

TRDRP

2026 Community-Partnered Participatory Research Award (CPPRA) Applicant Informational Webinar

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Webinar Overview

Programmatic Overview

- About TRDRP
- CPPRA Initiative
- Review Process
- Guidance to Applicants

Q & A

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be posted on the
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Pre-recorded Partnered Award SmartSimple Application Webinar:

- How to Submit your LOI and Full Application in SmartSimple

<https://trdrp.org/what-we-fund/>

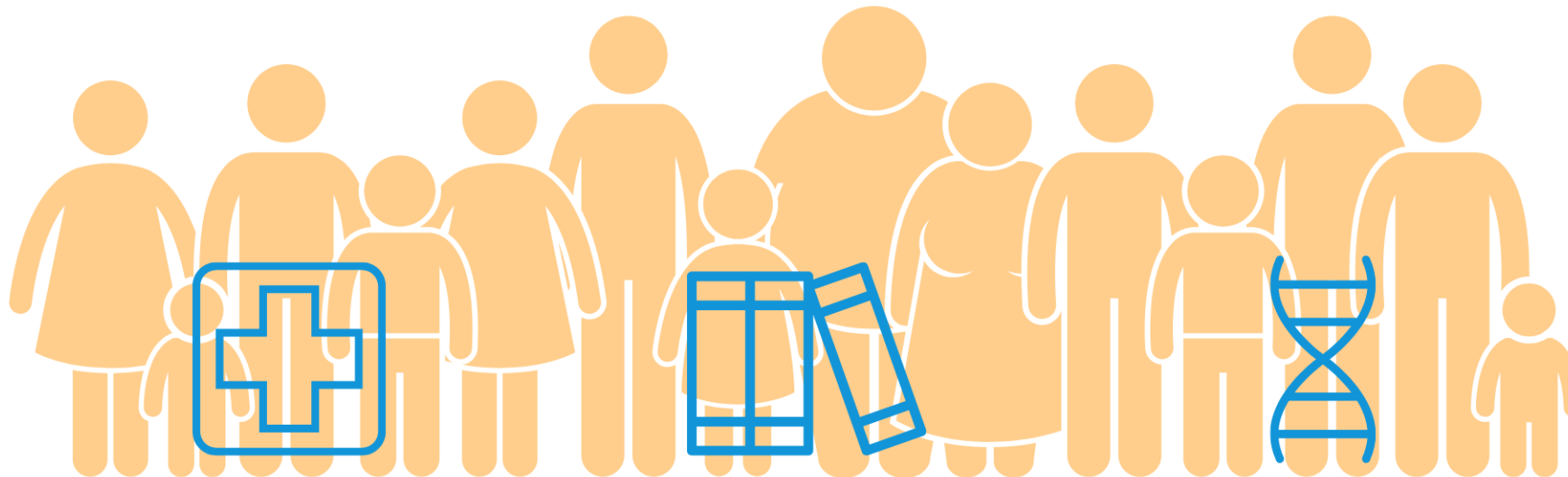
Tobacco-Related Disease Research Program

A Part of California's Comprehensive Tobacco Control Program

TRDRP Mission: *Transform tobacco excise taxes into cutting-edge research to reduce commercial tobacco use and tobacco-related diseases and to inform public policy that benefits all Californians.*

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Health

Promotion/Treatment

CA Tobacco Prevention
Program (CTPP)
CA Dept of Public
Health

Prevention

Tobacco Use
Prevention Program
(TUPE)
CA Dept of Education

Research

Tobacco-Related Disease
Research Program (TRDRP)
Research Grants Program
Office (RGPO)
University of California

The CPPRA Initiative

- TRDRP has funded community-academic research partnerships for over **25 years**.
- Collaboratively developed and led by:
 - One Community Co-Principal Investigator
 - One Academic Co-Principal Investigator
- TRDRP solicits applications that:
 - Are built on empirical questions from community concerns and interests
 - Contribute to community science frameworks
 - Directly address tobacco-related health disparities in California



Community-Partnered Participatory Research Award (CPPRA)

Community is a multifactorial social construct and is defined here as a group of people who share a common characteristic.

