Highlight –
This month’s edition of Federal Funding Opportunities features a funding announcement from the Administration for Children and Families, Office of Child Support Enforcement (OCSE) that will involve exploration of the potential relevance and application of behavioral economics principles to child support services. Grantees will test behaviorally-informed interventions to improve child support outcomes by focusing on areas such as early engagement, right-sizing orders, reliable payment, family-centered services, and other innovations to improve establishment and enforcement outcomes. Click [here](#) for more information.

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ANTICIPATED FUNDING ANNOUNCEMENTS

These funding announcements have not yet been released but are anticipated. They are listed here to provide our readers with lead time to seek out initial information and to be able to anticipate the timelines for application.

ACF: American Indian/Alaska Native Early Head Start-Child Care Partnership Grants
HHS-2014-ACF-OHS-HI-0825
Estimated Application Due Date: August 4, 2014
The Administration for Children and Families (ACF) announces that it anticipates the availability of approximately $15 million to be competitively awarded for the purpose of expanding access to high-quality, comprehensive services to low-income American Indian and Alaska Native infants, toddlers, and their families through Early Head Start-Child Care (EHS-CC) Partnerships. ACF will solicit applications from public entities or private non-profit organizations, including community-based or faith-based organizations or for-profit agencies that meet eligibility for applying as stated in section 645A of the Head Start Act. Electronically submitted applications are estimated to be due on August 4, 2014. Click here for more information.

ACF: Early Care and Education Research Scholars: Head Start Graduate Student Research Grants
HHS-2014-ACF-OPRE-YR-0785
Estimated Application Due Date: June 16, 2014
The Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation (OPRE) of the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) anticipates providing funds for Head Start Graduate Student Research Grants to support dissertation research by advanced graduate students who are working in partnership with Head Start programs and with faculty mentors. Competitive applicants will 1) demonstrate a collaborative partnership with their program partners, and 2) pursue research questions that directly inform local, State, or Federal policy relevant to multiple early care and education practice. Applicants should consider pursuing data collection across contexts, including child care, pre-k, home-visiting programs, Head Start, Early Head Start, and/or others. Applicants are expected to demonstrate an established partnership with their early care and education program partners that should be apparent throughout the research plan, from development and refinement of the research questions through the proposed data collection, interpretation, and dissemination. Electronically submitted applications are estimated to be due on June 16, 2014. Click here for more information.

ACF: Migrant and Seasonal Early Head Start-Child Care Partnership Grants
HHS-2014-ACF-OHS-HM-0826
Estimated Application Due Date: August 4, 2014
The Administration for Children and Families (ACF) announces that it anticipates the availability of approximately $22 million to be competitively awarded for the purpose of expanding access to high-quality, comprehensive services to infants and toddlers in low-income, migrant, and seasonal worker families through Early Head Start-Child Care (EHS-CC) Partnerships. ACF will solicit applications from public entities, including states, or private non-profit organizations, including community-based or faith-based organizations, or for-profit agencies that meet eligibility for applying as stated in section 645A of the Head Start Act. Electronically submitted applications are estimated to be due on August 4, 2014. Click here for more information.

CAREER DEVELOPMENT AND RECOGNITION

ACS: Postdoctoral Fellowships
Application Submission Date: April 1 and October 15 annually
The American Cancer Society funds this award to support the training of researchers who have received a doctoral degree to provide initial funding leading to an independent career in cancer research (including basic, preclinical, clinical, cancer control, psychosocial, behavioral, epidemiology, health services and health policy research). Awards may be for three years with progressive stipends of $44,000, $46,000, and $48,000 per year, plus a $4,000 per year fellowship allowance. Depending on availability of special endowment funds, the Society annually selects one or more of the top-ranked fellowships to be supplemented above the standard stipend. Click here for further information.
ACS: Mentored Research Scholar Grants in Applied and Clinical Research
Application Submission Date: April 1 and October 15 annually
The American Cancer Society funds this award to support mentored research by full-time faculty, typically within the first four years of their appointment, with the goal of becoming independent investigators in clinical, cancer control and prevention, epidemiologic, psychosocial, behavioral, health services and health policy research. Awards are made up to five years and for up to $135,000 per year (direct costs) plus 8% allowable indirect costs. These grants are not renewable. Click here for further information.

FIC: International Research Scientist Development Award (K01)
PAR-13-072
Application Submission Date: March 4, 2015
The purpose of the Fogarty International Center (FIC) International Research Scientist Development Award is to provide support and protected time (three to five years) to advanced postdoctoral (at least two years beyond conferral of doctoral degree) U.S. research scientists for an intensive, mentored research career development experience in a low- or middle-income country (LMIC) leading to an independent research career focused on global health. FIC invites K01 applications from biomedical, epidemiological, clinical, biostatistical, and social and behavioral scientists in the formative stages of their research careers. Awardees must spend a minimum of 50% of the total grant period (and at least three months per year) physically in-country conducting research at the LMIC institution or at research sites in the LMIC. The expectation is that through this sustained period of research career development, awardees will launch independent global health research careers, continue to collaborate with LMIC scientists on research that addresses the health needs of their countries, and become competitive for new research project grant (e.g., R01) funding. Grant applications are due by March 4, 2015. Click here for more information.

NICHD: Research Short Courses (R25)
PA-12-207
Application Submission Date: May 25, 2014
The Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD), within the National Institutes of Health (NIH), encourages applications to develop, implement and evaluate innovative and interactive short-term training courses for scientists interested in learning state-of-the-art procedures used for conducting research on topics relevant to NICHD's mission. These topics include reproductive, developmental, behavioral, social, and rehabilitative processes that relate to the health and well-being of newborns, infants, children, adults, families, and populations. The NICHD Research Education Grants (R25) are designed to assist institutions to establish, expand, or improve programs of continuing professional education, especially for programs dealing with new developments in the science or technology of the profession. The mechanism is intended for the support of short, advanced-level courses, to emphasize new techniques and enhance skills of scientists. Depending on the goals of the proposed training programs, the duration of the short courses can vary from one week or less to a maximum of 12 weeks. Recurring courses are welcome. Applications should propose interactive, innovative programs that include both didactic and hands-on experiences, and may also include activities to disseminate course materials and experience to the scientific community. Letters of intent are due 30 days prior to the due date. The grant application is due May 25, 2014. Click here to read more.

NIDA: Drug Abuse Dissertation Research (R36)
PAR-13-182
Application Submission Date: October 16, 2014
The National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) announces the availability of NIH Dissertation Award grants to support drug abuse doctoral dissertation research in NIDA areas of priority. Areas of focus include research on basic and clinical neuroscience and behavior, developmental trajectories, epidemiology, prevention, treatment, services, and/or women and sex/gender differences. Grant support is designed to encourage doctoral candidates from a variety of academic disciplines and programs to conduct research in these areas of interest to NIDA. It is hoped that this program will ultimately facilitate the entry of promising new investigators into the field of drug abuse research and promote transdisciplinary collaborations. Grant applications are due by October 16, 2014. Click here for more information.

