



RESEARCH

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RESEARCH FACTS FY 2021-2022

Funding research is a cornerstone of the American Heart Association’s (AHA) lifesaving mission -- a pillar upon which the AHA was founded and a key to our future. The AHA is the largest non-profit funding source for cardiovascular and cerebrovascular disease research next to the federal government.

- The AHA has invested over **\$5 billion** in research since 1949.
- Current AHA-funded research projects total \$461.7 million and support 1,440 projects.
- In 2021-22, the association funded 690 new projects, totaling \$157.9 million.
- Last year 1,847 dedicated peer review volunteers evaluated 3,082 proposals for funding!
- Types of research and percent of funding over the past five years:



- Funding from the AHA helped launch the careers of many of this country’s most prominent cardiovascular and brain scientists, including 14 Nobel prize winners.

The Need for More is Evident

Each year, investigators from a wide array of disciplines look to the AHA to fund their ideas, but the available dollars simply are not enough to support them all.

In FY 2021-22, the AHA received 2,027 applications, totaling \$700.1 million, that we could not fund. This means scientific projects were shelved, limiting the next generation of investigators and deferring the knowledge that would have resulted from these studies.

For more information AHA research awards, please use the [AHA Interactive Research Information Tool](#)

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