Tobacco Priority Populations:

- Are disproportionately targeted by the industry;
- Use tobacco at higher-than-average rates;
- Experience greater exposure to secondhand and thirdhand smoke and vape aerosol; and/or
- Have higher rates of tobacco-related disease.

Applications must closely address a TRDRP research priority area in their Specific Aims

Current research priorities:

- Research in Support of the California Endgame Initiative;
- Social and Behavioral Prevention and Treatment;
- State and Local Tobacco Policy Research;
- Tobacco-Related Diseases;
- Environmental Exposure and Toxicology; and
- Neuroscience of Nicotine Addiction and Treatment.

*See Appendix A of the
2026 Core Call for
Applications
for additional details*

**Community
& Academic
Co-PIs
collaborate
on
all aspects
of the
research
process:**

Identifying and developing the research questions

Transforming community concerns into research questions

Working closely with Community Advisory Board members

Writing and submitting the research proposal

Designing and implementing the research project

Analyzing and interpreting findings

Preparing and submitting progress reports to the funder

Co-authoring summaries for communities, scientific papers, presentations

Disseminating results to community and scientific audiences

Developing a plan for sustainability beyond the proposed project

Successful community-academic research partnerships

- Pay attention to the health of the collaborative relationship
- Ethical treatment of community members and data ownership
- Have a flexible, open communication style
- Accommodate differences in how partners work independently and collaboratively
- Engage in an equitable shared decision-making process
- Engage with a CAB that includes representation from the community

Successful community-academic research partnerships

- Plan for sharing power, decision-making authority, and resources
- Budgets for community and academic partners are equitable and adequate
- Promote opportunities for the community and academic team members to contribute to manuscripts and reports
- Implement strategies sensitive to the culture, experiences, and needs of the community

Eligibility Criteria

Qualifications of a Community Co-PI	Qualifications of an Academic Co-PI
Affiliated with a California community-based organization.	Affiliated with a California academic or nonprofit research institution.
Has a managerial or executive-level decision-making role with an organization, community-based group, or institution that primarily provides services or resources to people in a community in California (i.e., they cannot be an individual who is not connected to relevant community-based groups).	Has a faculty appointment or a research scientist designation with an appointment at a research institution. Research scientists and community-oriented academics working at a non-university research nonprofit organization can also serve in this role.
Committed to representing the views of the community of interest. There is <u>no</u> degree requirement.	Committed to conducting long-term community-partnered participatory research.
Have organizational support to serve as a Co-PI for the project.	Must have PI status. PI status permits the academic applicant access to their institution's infrastructure support for managing research grants.
U.S. citizenship is <u>not</u> a requirement.	U.S. citizenship is <u>not</u> a requirement.

*See p.7 and Appendix C of the
2026 CPPRA RFA
for additional details on
eligibility*

Full and Pilot CPPRAs

Award Mechanisms

	Max Award/Year (Direct Costs)	Max Award Duration (Years)	Purpose of Award
CPPRA Pilot Award	\$500,000 (\$250,000/Co-PI)	2	Provide initial support for partnered research addressing tobacco-related health disparities with a strong rationale and potential to inform a tobacco prevention or treatment intervention in the future.
CPPRA Full Award	\$600,000 (\$300,000/Co-PI)	3	Support partnered research addressing tobacco-related health disparities focused on the development, testing, or evaluation of a tobacco prevention or treatment intervention.

*See Appendix B of the
2026 CPPRA RFA
for additional details on cost
and expense guidelines*

Pilot CPPRAs

Goal: Provide initial support for partnered research addressing tobacco-related health disparities with a strong rationale and potential to inform a tobacco prevention or treatment intervention in the future.

Provides up to **2 years** of support for the initial phase of a project, including:

- Developing and strengthening collaborative relationships
- Testing the acceptability and feasibility of methods
- Developing tools and methods for a later intervention
- Collecting preliminary data
- Demonstrating proof-of-principle to support the feasibility of a new paradigm or research hypothesis

Pilot CPPRAs

- Collaborative community-academic teams can be newly developed or new to tobacco science.
 - Proposals may have a specific aim focused on developing, strengthening, and/or evaluating the community-academic research partnership.
- Results from Pilot CPPRAs should enhance the team's ability to leverage future funding.