NIGMS: MARC Undergraduate Student Training in Academic Research (U-STAR) National Research Service Award (NRSA) Institutional Research Training Grant (T34)
PAR-13-205
Application Submission Date: May 25, 2014
The National Institute of General Medical Sciences (NIGMS) within the National Institutes of Health (NIH) is soliciting applications for the Minority Access to Research Careers (MARC) Undergraduate Student Training in Academic Research (U-STAR) Institutional Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award (NRSA) Training program. The overall goal
of the Ruth L. Kirschstein NRSA program is to help ensure that a diverse pool of highly trained scientists is available in appropriate scientific disciplines to address the nation's biomedical, behavioral, and clinical research needs. This training grant aims to assist undergraduate institutions to increase the number of well-prepared underrepresented students who, within three years of graduation, matriculate into competitive/research active Ph.D. or combined M.D.-Ph.D. programs in the biomedical and behavioral sciences, go on to research careers and will be available to participate in NIH-funded research. The program provides grants to institutions with significant enrollment of students from groups underrepresented in the biomedical and behavioral sciences that propose well-integrated developmental activities designed to strengthen students’ academic preparation, research training and professional skills that are critical to the completion of the Ph.D. degree in the biomedical and behavioral sciences. Grant applications are due by: May 25, 2014. Click here for more information.

**NIGMS: Research Initiative for Scientific Enhancement (RISE)**
**PAR-13-196 (R25)**
**Application Due Date: May 28, 2014**
The National Institute of General Medical Sciences (NIGMS) within the National Institutes of Health (NIH) will award Research Initiative for Scientific Enhancement (RISE) research education grants to institutions focused on developing new or expanding existing effective institutional developmental programs designed to academically and scientifically prepare underrepresented students in the biomedical or behavioral sciences for competitive research careers. The RISE program provides grants to institutions with significant enrollment of students from populations underrepresented in the biomedical and behavioral sciences that propose well-integrated developmental activities designed to strengthen students’ academic preparation, research training and professional skills that are critical to the completion of the Ph.D. degree in the biomedical and/or behavioral sciences. NIGMS seeks to increase the entry of individuals from these underrepresented groups into the biomedical research workforce with the expectation that this will further foster the development of the next generation of a diverse pool of scientists who are available to address the nation's research needs. Grant applications are due by: May 28, 2014. Additional information is available online: R25.

**NIH: Avenir Award Program for Genetics or Epigenetics of Substance Abuse (DP2)**
**RFA-DA-15-006**
**Application Submission Deadline: August 18, 2014**
Avenir means future in French, and this award looks toward the future by supporting early stage investigators proposing highly innovative studies on the genetics or epigenetics of addiction and substance abuse. This award is designed to support creative individuals who wish to pursue innovative research approaches on the genetics of substance abuse and addiction in human populations or in model genetic organisms. The award will support those in an early stage of their career who may lack the preliminary data required for an R01 grant, but who propose high impact research and who show promise of being tomorrow's leaders in the field. Applications must describe highly innovative approaches with the potential to be transformative. Applications are due by 5:00 PM local time of applicant organization on August 18, 2014. Click here for more information.

**NIH: Avenir Award Program for Research on Substance Abuse and HIV/AIDS (DP2)**
**RFA-DA-15-007**
**Application Submission Deadline: November 14, 2016**
Avenir means future in French, and this award looks toward the future by supporting early stage investigators proposing highly innovative studies. The award will support those in an early stage of their career who may lack the preliminary data required for an R01 grant, but who propose high impact research and who show promise of being tomorrow's leaders in the field. The Avenir Award Program for Research on Substance Abuse and HIV/AIDS will support research approaches for substance using populations with or at risk for HIV/AIDS that may lead to improved preventive interventions, improved therapies and/or long term retention in care, and ultimately, eradication of HIV. Applications are due November 14, 2016. Click here for more information.

**NIH: Extramural Loan Repayment Programs (LRP)**
**NOT-OD-08-083**
**Application Submission Date: Annually from September 1 through December 1**
The National Institutes of Health (NIH) announces the continued availability of educational loan repayment under the extramural Loan Repayment Programs (LRP). The NIH invites qualified health professionals who contractually agree to engage in NIH mission-relevant research for at least two years, and who agree to engage in such research for at least 50 percent of their work schedule (not less than 20 hours per week based on a 40-hour work week), to apply for participation in the extramural LRP. There are 5 LRP programs that assist: Clinical Researchers, Pediatric Researchers, Health Disparities Researchers, Contraception and Infertility Researchers, and Clinical Researchers from Disadvantaged Backgrounds. Each of the five extramural LRPs provide for the repayment of educational loan debt of up to $35,000 annually for qualified health professionals performing research within the mission of NIH at domestic, non-profit, or
government entities. LRP applications will be accepted annually from September 1 through December 1. Applications must be submitted electronically using the NIH Loan Repayment Program Website, www.lrp.nih.gov. Click here for more information.

NIH: Jointly Sponsored Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award Institutional Predoctoral Training Program in the Neurosciences (T32)
PAR-12-084
Application Submission Deadline: May 25, 2014
Several Institutes at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) jointly sponsor the Predoctoral Training Program in the Neurosciences, which supports broad and fundamental research training in the neurosciences via institutional research training grants (T32) at domestic institutions of higher education. Trainees appointed to this training grant are financially supported for either one or two years, during the first 2 years of their graduate research training. The primary objective is to prepare individuals for careers in neuroscience that have a significant impact on the health-related research needs of the nation. Individuals supported by the award should be committed to a career in research and committed to obtaining a PhD degree. Letters of intent are due by April 25, 2014. Grant applications are due by May 25, 2014. Click here for more information.

NIH: International Research Scientist Development Award (IRSDA) (K01)
PAR-13-072
Application Due Date: March 4, 2015
The National Institutes of Health (NIH) solicit applications for the Fogarty International Center (FIC) International Research Scientist Development Award (IRSDA). The purpose of the IRSDA is to provide support and protected time (three to five years) to advanced postdoctoral (at least two years beyond conferral of doctoral degree) U.S. research scientists for an intensive, mentored research career development experience in a low- or middle-income country (LMIC) (low-income, lower-middle-income, and upper-middle-income countries are included) leading to an independent research career focused on global health. FIC invites K01 applications from biomedical, epidemiological, clinical, biostatistical, social and behavioral scientists in the formative stages of their research careers. The expectation is that through this sustained period of research career development, awardees will launch independent global health research careers, continue to collaborate with LMIC scientists on research that addresses the health needs of their countries, and become competitive for new research project grant (e.g., R01) funding. Grant applications are due by March 4, 2015. Click here for more information.

NIH: NIH Director's New Innovator Award Program
RFA-RM-13-007 (DP2)
Application Due Dates: October 16, 2015
The National Institutes of Health (NIH) is accepting applications for the NIH Director’s New Innovator Award initiative that supports a small number of early stage investigators of exceptional creativity who propose bold and highly innovative new research approaches that have the potential to produce a major impact on broad, important problems in biomedical and behavioral research. The grant is designed specifically to support unusually creative investigators with highly innovative research ideas at an early stage of their career when they may lack the preliminary data required to fare well in the traditional NIH peer review system. The research proposed for a New Innovator Award may be in any scientific area relevant to the mission of NIH (biological, behavioral, clinical, social, physical, chemical, computational, engineering, and mathematical sciences). Applications are due by October 16, 2015. Click here for more information: DP2.

NIH: NIH Pioneer Award Program
RFA-RM-13-006 (DP1)
Application Due Dates: October 9, 2015
The National Institutes of Health (NIH) invites applications for the NIH Pioneer Award that supports individual scientists of exceptional creativity who propose pioneering and possibly transforming approaches to addressing major biomedical or behavioral challenges that have the potential to produce an unusually high impact on a broad area of biomedical or behavioral research. To be considered pioneering, the proposed research must reflect substantially different scientific directions from those already being pursued in the investigator’s research program or elsewhere. The proposed project must reflect a fundamental new insight into the potential solution of a problem, which may derive from the development of exceptionally innovative approaches and/or from the posing of radically unconventional hypotheses. Applications are due by October 9, 2015. Click here for more information: DP1.

