

Grant Awards Program

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Moving the tick-borne disease field forward requires not only funding cutting-edge research projects at institutions which have other resources and collaborators, but it also requires publication of the data and conference presentations so that other scientists can review it and use it as a basis for future projects to move the field forward.

Some of the LDA-funded research has been featured in more than 35 peer-reviewed journals, e.g., *Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA)*, *The Proceedings of the National Academy of Science*, *Emerging Infectious Diseases*, *The*

Psychiatric Clinics of North America, Infection, Journal of Neuropsychiatry and Clinical Neurosciences, JSTBD, Journal of Clinical Microbiology, Journal of International Neuropsychological Society, and Infection and Immunology and has been presented at both national and international Lyme conferences.

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