Full CPPRAs

Goal: Support partnered research addressing tobacco-related health disparities focused on the development, testing, or evaluation of a tobacco prevention or treatment intervention.

Provides up to **3 years of** support for research, including:

- Demonstration, measurement, efficacy, and effectiveness studies
- Implementation science studies
- Randomized controlled trials

Full CPPRAs

- Intended for well-integrated teams of academic and community experts with a previous working relationship.
 - Proposals may have a specific aim focused on strengthening and/or evaluating the community-academic research partnership.
- Must mainly focus on intervention development and testing
- A pilot project is strongly recommended as preparation for a Full CPPRA.

Two-Step Application Process



1. LETTER OF
INTENT



2. FULL
APPLICATION

Two-Step Application Process



1. LETTER OF INTENT

LOI Components:

- Named Co-PIs with Organizational affiliations
 - Lay Abstract
 - Specific Aims
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- One Co-PI/organization is responsible for officially submitting grant materials in SmartSimple → **Applicant PI**

Two-Step Application Process



2. FULL APPLICATION

- TRDRP staff review LOIs
- Invitation to Full Application - **September 8**
- The submitting Co-PI designated as *Applicant PI* adds the other Co-PI in SmartSimple.

Full Application Sections

- Project Information
 - Abstracts, Specific Aims
- Demographics
- Milestones
- Project Personnel
- 2 Budgets
- **Collaborative Agreement**
- Resubmission Statement (If applicable)
- Research Plan
- Biosketches
- **Community Advisory Board**
- Facilities
- Human Subjects
- Appendices (Optional)

Community Advisory Board (CAB)

- Comprised of individuals with relevant lived experiences, expertise in tobacco or other areas relevant to the project
- CAB members provide feedback to the team on community and scientific aspects of the project
- Include composition of the CAB
 - Recruited CAB members must be named
 - Roles of those yet to be recruited must be described
- Detail CAB roles and plans to engage members

Collaborative Agreement

Describes how the team will work together and share power, resources, and outcomes with each other in:

- Data sharing and ownership
- Team communication plan
- Decision-making process
- Conflict resolution
- Plans for community involvement in all phases of the research
- Plans for personnel turnover
- Plans to evaluate the strength of the research partnership
- Plans for the dissemination process
- Plans to sustain the research partnership

Resubmissions

- Cycle 35 CPPRA applicants (TRDRP #'s beginning with “T35”...) can resubmit for the 2026 Call for Applications.
- Applicants should provide a two-page statement at the beginning of their Research Plan:
 - Detail how the research addresses previous reviewers' concerns
 - Summarize any substantial additions, deletions, and changes made to the proposal

Full Application – Required Templates

- Download templates from the Documentation tab of SmartSimple
- Delete instructions to ensure sufficient space for a thorough response to each section.
- Complete, convert to PDF, and upload to your application

Upload Item (Template/Form)	Page limit	Required or optional
I. Collaborative Agreements	3	Required
II. Community Advisory Board	2	Required
III. Biosketches (Individuals listed on Project Personnel form)	5 (each biosketch)	Required
IV. Facilities	1 per institution	Required
V. Resubmission Statement	2	Required (for resubmissions only)
VI. Research Plan	15 + references	Required
VII. Human Subjects	No limit	Required
VIII. Vertebrate Animals	No limit	Optional
IX. Appendix list and uploads	30	Optional

*See p. 15 of the
2026 CPPRA RFA
for additional details*

Review Criteria

All applications are scored individually during peer review on the NIH 1–9 Scale for each of the following **3 Review Criteria Sets**:



Set-1: 40%
Research



Set-2: 40%
Partnership



Set-3: 20%
Resources

Review Criteria



Set-1: 40% **Research**

- Statement of Goals, Research Questions, and Specific Aims
- Background and Significance
- Research Plan: Research Design, Conceptual Framework, and Data Analysis Plan

Review Criteria



Set-2: 40% **Partnership**

- Partnership Collaboration Plan
- Potential for the Proposed Work to Benefit the Community and Lead to an Intervention
- Community Engagement and Capacity Building
- Dissemination Approaches
- Sustainability Plan and Future Goals

Review Criteria



Set-3: 20%
Resources

- Investigative Team
- Environment, Facilities, and Resource Availability
- Community Assets