NIH: Postbaccalaureate Research Education Program (PREP) (R25)
PAR-14-076
Application Submission Deadline: January 25, 2015
The goal of this program is to support educational activities that enhance the diversity of the biomedical, behavioral and clinical research workforce. To this end, this funding opportunity announcement encourages the development of creative educational activities with a primary focus on Research Experiences and Courses for Skills Development. Applications are encouraged from research-intensive institutions that propose to develop recent baccalaureate science graduates from diverse backgrounds underrepresented in biomedical and behavioral sciences so that they have the necessary knowledge and skills to pursue PhD or MD-PhD degrees in these fields. Applications are due no later than 5:00 PM local time of applicant organization on January 25, 2015. Click here for more information.

**NIH: Research Supplements to Promote Re-Entry into Biomedical and Behavioral Research Careers**

**PA-08-191**

**Application Submission Date:** Applications may be submitted at any time

The Office of Research on Women’s Health (ORWH), participating Institutes and Centers (ICs) of the National Institutes of Health (NIH), and the Office of Dietary Supplements (ODS) announce a continuing program for administrative supplements to research grants to support individuals with high potential to re-enter an active research career after a qualifying interruption for family or other responsibilities. The purpose of this funding opportunity is to increase the number of underrepresented racial and ethnic groups, women, individuals with disabilities, and people from disadvantaged backgrounds in biomedical, behavioral, clinical and social science research careers. This program will provide administrative supplements to existing NIH research grants for the purpose of supporting full-time or part-time research by these individuals in a program geared to bring their existing research skills and knowledge up to date. It is anticipated that at the completion of the supplement, the re-entry scientist will be in a position to apply for a career development (K) award, a research award (R), or some other form of independent research support. Applications may be submitted at any time. Click here for more information.

**NIH: Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Awards for Individual Predoctoral Fellows (Parent F31)**

**PA-11-111**

**Application Submission Date:** Applications may be submitted at any time

Several Institutes at the NIH, including the Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD) invite applications for Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Awards for Individual Predoctoral Fellows. The proposed postdoctoral training must offer an opportunity to enhance the applicant's understanding of the health-related sciences, and must be within the broad scope of biomedical, behavioral, or clinical research or other specific disciplines relevant to the research mission of the participating NIH Institutes and Centers. Applicants with a health professional doctoral degree may use the proposed postdoctoral training to satisfy a portion of the degree requirements for a master's degree, a research doctoral degree or any other advanced research degree program. The overall goal of the NIH Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award (NRSA) program is to help ensure that a diverse pool of highly trained scientists is available in appropriate scientific disciplines to address the Nation's biomedical, behavioral, and clinical research needs. Grant Applications may be submitted at any time. Click here for more information.

**NIH: Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Awards for Individual Predoctoral Fellows (Parent F32)**

**PA-11-112**

**Application Submission Date:** Applications may be submitted at any time

Several Institutes at the NIH, including the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) invite applications for the Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Awards for Individual Predoctoral Fellows program. The purpose of the award is to provide support for promising doctoral candidates who will be performing dissertation research and training in scientific health-related fields relevant to the missions of the participating NIH Institutes during the tenure of the award. The award will provide up to five years of support for research training which leads to the PhD or equivalent research degree, the combined MD/PhD degree, or another formally combined professional degree and research doctoral degree in the biomedical, behavioral, or clinical sciences. Applicants for the award must propose a dissertation research project and training program that fall in a research area within the scientific mission of the participating Institutes. The proposed predoctoral research training must offer an opportunity to enhance the fellow's understanding of the health-related sciences and extend his/her potential for a productive, independent research career. The training should provide the applicant with the opportunity to interact with members of the scientific community at appropriate scientific meetings and workshops (including NIH-sponsored meetings, where available). The application should document the need for the proposed research training and the expected value of the proposed fellowship experience as it relates to the individual's goals for a career as an independent researcher. Grant Applications may be submitted at any time. Click here for more information.

**NIH: Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Awards for Individual Predoctoral Fellowshipships to Promote Diversity in Health-Related Research (Parent F31 - Diversity)**

**PA-11-112**
Applicant Submission Date: Applications may be submitted at any time
Several institutes at the NIH, including the Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD) invite applications for Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Awards for Individual Predoctoral Fellowships to Promote Diversity in Health-Related Research. The purpose of the predoctoral fellowship is to provide up to 5 years of support for research training leading to the PhD or equivalent research degree, the combined MD/PhD degree (up to 6 years of support); or another formally combined professional degree and research doctoral degree in biomedical, behavioral, health services, or clinical sciences. These fellowships will enhance the diversity of the biomedical, behavioral, health services, and clinical research labor force in the United States by providing opportunities for academic institutions to identify and recruit students from diverse population groups to seek graduate degrees in health-related research and apply for this fellowship. The goal of this program is to increase the number of scientists from diverse population groups who are prepared to pursue careers in biomedical, behavioral, social, clinical, or health services research. Grant Applications may be submitted at any time. Click here for more information.

NIH: Summer Research Experience Programs (R25)
PAR-13-104
Application Submission Date: April 2, 2015
The purpose of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) Summer Research Experience Program is to provide a high-quality research experience for high school and college students and for science teachers during the summer academic break. The NIH expects that such programs will: help attract young students to careers in science; provide opportunities for college students to gain valuable research experience to help prepare them for graduate school; and enhance the skills of science teachers and enable them to more effectively communicate the nature of the scientific process to their students. The programs would also contribute to enhancing overall science literacy. Summer Research Programs that expand and complement existing summer educational and training programs are encouraged. Grant applications are due by April 2, 2015. Click here for more information.

NIH: Mental Health Research Dissertation Grant to Increase Diversity (R36)
PAR-12-103
Application Submission Date: August 22, 2014
The goal of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA), issued by the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH), is to increase the diversity of the mental health research workforce by providing awards to support the completion of the doctoral research projects and dissertations for individuals from diverse backgrounds underrepresented in mental health research. The Mental Health Dissertation Research Grant to Increase Diversity allows for budget requests to cover full-time salary support and modest research funds for up to two years, but no less than 12 months, for eligible students to facilitate completion of their doctoral research project and dissertation in a research area relevant to the NIMH mission and strategic research priorities. These awards are available to predoctoral students who are enrolled in good standing at accredited domestic or foreign institutions and who have an approved dissertation proposal at the time of the award. Applicants must have the goal of becoming successful researchers in areas of biomedical or behavioral science relevant to the mission of the NIMH. Grant applications are due by August 22, 2014. Click here for more information.

NIH: Mentoring Networks for Mental Health Research Education (R25)
PAR-12-264
Application Due Date: September 25, 2014
The National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH), within the National Institutes of Health (NIH), encourages applications from institutions and organizations that propose to develop, implement, and evaluate a mentoring network that will facilitate the development of investigators with the requisite scientific research to be able to transform the understanding and treatment of mental illnesses. Networks may be national, regional or local, and should provide significant new opportunities to improve the professional development of mental health researchers. Participants must be graduate/medical students, medical residents, postdoctoral participants, or early-career faculty, and applicants should provide a rationale for the proposed career stage(s) of the participants in the network. The network should engage participants for no less than one year, during which they will remain in contact with mentors who will provide didactic content and mentoring expertise on research topics. It is expected that mentors and participants will interact both formally and informally throughout the course of the program. The network should also provide a broad enough scope to attract highly qualified applicants and accomplish a set of goals in facilitating the participants’ professional success. Expected outcomes for participants include subsequent involvement in research, employment in a mental health research field, authorship of scientific publications, or independent research grant support from NIH or other sources. Letters of intent are due 30 days prior to the application due date. Applications are due by September 25, 2014. Click here for more information.

