foundation/>

**Policy priorities:** <https://pva.org/research-resources/policy-priorities/>

## Categories of research grants

### **The Research Foundation funds the following categories:**

- Basic Science - laboratory research in the basic sciences to find a cure for SCI/D
- Clinical - clinical and functional studies of the medical, psychosocial and economic effects of SCI/D, and interventions to alleviate these effects
- Design and Development - of new or improved rehabilitative and assistive technology/devices for people with SCI/D to improve function, which also includes improving the identification, selection and utilization of these devices.
- Fellowships - for postdoctoral scientists, clinicians and engineers to encourage training and specialization in the field of spinal cord research
- The Research Foundations now supports one, two or three year grants in the four areas of emphasis. Grants in Basic Science, Clinical Applications, and Design & Development categories will now be funded up to \$200,000 for the grant period and Grants in the Fellowship category will now be funded up to \$150,000 for the grant period.
- Secure an affiliation with a potential host institution before applying. Host institutions can provide support, resources, and guidance during the grant period.

### **The Education Foundation funds the following categories:**

- Consumer and community education to improve the health, independence and quality of life for individuals with SCI/D
- Professional development and education to improve the knowledge and competencies of health professionals who serve the SCI/D community, including fellowship and traineeship programs
- Research translation, projects that move research findings into practical application
- Conferences and symposia that provide education and collaboration opportunities for members of the SCI/D community

## Where to find previously funded PVA projects

The PVA does not contain an internal database for previously funded projects. However, you can search Grants.gov to find these projects.

The PVA does contain a list of publications: <https://pva.org/research-resources/publication/>