Unscored Review Criteria

- Budgets:
 - **2 Budgets** – 1 for the Community Org. and 1 for the Academic Institution
 - **Subcontracts** are allowed for each Co-PI organization; must be well-justified.
 - **Out-of-state** subcontracts and collaborations must be well-justified.
 - *Funding for out-of-state expenses is extremely limited*
- Protection of Human Participants from Research Risk
- Inclusion of Women, Minorities, and Children in Research

Funding Process



LOI

Eligibility



FULL
APPLICATION

Scientific
Merit



SCIENTIFIC
ADVISORY
COMMITTEE

Merit,
Priorities,
Available
Funds



TRDRP
DIRECTOR &
RGPO
EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR

Cornelius Hopper Disparities Supplements (CHDS)

- **Purpose:** Support trainees and California residents who wish to pursue careers in research focused on tobacco priority populations.
- During the pre-funding process, CPPRA recipients will be invited to apply for a supplement via CHDS.
- Supplements are funded above the CPPRA budget cap.
 - Maximum supplement amount per year: \$20,000 (direct costs)
 - Maximum duration: 2 years

Guidance to Applicants

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- ☐ Read the RFA
- ☐ Read it again!

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☐ Read the RFA

☐ Review CPPR Resources

Appendix A: Resources to Understand Community-Partnered Participatory Research

The literature references in this section are included to provide examples of the types of successful Community-Partnered Participatory Research (CPPR) conducted in the United States. The materials listed below do not comprise the totality of issues to consider when conducting CPPR through an authentic community-academic partnership. This is included to provide examples of equitable power sharing across the research process, how community benefit from research can be described in a publication, evaluation approaches of community-academic partnerships, and to convey the spirit of this type of research.

- A. The National Academy of Medicine (NAM) has supported the development of a conceptual model to inform community-engaged scholarship. The concepts in this model are responsive to TRDRP's conceptualization of CPPR and include helpful concepts for consideration by CPPRA applicant teams. Applicants for this grant mechanism are encouraged to review [NAM's Conceptual Model](#).
- B. More information about the community-partnered participatory research (CPPR) model can be found in this journal supplement on "CPPR Research: Strategies and Tactics for Improving Community Health" ([Volume 19 \(2009\), Supplement 6](#)).
- C. This academic journal also has multiple examples of CPPR reported in publications in [Volume 28 \(2018\), Supplement 2](#) and [Volume 31 \(2021\), Supplement 1](#).
- D. The [2024 Surgeon General's report](#) on "Eliminating Tobacco-Related Disease and Death: Addressing Disparities" provides a review of the evidence on promising interventions and a vision for eliminating tobacco-related health disparities.

The articles found at the above links are not exhaustive for CPPR-based [scholarship](#) or frameworks to advance community science. Other readings relevant to collaborative research partnerships also pertain to this award type and should be considered in a thoughtfully designed research plan.