NIH: Short Courses for Mental Health-Related Research Education (R25)
PAR-12-262
Application Due Date: September 25, 2014
The National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH), within the National Institutes of Health (NIH), encourages applications from institutions and organizations that propose to develop, implement, and evaluate short courses that will facilitate the development of investigators with the requisite scientific research to be able to transform the understanding and treatment of mental illnesses through research. Courses should be innovative and have a direct relation to the topics of focus within the NIMH. Each short course is expected to include both didactic and hands-on experiences for graduate/medical students, medical residents, postdoctoral scholars, or early-career faculty. Courses can last for one week or less, up to a maximum of 12 weeks. Applications must include an evaluation plan in order to determine the effectiveness of the course, as well as a dissemination plan for the results. Letters of intent are due 30 days prior to the application due date. Grant applications are due by September 25, 2014. Click here for more information.

NSF: SBE Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grants
Application Submission Date: Due dates vary across programs
The National Science Foundation’s Division of Behavioral and Cognitive Sciences (BCS), Division of Social and Economic Sciences (SES), and Division of Science Resources Statistics (SRS) award grants to doctoral students to improve the quality of dissertation research. These grants provide funds for items not normally available through the student’s university. Additionally, these grants allow doctoral students to undertake significant data-gathering projects and to conduct field research in settings away from their campus that would not otherwise be possible. Proposals are judged on the basis of their scientific merit, including the theoretical importance of the research question and the appropriateness of the proposed data and methodology to be used in addressing the question. In an effort to improve the quality of dissertation research, many programs in BCS, SES, and the Research on Science and Technology Surveys and Statistics Program within SRS accept doctoral dissertation improvement grant proposals. Click here for more information.

NSF: SBE Postdoctoral Research Fellowships
NSF 12-591
Application Submission Date: Last Monday in October
The National Science Foundation (NSF) offers postdoctoral research fellowships to provide opportunities for recent doctoral graduates to obtain additional training, to gain research experience under the sponsorship of established scientists, and to broaden their scientific horizons beyond their undergraduate and graduate training. Postdoctoral fellowships are further designed to assist new scientists to direct their research efforts across traditional disciplinary lines and to avail themselves of unique research resources, sites, and facilities, including at foreign locations. NSF seeks to promote the participation of scientists from all segments of the scientific community, including those from under-represented groups, in its research programs and activities; the postdoctoral period is considered to be an important level of professional development in attaining this goal. The goal of the SBE [Social, Behavioral, and Economic Sciences] Postdoctoral Research Fellowship (SPRF) program is to enhance the participation of under-represented groups in science and engineering; promote interdisciplinary research; and encourage doctoral-level scientists (who are not yet in full-time positions) to take advantage of the two-year fellowships to prepare for scientific careers in academia, industry, and government. Click here for more information.

NSF: Science, Technology, and Society
NSF 08-553
Application Submission Deadline: August 1 annually
The NSF Science and Society (S&S) program solicitation considers proposals that examine questions that arise in the interactions of engineering, science, technology, and society. The solicitation includes four components: Ethics and Values in Science, Engineering and Technology (EV); History and Philosophy of Science, Engineering and Technology (HPS); Social Studies of Science, Engineering and Technology (SSS); and Studies of Policy, Science, Engineering and Technology (SPS). The components overlap, but are distinguished by the different scientific and scholarly orientations they take to the subject matter, as well as by different focuses within the subject area. The S&S program provides several modes of support, including: (1) S&S Scholars Awards; (2) Standard Research Grants and Grants for Collaborative Research; (3) S&S Postdoctoral Fellowships; (4) S&S Professional Development Fellowships; (5) Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grants; (6) Small Grants for Training and Research; (7) Conference and Workshop Awards; and (8) Other Funding Opportunities. Grant applications are due by August 1. Click here for more information.

NSF: Scholarships in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics
12-529
Application Due Date: August 12, 2014
The National Science Foundation (NSF) is accepting grant applications from institutions of higher education to support scholarships for academically talented students demonstrating financial need, enabling them to enter the science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) workforce or STEM graduate school following completion of an associate, baccalaureate, or graduate-level degree in STEM disciplines. Grantee institutions are responsible for selecting

Application Due Date: August 1 annually
The NSF Science and Society (S&S) program solicitation considers proposals that examine questions that arise in the interactions of engineering, science, technology, and society. The solicitation includes four components: Ethics and Values in Science, Engineering and Technology (EV); History and Philosophy of Science, Engineering and Technology (HPS); Social Studies of Science, Engineering and Technology (SSS); and Studies of Policy, Science, Engineering and Technology (SPS). The components overlap, but are distinguished by the different scientific and scholarly orientations they take to the subject matter, as well as by different focuses within the subject area. The S&S program provides several modes of support, including: (1) S&S Scholars Awards; (2) Standard Research Grants and Grants for Collaborative Research; (3) S&S Postdoctoral Fellowships; (4) S&S Professional Development Fellowships; (5) Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grants; (6) Small Grants for Training and Research; (7) Conference and Workshop Awards; and (8) Other Funding Opportunities. Grant applications are due by August 1. Click here for more information.

Application Due Date: August 12, 2014
The National Science Foundation (NSF) is accepting grant applications from institutions of higher education to support scholarships for academically talented students demonstrating financial need, enabling them to enter the science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) workforce or STEM graduate school following completion of an associate, baccalaureate, or graduate-level degree in STEM disciplines. Grantee institutions are responsible for selecting
scholarship recipients, reporting demographic information about student scholars, and managing the S-STEM project at the institution. Grant applications are due by August 12, 2014. For more information, click here: 12-529.

GENERAL FUNDING MECHANISMS

NIH: Exploratory/Developmental Research Grant Program
PA-13-303 (Parent R21)
Application Due Date: October 16, 2014
The National Institutes of Health (NIH) are soliciting applications for the development of new research activities in categorical program areas. The evolution and vitality of the biomedical sciences require a constant infusion of new ideas, techniques, and points of view. This grant is intended to encourage exploratory and developmental research projects by providing support for the early and conceptual stages of these projects. These studies may involve considerable risk but may lead to a breakthrough in a particular area, or to the development of novel techniques, agents, methodologies, models, or applications that could have a major impact on a field of biomedical, behavioral, or clinical research. Grant applications are due by 5:00 PM local time of applicant organization on October 16, 2014. Click here for more information.

NIH: Small Research Grant Program
PA-13-304 (Parent R03)
Application Due Date: October 16, 2014
The National Institutes of Health (NIH) solicit applications for small research projects that can be carried out in a short period of time (in two years or less) with limited resources. This grant supports different types of projects including pilot and feasibility studies; secondary analysis of existing data; small, self-contained research projects; development of research methodology; and development of new research technology. Preliminary data are not required, particularly in applications proposing pilot or feasibility studies. Grant applications are due by 5:00 PM local time of applicant organization on October 16, 2014. Click here for more information.

