### National Operating Committee for Standards in Athletic Equipment (NOCSAE)

**Research Grants**

- **Deadline**: 5/1/2018
- **Brief Description**: The mission of the National Operating Committee on Standards for Athletic Equipment (NOCSAE) is to commission research in sports medicine and science and, where feasible, establish standards for athletic equipment. Accordingly, the intent of the NOCSAE grant program is to commission investigator-initiated research and to provide support for education, health, and safety research and development. The NOCSAE research plan proposed by the applicant must be related to NOCSAE's stated program interests. NOCSAE will fund awards under two separate mechanisms, (1) small pilot developmental studies, (not to exceed $50,000 in direct costs for one year) and (2) traditional research projects (not to exceed $250,000 in direct costs over two years). NOCSAE is very interested in funding the small pilot development studies listed above.

**SPECIFIC AREAS OF RESEARCH INTEREST**

- Studies that inform existing helmet safety standards
- Investigators developing youth helmet standards
- The mechanical and biological mechanisms of injury and recovery
- The application of developed tools and equipment for injury prevention

- [http://nocsae.org/research/applying-for-funding/](http://nocsae.org/research/applying-for-funding/)

### National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Disease

**Clinical Observational (CO) Studies in Musculoskeletal, Rheumatic, and Skin Diseases (R01 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)**

- **Deadline**: 7/2/2018
- **Brief Description**: This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is to encourage Research Project Grant (R01) applications to pursue clinical observational (CO) studies to obtain data necessary for designing clinical studies for musculoskeletal, rheumatic, or skin diseases or conditions. A future clinical study may include a clinical trial or an observational study. Research data from observational studies supported by this FOA can enhance clinical study design by providing essential information about disease symptoms, stages and timing of disease progression, comorbid conditions, availability of potential research participants, and outcomes that are important to patients. They also can facilitate efforts to develop and/or validate objective biomarkers or subjective outcome measures for use in a future clinical study. Applicants to this FOA are encouraged to propose studies that address significant obstacles or questions in the design of a clinical project, such as determining the appropriate primary or secondary outcome measures, or identifying the stages of disease during which patients are most likely to respond to an intervention. Only observational studies will be supported through this FOA.