Guidance to Applicants

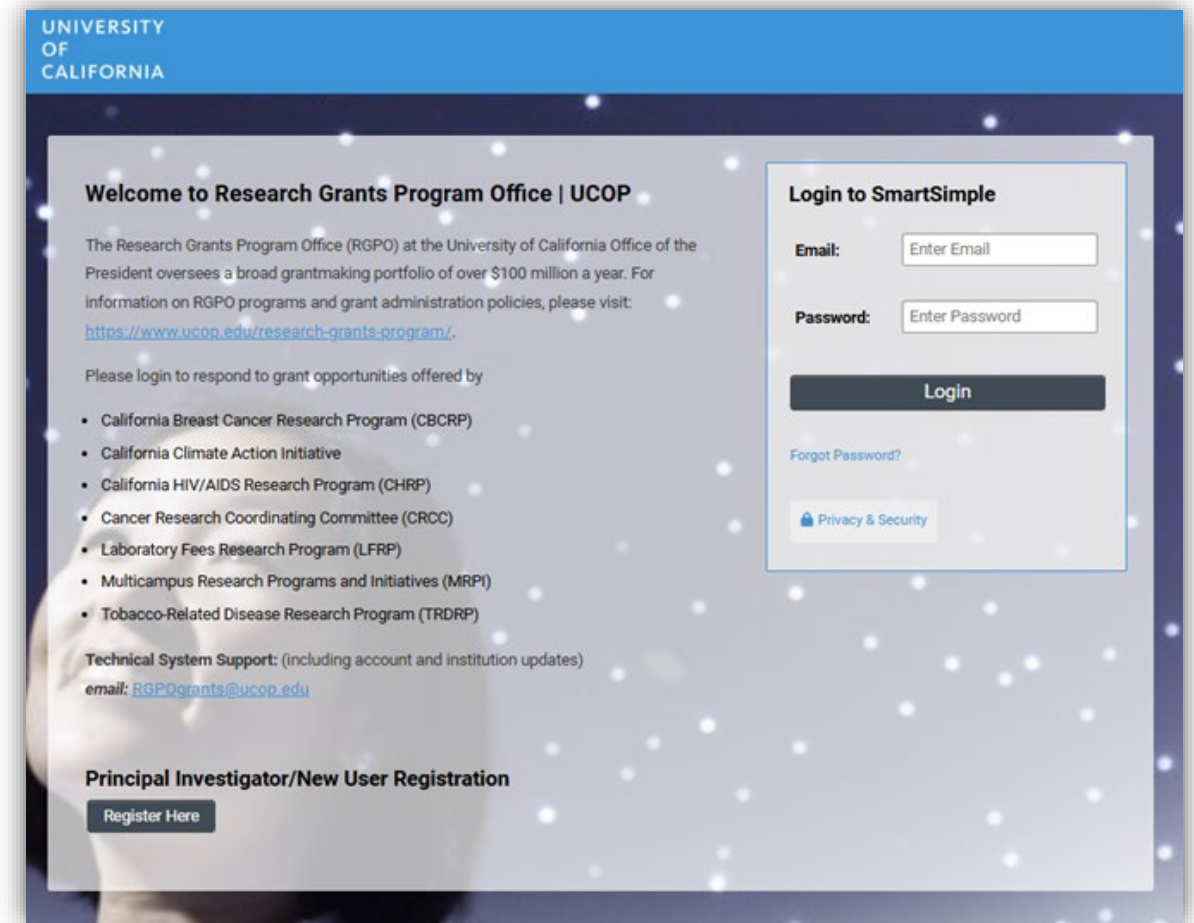
- ☐ Read the RFA
- ☐ Review CPPR Resources
- ☐ Funded Research Database

The screenshot shows the 'Funded Research Database' search page. At the top, it identifies the 'UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA Office of the President' and the 'Research Grants Program Office'. A yellow banner reads 'FUNDED RESEARCH DATABASE' and includes a statement about the university's commitment to advancing discoveries. Below this is a 'Search Database' section with several filters: 'Keywords' (with 'community' entered), 'Investigators' (with a 'Search and select' button), 'Institutions' (with a 'Search and select' button), 'Research Program' (a dropdown menu showing 'Tobacco Related Disease Research Pr...'), 'Research Priority' (with a 'Search and select' button), 'Award Type' (a list of award types including 'Community Academic Research Award - Full CARA', 'Community Academic Research Award - Pilot CARA', and 'Community Partnered Participatory Research Award - Full CPPRA'), and 'Date Range' (two dropdown menus for year selection). A blue 'Search' button is located at the bottom right of the filter section.

trdrp.org/our-impact/funded-research-database.html

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- ❑ Read the RFA
- ❑ Review CPPR Resources
- ❑ Funded Research Database
- ❑ SmartSimple
 - ❑ Set-up account
 - ❑ Watch pre-recorded webinar



The screenshot shows the SmartSimple login interface for the University of California Research Grants Program Office (RGPO). The header features the University of California logo. The main content area is titled "Welcome to Research Grants Program Office | UCOP" and provides information about the RGPO's grantmaking portfolio. It includes a list of research programs and a "Principal Investigator/New User Registration" button. On the right, there is a "Login to SmartSimple" section with fields for Email and Password, a "Login" button, and links for "Forgot Password?" and "Privacy & Security".

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The Research Grants Program Office (RGPO) at the University of California Office of the President oversees a broad grantmaking portfolio of over \$100 million a year. For information on RGPO programs and grant administration policies, please visit: <https://www.ucop.edu/research-grants-program/>.