NIH: Support for Conferences and Scientific Meetings
PA-13-347 (Parent R13/U13)
Application Due Date: August 12, 2014
The National Institutes of Health (NIH) is accepting applications for grants that support high quality scientific conferences that are relevant to NIH's mission and to public health. A conference is defined as a symposium, seminar, workshop, or any other organized and formal meeting, whether conducted face-to-face or via the internet, where individuals assemble to exchange information and views or explore or clarify a defined subject, problem, or area of knowledge, whether or not a published report results from such meeting. The NIH recognizes the value to members of the research community and all other interested parties in supporting such forums. Grant applications are due by August 12, 2014. Click here for more information.

BY TOPIC

AUTISM

NIH: Environmental Contributors to Autism Spectrum Disorders (R01)
PAR-14-203
Application Submission Deadline: August 26, 2014
The purpose of this FOA is to stimulate and foster research to (1) identify environmental contributors to risk and expression of autism spectrum disorders (ASD) and (2) understand how environmental factors impact the underlying biologic processes implicated in ASD. A range of approaches are being encouraged by this FOA, from basic mechanistic studies using in vitro and in vivo model systems to studies that add new data collection activities and/or make use of extant data or biospecimens in existing human studies. Studies that address hypotheses related to the joint contribution of
genes and environment are of particular interest. Letters of intent are due 30 days before the application due date. Applications are due by 5:00 pm local time of applicant organization on August 26, 2014. Click here for more information.

**NIH: Research on Autism Spectrum Disorders**  
**PA-13-216 (R01) PA-13-218 (R03); PA-13-217 (R21)**  
**Application Submission Dates:** October 5, 2014 (R01); October 16, 2014 (R21/R03)  
Several Institutes at the National Institutes of Health (NIH), including the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) and the Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD) solicit research grant applications to support research designed to elucidate the etiology, epidemiology, diagnosis, treatment, and optimal means of service delivery in relation to autism spectrum disorders (ASD). Basic, clinical, and applied studies are encouraged. Areas of interest include, but are not limited to, the following: Epidemiology; Screening, Early Identification, and Diagnosis; Genetic Studies; Brain Mechanisms; Shared Neurobiology of Autism with Fragile X, Rett Syndrome, and Related Disorders; Cognitive Science; Communication Skills; Pharmacological/Biological Interventions; Pharmacogenomic Studies; Psychosocial/Behavioral Interventions; and Services Research. Grant applications are due by October 5, 2014 (R01) and October 16, 2014 (R21/R03). Additional information is available online for each grant: R01, R03, and R21.

**BEHAVIOR**

**ACF: Behavioral Interventions for Child Support Services**  
**HHS-2014-ACF-OCSE-FD-0818**  
**Application Due Date:** August 5, 2014  
The Administration for Children and Families, Office of Child Support Enforcement (OCSE) will be awarding eight grants to explore the potential relevance and application of behavioral economics principles to child support services. Grantees will test behaviorally-informed interventions to improve child support outcomes by focusing on areas such as early engagement, right-sizing orders, reliable payment, family-centered services, and other innovations to improve establishment and enforcement outcomes. Grant projects will first diagnose and design a behaviorally informed intervention, and pilot test the intervention in multiple counties or a large single county, using a random assignment design. If the intervention is found to be successful through piloting, it will then be implemented at larger scale, if possible statewide. Projects will focus on shorter-term goals such as enrollment, engagement, and program completion. Grantees, in cooperation with an OCSE-funded evaluation and technical assistance team, will identify and implement behaviorally-informed process improvements and track progress towards goals. Electronically submitted applications are due on August 5, 2014. Click here for more information.

**NIH: Modeling Social Behavior**  
**PAR-13-374 (R01)**  
**Application Due Date:** October 5, 2014  
The National Institutes of Health (NIH) invite applications for developing and testing innovative theories and computational, mathematical, or engineering approaches to deepen our understanding of complex social behavior. This research will examine phenomena at multiple scales to address the emergence of collective behaviors that arise from individual elements or parts of a system working together. Emergence can also describe the functioning of a system within the context of its environment. Often properties we associate with a system itself are in actuality properties of the relationships and interactions between a system and its environment. This grant will support research that explores the often complex and dynamic relationships among the parts of a system and between the system and its environment in order to understand the system as a whole. To accomplish the goals of this initiative, NIH encourages applications that build transdisciplinary teams of scientists spanning a broad range of expertise. This team should include investigators with expertise in the behavioral or social sciences as well as in computational and systems modeling (computer science, mathematics, engineering, or other systems sciences). Applications should demonstrate bridge-building between disciplines, scales and levels. Grant applications are due by October 5, 2014. Additional information is available online: R01.

**BRAIN FUNCTION AND DEVELOPMENT; NEUROBIOLOGY**

**NIAAA: Effects of Adolescent Binge Drinking on Brain Development**  
**PA-12-027 (R01); PA-12-028 (R21)**
**Application Submission Dates: October 5, 2014 (R01); October 16, 2014 (R21)**

The National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA) invites applications proposing to conduct mechanistic studies on the effects of adolescent binge alcohol consumption on synaptic maturation and myelin formation in the developing brain. Alcohol is by far the most widely used intoxicant among adolescents in the U.S. and the incidence of adolescent binge drinking is increasing. Critical developmental processes occurring in the adolescent brain may render it uniquely sensitive to the harmful effects of excessive alcohol consumption; however, the long-term consequences of adolescent binge drinking for maturation of brain structure and function remain poorly understood. Similarly, whether such changes might be permanent, reversible or amenable to treatment has yet to be determined. The objective of this funding opportunity announcement (FOA) is to promote research in animal models on the genetic, molecular and cellular mechanisms underlying the effects of excessive alcohol consumption on specific aspects of adolescent brain development. Studies examining the trajectory of ethanol-related effects from adolescence through adulthood are particularly encouraged. Grant applications are due by October 5, 2014 (R01) and October 16, 2014 (R21). Additional information is available online for each grant: R01 and R21.

**NIAAA: Mechanisms of Behavior Change in the Treatment of Alcohol Use Disorders (R21)**

**PAR-14-053**

**Application Submission Date: March 17, 2015**

The National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA), within the National Institutes of Health (NIH), encourages grant applications from institutions or organizations that propose to investigate the underlying mechanisms that facilitate behavior change within our current empirically-supported behavioral treatments for alcohol use disorders. A further goal of this funding opportunity announcement (FOA) is to enhance translational research efforts by identifying potential neurobiological or cognitive processes that may act as potential mechanisms of therapeutic change or mediate the direct link between specific “active ingredients” and alcohol use treatment outcomes. The R21 mechanism is intended to encourage new exploratory and developmental research projects. Letters of intent are due by February 17, 2015. Applications are due by March 17, 2015. Click here for more information.

