

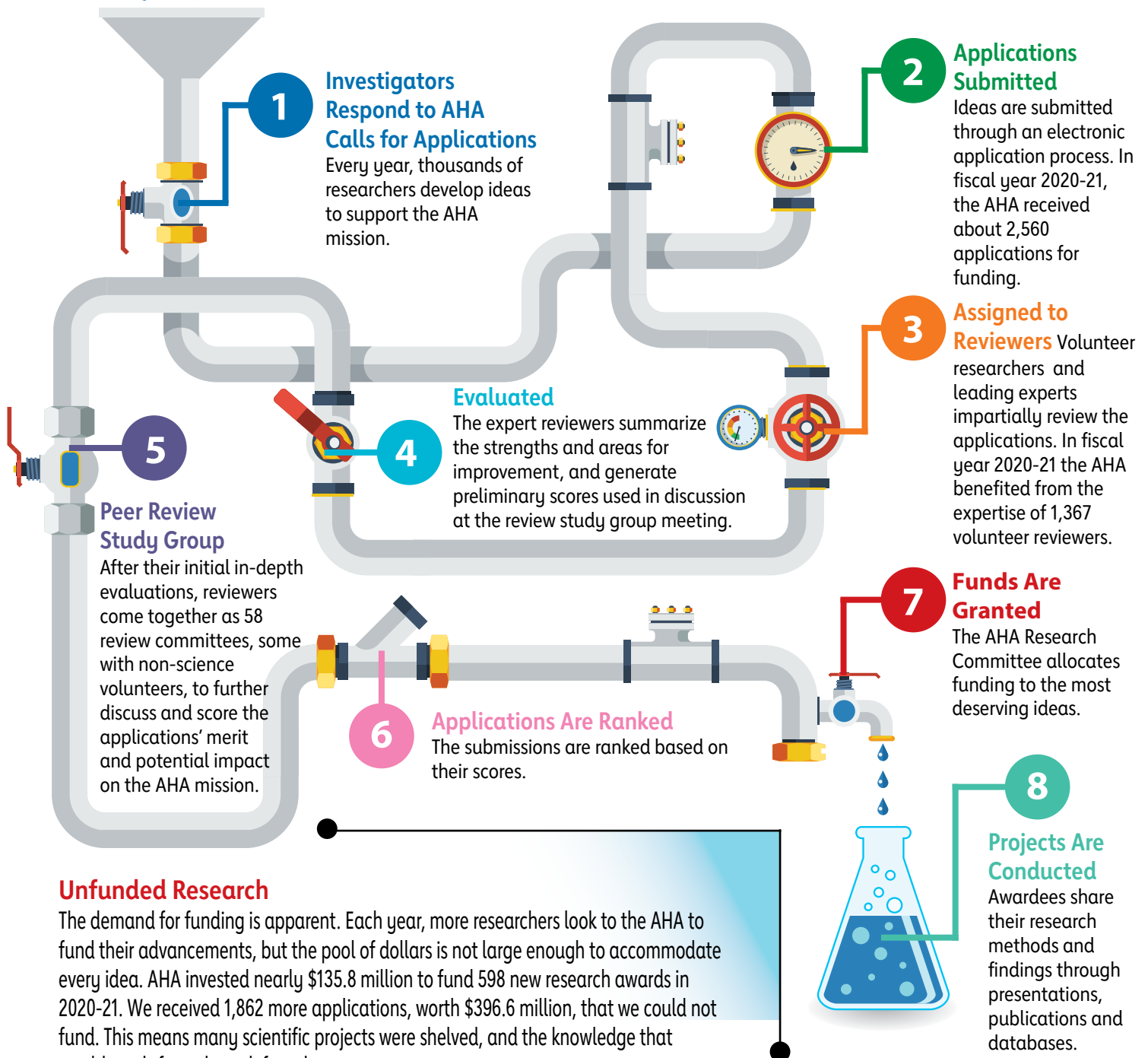
AHA RESEARCH FUNDING PROCESS



American Heart Association.



For many of our advancements, the AHA relies on volunteer scientists to ensure we fund the most high-impact and ground-breaking research.



Unfunded Research

The demand for funding is apparent. Each year, more researchers look to the AHA to fund their advancements, but the pool of dollars is not large enough to accommodate every idea. AHA invested nearly \$135.8 million to fund 598 new research awards in 2020-21. We received 1,862 more applications, worth \$396.6 million, that we could not fund. This means many scientific projects were shelved, and the knowledge that would result from them deferred.