Please login to respond to grant opportunities offered by

- California Breast Cancer Research Program (CBCRP)
- California Climate Action Initiative
- California HIV/AIDS Research Program (CHRP)
- Cancer Research Coordinating Committee (CRCC)
- Laboratory Fees Research Program (LFRP)
- Multicampus Research Programs and Initiatives (MRPI)
- Tobacco-Related Disease Research Program (TRDRP)

Technical System Support: (including account and institution updates)
email: RGPOgrants@ucop.edu

Principal Investigator/New User Registration
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 **TOBACCO-RELATED DISEASE
RESEARCH PROGRAM**

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Letter of Intent RFP Details

Name: CCRP 2020 - Trans

Type: Translational Research

Deadline: 10/24/2019 12:00

Download instructions

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Click "Preview" to view, download, or print a PDF of your LOI

Preview

1. After opening the LOI, you will automatically be taken to the LOI sections under the Main tab. Use the left sidebar to switch between the Main and Notes tabs

2. In the Main tab, click on the headings to access the different sections of the LOI

TITLE PAGE

APPLICANT / PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR

PROJECT INFORMATION

BUDGET

SIGNATURE PAGE

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* Project Title: Please enter the project title here

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* Project Duration (year): -- Select One --

* Proposed Project Start Date: mm/dd/yyyy

* Proposed Project End Date: mm/dd/yyyy

* Is this a re-submission?

Please indicate if this is a resubmission of a prior application. A resubmission is an unfunded application that is revised and resubmitted to respond to the critiques under the currently reviewed grant cycle.

☐ Yes

☐ No

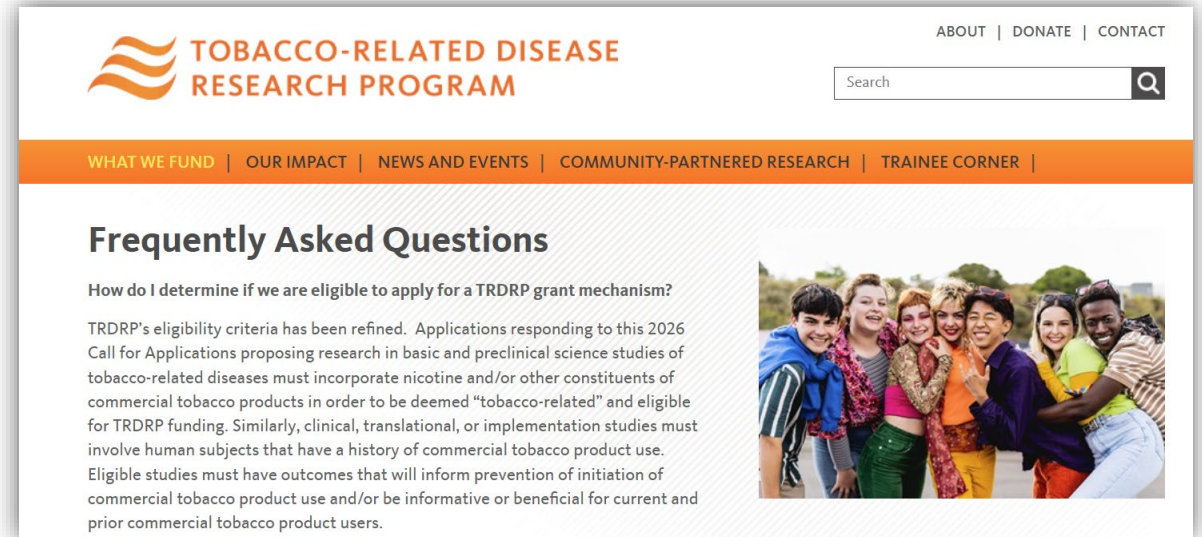
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- ☐ SmartSimple
- ☐ Frequently Asked Questions



trdrp.org/what-we-fund/call-for-applications-faq.html

Key Dates

Letter of Intent Deadline	August 21, 2025 12:00 p.m. (noon) PT
Invitation to Full Application Announced	September 8, 2025
Full Application Deadline	October 30, 2025 12:00 p.m. (noon) PT
Applicants Notified	April 2026
Award Start Date	July 1, 2026

Q & A

SmartSimple Questions:

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