**NICHD: Development of Mathematical Cognition and Reasoning and the Prevention of Math Learning Disabilities**

**PA-12-248 (R01); PA-12-247 (R03); PA-12-246 (R21)**

**Application Submission Date: October 5, 2014 (R01); October 16, 2014 (R03 & R21)**

This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA), issued by the Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD), is intended to stimulate innovative, multidisciplinary research on the cognitive, neuroplasticity, genetic and environmental factors involved in math learning and learning disabilities. This research will advance our knowledge of the factors that contribute to the development, advancement, and impairment of mathematical cognition, including the ability to apprehend and reason about magnitude, number, temporal and spatial relationships, and concomitantly provide the evidence base to inform the design of effective (i.e., efficacious in "real world" contexts) interventions for the remediation and/or prevention of mathematical learning disabilities (MLD). The overall objectives of this FOA include: 1) identify the critical (necessary and sufficient) biological, cognitive, and behavioral components and dynamic developmental sequence, including sensitive periods, necessary for the normal development of mathematical cognitive abilities and reasoning (e.g., counting, arithmetic, geometry, algebra), including early and normative milestones; 2) identify the biological, cognitive, environmental, and behavioral factors that contribute to and/or restrict the developmental plasticity of mathematical cognitive abilities, and may be used to improve prevention, identification, and classification of children with MLD (including theoretically-grounded approaches to identification and classification), 3) develop and test well-defined, evidence-based prevention interventions for populations at high risk for mathematics learning disability such as children raised in poverty, and those with predisposing genetic or medical conditions (e.g., velocardiofacial syndrome, deafness, and iatrogenic conditions such as chemotherapy-associated math learning deficits), where the intervention’s effectiveness (i.e., the efficacy under "real world" adoption conditions) can be shown to be both sustainable and generalizable, and 4) develop and test well-defined, evidence-based remediating or treatment interventions, the effectiveness of which can be demonstrated to be both sustainable and generalizable. Such foundational knowledge should ultimately improve math instruction, both for typically developing and math challenged or disabled children. Grant applications are due by October 5, 2014 (R01); October 16, 2014 (R03 & R21). Additional information is available online for each grant: R01, R03, and R21.

**NIDA: Neuroscience Research on Drug Abuse**

**PA-13-338 (R01); PA-13-336 (R03); PA-13-337 (R21)**

**Application Due Dates: October 5, 2014 (R01); October 16, 2014 (R03 & R21)**

The National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) within the National Institutes of Health (NIH) invites applications for research aimed at understanding the neurobiological mechanisms underlying drug abuse and addiction, with special emphasis on changes that occur during chronic drug use, withdrawal and relapse. According to the 2011 National Household Survey, about 22.5 million Americans, ages 12 or older, or about 8.7 percent of the population, were current users of illicit drugs. Substance abuse results in widespread changes in brain structure and function, and research is needed to explain these
changes and how they affect behavior. An understanding of the basic mechanisms underlying drug addiction can help to identify targets for prevention and treatment interventions. Research utilizing basic, translational, or clinical approaches is appropriate. Grant applications are due by October 5, 2014 (R01) and October 16, 2014 (R03 & R21). For more information, click here: R01; R03; R21.

NIH: Effects of Cannabis Use and Cannabinoids on the Developing Brain (R21, R03, R01)
(R21) PA-14-162, (R03) PA-14-164, (R01) PA-14-163
These companion Funding Opportunity Announcements (FOAs) encourage grant applications from institutions and organizations that propose to study the effects and functional consequences of cannabis and cannabinoid exposures on the developing brain, from pre-, peri-, post-natal development through young adulthood in animal models and humans. Topics of interest pertaining to this FOA include, but are not limited to: molecular and cellular mechanisms of cannabis/cannabinoid effects on the developing brain; long term functional consequences of cannabis/cannabinoid exposure on learning and memory, cognitive and emotional development. Applications are due by 5:00 PM local time of applicant organization on R21, R03: October 16, 2014. R01: October 5, 2014. Click for more information: R21, R03, and R01.

NIH: Environmental Contributors to Autism Spectrum Disorders (R01)
PAR-14-203
Application Submission Deadline: August 26, 2014
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NIH: Jointly Sponsored Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award Institutional Predoctoral Training Program in the Neurosciences (T32)
PAR-12-084
Application Submission Deadline: May 25, 2014
Several Institutes at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) jointly sponsor the Predoctoral Training Program in the Neurosciences, which supports broad and fundamental research training in the neurosciences via institutional research training grants (T32) at domestic institutions of higher education. Trainees appointed to this training grant are financially supported for either one or two years, during the first 2 years of their graduate research training. The primary objective is to prepare individuals for careers in neuroscience that have a significant impact on the health-related research needs of the nation. Individuals supported by the award should be committed to a career in research and committed to obtaining a PhD degree. Letters of intent are due by April 25, 2014. Grant applications are due by May 25, 2014. Click here for more information.

NINDS: Neurological Sciences Academic Development Award
PAR-13-362 (K12)
Application Due Date: October 12, 2014
The National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NINDS) within the National Institutes of Health (NIH) invite applications for grants intended to facilitate and support the research career development of pediatric neurologists at educational institutions or professional organizations who have made a commitment to independent research careers. The Neurological Sciences Academic Development Award (NSADA) program is intended to provide three consecutive years of support to individuals to provide them with the knowledge, tools and research experience that will enable them to transition to significant, individually-supported research. The applicant organization must have a well-established research and clinical career development program and qualified faculty to serve as mentors. The NSADA program is part of NIH’s overall goal to help ensure that a diverse pool of highly trained scientists is available in appropriate scientific disciplines to address the nation’s biomedical, behavioral, and clinical needs. Grant applications are due by October 12, 2014. Additional information is available online: K12.

NSF: Cognitive Neuroscience
NSF 06-557
Application Submission Deadline: January annually
The Cognitive Neuroscience Program seeks highly innovative and interdisciplinary proposals aimed at advancing a rigorous understanding of how the human brain supports thought, perception, affect, action, social processes, and other
aspects of cognition and behavior, including how such processes develop and change in the brain and through time. Click here for more information.

CANCER

NCI: Basic Cancer Research in Cancer Health Disparities
PAR-12-095
Application Submission Date: November 20, 2014
Through this funding opportunity announcement (FOA), the Center to Reduce Cancer Health Disparities (CRCHD), the Division of Cancer Biology (DCB) and Division of Cancer Prevention (DCP), at the National Cancer Institute (NCI), encourage grant applications from investigators interested in conducting basic, mechanistic research into the biologic/genetic causes of cancer health disparities. The cooperative agreement research award mechanism (U01) will support innovative studies designed to investigate biological/genetic bases of cancer disparities, and may include the development and testing of new methodologies and models, secondary data analyses, and mechanistic studies of identified biological factors associated with cancer disparities, including those related to basic research in prevention strategies. This FOA is also designed to aid and facilitate the development of a nationwide cohort of scientists with a high level of basic research expertise in cancer health disparities research who can develop resources and tools, such as biospecimens, cell lines and methods that are necessary to conduct basic research in cancer health disparities. The Exploratory/Developmental Research Grant Award mechanism (R21) is designed to provide resources for those investigators that may need additional support on their path to successful competition for R01 funding in basic mechanistic research in understanding cancer health disparities. Grant applications are due by November 20, 2014. More information is available: U01.

NCI: Exploratory Grant Award to Promote Workforce Diversity in Basic Cancer Research (R21)
PAR-12-096
Application Submission Date: November 20, 2014
This funding opportunity announcement (FOA), issued by the Center to Reduce Cancer Health Disparities (CRCHD) and the Division of Cancer Biology (DCB) of the National Cancer Institute (NCI), invites applications by investigators from diverse backgrounds underrepresented in basic and biomedical cancer research. The NIH recognizes a unique and compelling need to promote diversity in the NIH-funded research workforce. The purpose of this FOA is to improve the diversity of the NCI-funded research workforce by supporting and recruiting eligible investigators from groups that have been shown to be underrepresented in the biomedical, clinical, behavioral, and social sciences including individuals from underrepresented racial and ethnic groups, individuals with disabilities, and individuals from socially, culturally, economically, or educationally disadvantaged backgrounds that have recently and demonstrably inhibited their ability to pursue a career in health-related research. This funding opportunity will also provide a bridge to investigators that have completed their research training and may need extra time to develop a research project grant application. The CRCHD supports cancer health disparity research that is focused on basic, hypothesis-driven studies that explicitly address the unequal burden of cancer amongst racial/ethnic minorities or other underserved populations across the cancer continuum (prevention, early detection, diagnosis, treatment, and survivorship). Grant applications are due by November 20, 2014. Click here for more information.

DEMOGRAPHY

NICHD: Educational Programs for Demography and Population Science, Family Planning and Contraception, and Reproductive Research (R25)
PAR-11-292
Application Submission Date: May 25, 2014
The Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD) invites grant applications for educational activities related to Demography and Population Science, Family Planning and Contraception, and Reproductive Research. NICHD encourages applications for educational programs for interdisciplinary training; methodological training; and training in the use and dissemination and use of existing datasets. The Demographic and Behavioral Sciences Branch is particularly interested in applications that address one or more of the following: (1) Research in demography, the scientific study of human populations, including their size, composition, distribution, density, and growth and decline, as well as the causes and consequences of changes in these factors. Major areas of focus include fertility, mortality and morbidity, migration, nuptiality, and family
demography; (2) Behavioral and social science research on HIV/AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases and reproductive health; and (3) Research on other scientific areas related to the health and well-being of populations that applies the methods and perspectives of demography and social science, including the use of population representative samples and methods that address causal inference, such as selectivity, and endogeneity. Letters of intent are due 30 days prior to the grant application deadline. Grant applications are due by May 25, 2014. Click here for more information.

**DEVELOPMENT**

**NSF: Developmental and Learning Sciences**  
**Deadline: January 15 and July 15 annually**  
The National Science Foundation’s Developmental and Learning Sciences program (DLS) supports fundamental research that increases our understanding of cognitive, linguistic, social, cultural, and biological processes related to children's and adolescents' development and learning. Research supported by this program will add to our basic knowledge of how people learn and the underlying developmental processes that support learning, with the objective of leading to better educated children and adolescents who grow up to take productive roles as workers and as citizens. Among the many research topics supported by DLS are: developmental cognitive neuroscience; development of higher-order cognitive processes; transfer of knowledge from one domain or situation to another; use of molecular genetics to study continuities and discontinuities in development; development of peer relations and family interactions; multiple influences on development, including the impact of family, school, community, social institutions, and the media; adolescents' preparation for entry into the workforce; cross-cultural research on development and learning; and the role of cultural influences and demographic characteristics on development. Additional priorities include research that: incorporates multidisciplinary, multi-method, microgenetic, and longitudinal approaches; develops new methods, models, and theories for studying learning and development; and integrates different processes (e.g., learning, memory, emotion), levels of analysis (e.g., behavioral, social, neural), and time scales (e.g. infancy, middle childhood, adolescence). This program supports Integrative Research Activities for Developmental Science (IRADS). The program currently is at its capacity for supporting such large-scale awards, and is therefore not considering new IRADS proposals at this point in time. The program is accepting proposals for individual investigator projects (average total budget of approximately $100,000 per year) and workshops/small conferences (average total one-time budget of approximately $15,000). Click here for more information.

**NICHD: Enhancing Developmental Biology Research at Undergraduate Institutions Academic Research Enhancement Award (R15)**  
**PAR-12-057**  
**Application Submission Deadline: September 10, 2014**  
This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) issued by the Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD) encourages grant applications to strengthen the developmental biology research environment at educational institutions that provide baccalaureate or advanced degrees, but that have not been major recipients of NIH support. In addition, this FOA attempts to foster the development of novel or underutilized experimental model systems, and to motivate students through exposure to and participation in research projects designed to study fundamental processes underlying normal development. Letters of Intent are due 30 days prior to the application due date. All final applications are due by 5:00 PM local time of applicant organization on September 10, 2014. Click here for more information.

**DISASTERS AND EMERGENCIES**

**NIEHS: Mechanism for Time-Sensitive Research Opportunities in Environmental Health Sciences**  
**PAR-10-083 (R03); PAR-10-084 (R21)**  
**Application Submission Date: Varies**  
This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA), supported by the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS), is intended to support research in environmental health science in which an unpredictable opportunity has arisen that provides a limited window of opportunity to collect human or animal biosample baseline or exposure data. Such instances could include the immediate aftermath of a natural or man-made disaster; changes in service systems; policy changes likely to lead to alterations in the quality of local air or water, major changes in land use, etc. The distinctive
element of the project should be the need for empirical study that is by its nature achievable only if begun within a short time frame. Click here for more information. Additional information is available online for each grant: R03 and R21.

**DIVERSITY AND DISPARITIES**

**NCI: Basic Cancer Research in Cancer Health Disparities**
PAR-12-095

Application Submission Date: November 20, 2014

Through this funding opportunity announcement (FOA), the Center to Reduce Cancer Health Disparities (CRCHD), the Division of Cancer Biology (DCB) and Division of Cancer Prevention (DCP), at the National Cancer Institute (NCI), encourage grant applications from investigators interested in conducting basic, mechanistic research into the biologic/genetic causes of cancer health disparities. The cooperative agreement research award mechanism (U01) will support innovative studies designed to investigate biological/genetic bases of cancer disparities, and may include the development and testing of new methodologies and models, secondary data analyses, and mechanistic studies of identified biological factors associated with cancer disparities, including those related to basic research in prevention strategies. This FOA is also designed to aid and facilitate the development of a nationwide cohort of scientists with a high level of basic research expertise in cancer health disparities research who can develop resources and tools, such as biospecimens, cell lines and methods that are necessary to conduct basic research in cancer health disparities. The Exploratory/Developmental Research Grant Award mechanism (R21) is designed to provide resources for those investigators that may need additional support on their path to successful competition for R01 funding in basic mechanistic research in understanding cancer health disparities. Grant applications are due by November 20, 2014. More information is available for each grant: U01.

**NCI: Exploratory Grant Award to Promote Workforce Diversity in Basic Cancer Research (R21)**
PAR-12-096

Application Submission Date: November 20, 2014

This funding opportunity announcement (FOA), issued by the Center to Reduce Cancer Health Disparities (CRCHD) and the Division of Cancer Biology (DCB) of the National Cancer Institute (NCI), invites applications by investigators from diverse backgrounds underrepresented in basic and biomedical cancer research. The NIH recognizes a unique and compelling need to promote diversity in the NIH-funded research workforce. The purpose of this FOA is to improve the diversity of the NCI-funded research workforce by supporting and recruiting eligible investigators from groups that have been shown to be underrepresented in the biomedical, clinical, behavioral, and social sciences including individuals from underrepresented racial and ethnic groups, individuals with disabilities, and individuals from socially, culturally, economically, or educationally disadvantaged backgrounds that have recently and demonstrably inhibited their ability to pursue a career in health-related research. This funding opportunity will also provide a bridge to investigators that have completed their research training and may need extra time to develop a research project grant application. The CRCHD supports cancer health disparity research that is focused on basic, hypothesis-driven studies that explicitly address the unequal burden of cancer amongst racial/ethnic minorities or other underserved populations across the cancer continuum (prevention, early detection, diagnosis, treatment, and survivorship). Grant applications are due by November 20, 2014. More information is available for each grant: U01.

**NICHD: Preclinical Research on Model Organisms to Predict Treatment Outcomes for Disorders Associated with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities**
PAR-13-195 (R01)

Application Due Date: October 5, 2014

The Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD) within the National Institute of Health (NIH) is seeking applications from institutions and organizations addressing preclinical research in animal models of disorders associated with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD), particularly in the pediatric population. Applications submitted should propose to develop, validate, and/or calibrate outcome measures, surrogate markers, and biomarkers in model organisms that can inform and effectively translate to human clinical trials for individuals with IDD. Over the past several decades, major advances have been made in finding the genetic and environmental causes of many forms of IDD in children and adults. The goal of this grant is to accelerate and improve the preclinical testing of candidate treatments and therapeutic compounds in order to move promising new IDD drug therapies into clinical trials. Grant applications are due by October 5, 2014. More information is available online: R01.

**NIGMS: Bridges to Baccalaureate Program**
PAR-13-333 (R25)
Application Due Dates: September 25, 2014; September 25, 2015
The National Institute of General Medical Sciences (NIGMS) within the National Institutes of Health (NIH) is accepting applications that propose research education programs intended to enhance the pool of community college students from diverse backgrounds nationally underrepresented in biomedical and behavioral sciences who go on to research careers in the biomedical and behavioral sciences, and will be available to participate in NIH-funded research. Key strategies are to increase transfer and increase retention to BA/BS graduation in biomedical and behavioral sciences. This initiative promotes partnerships/consortia between community colleges or other two-year post-secondary educational institutions granting the associate degree with colleges or universities that offer the baccalaureate degree. Grant applications are due by: September 25, 2014; September 25, 2015. Click here for more information: R25.

NIGMS: Bridges to the Doctorate
PAR-13-341 (R25)
Application Due Dates: September 25, 2014; September 25, 2015
The National Institute of General Medical Sciences (NIGMS) within the National Institutes of Health (NIH) invites applications from institutions that propose to enhance the pool of master’s degree students from underrepresented backgrounds who are trained and available to participate in NIH-funded research. This initiative promotes partnerships/consortia between colleges or universities granting a terminal master’s degree with institutions that offer the doctorate degree. The program expects that the joint efforts of doctorate degree-granting and master’s degree-granting institutions will foster the development of a well-integrated institutional program that will provide students with the necessary academic preparation and skills to enable their transition and successful completion of the Ph.D. degree in biomedical and behavioral sciences. Grant applications are due by September 25, 2014; September 25, 2015. For more information, click here: R25.

NIGMS: MARC Undergraduate Student Training in Academic Research (U-STAR) National Research Service Award (NRSA) Institutional Research Training Grant (T34)
PAR-13-205
Application Submission Date: May 25, 2014
The National Institute of General Medical Sciences (NIGMS) within the National Institutes of Health (NIH) is soliciting applications for the Minority Access to Research Careers (MARC) Undergraduate Student Training in Academic Research (U-STAR) Institutional Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award (NRSA) Training program. The overall goal of the Ruth L. Kirschstein NRSA program is to help ensure that a diverse pool of highly trained scientists is available in appropriate scientific disciplines to address the nation's biomedical, behavioral, and clinical research needs. This training grant aims to assist undergraduate institutions to increase the number of well-prepared underrepresented students who, within three years of graduation, matriculate into competitive/research active Ph.D. or combined M.D.-Ph.D. programs in the biomedical and behavioral sciences, go on to research careers and will be available to participate in NIH-funded research. The program provides grants to institutions with significant enrollment of students from groups underrepresented in the biomedical and behavioral sciences that propose well-integrated developmental activities designed to strengthen students’ academic preparation, research training and professional skills that are critical to the completion of the Ph.D. degree in the biomedical and behavioral sciences. Grant applications are due by: May 25, 2014. Click here for more information.

NIGMS: Research Initiative for Scientific Enhancement (RISE)
PAR-13-196 (R25)
Application Due Date: May 28, 2015
The National Institute of General Medical Sciences (NIGMS) within the National Institutes of Health (NIH) will award Research Initiative for Scientific Enhancement (RISE) research education grants to institutions focused on developing new or expanding existing effective institutional developmental programs designed to academically and scientifically prepare underrepresented (UR) students in the biomedical or behavioral sciences for competitive research careers. The RISE program provides grants to institutions with significant enrollment of students from populations underrepresented in the biomedical and behavioral sciences that propose well-integrated developmental activities designed to strengthen students’ academic preparation, research training and professional skills that are critical to the completion of the Ph.D. degree in the biomedical and/or behavioral sciences. NIGMS seeks to increase the entry of individuals from these UR groups into the biomedical research workforce with the expectation that this will further foster the development of the next generation of a diverse pool of scientists who are available to address the nation’s research needs. Grant applications are due by: May 28, 2015. Additional information is available online: R25.

NIH: Behavioral and Social Science Research on Understanding and Reducing Health Disparities
PA-13-288 (R21); PA-13-292 (R01)
Application Due Date: October 5, 2014 (R01); October 16, 2014 (R21)
The National Institutes of Health (NIH) are accepting grant applications for behavioral and social science research on the causes and solutions to health and disabilities disparities in the U.S. population. Health disparities between racial/ethnic populations, lower socioeconomic classes, and rural residents, in addition to disparities in the overall U.S. population, are major public health concerns. Health disparities can be defined as "significant differences in health status and outcomes between one population and another." Emphasis is placed on research in and among three broad areas of action: 1) public policy, 2) health care, and 3) disease/disability prevention. Particular attention is given to research that aims to reduce "health gaps" among groups. Applications that utilize an interdisciplinary approach, investigate multiple levels of analysis, incorporate a life-course perspective, and/or employ innovative methods such as systems science or community-based participatory research are particularly encouraged. Grant applications are due by October 5, 2014 (R01); October 16, 2014 (R21). Click here for more information.

NIH: Extramural Loan Repayment Program for Health Disparities Research
Notice Number: NOT-OD-11-087
Application due date: November 15 annually
The National Institutes of Health (NIH), National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities (NIMHD), and Office of Extramural Programs, Division of Loan Repayment announced the extramural Loan Repayment Program for Health Disparities Research (LRP-HDR) which seeks to recruit and retain health professionals to research careers focusing on minority health or other health disparity issues. The program will provide for the repayment of educational loan debt up to $35,000. "Health disparity populations" are defined as populations where there is significant disparity in the overall rate of disease incidence, prevalence, morbidity, mortality, or survival rates as compared to the health status of the general population. Applicants are required to contractually agree to at least two years of relevant research. Applications are due by November 15 annually. Click here for more information.

NIH: Health Promotion for Children With Physical Disabilities Through Physical Activity and Diet: Developing An Evidence Base (R21)
PAR-11-288 (R01); PAR-11-284 (R21)
Application Submission Dates: October 5, 2014 (R01); October 16, 2014 (R21)
Several Institutes at the NIH, including the Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD) and the Office of Behavioral and Social Sciences Research (OBSSR), invite applications that will improve our understanding of how patterns of physical activity and dietary choice affect the health and fitness of children with physical disabilities. Proposed research should account for the functional limitations of children with disabilities and their nutritional needs, as well as the physiological, psychosocial, and environmental factors that play a role in determining the health of this population. The goal of this program announcement is to better understand the special needs of children with physical disabilities, in order to develop integrated clinical and behavioral strategies to promote physical activity, reduce secondary conditions, foster healthy dietary choices, and improve health status and social participation. Of particular concern are the issues involved with promoting exercise and diet in children with disabilities from specific racial/ethnic populations and/or economically disadvantaged families. Letters of intent are due 30 days prior to the grant application deadline. Grant applications are due by October 5, 2014 (R01) and October 16, 2014 (R21). More information is available online for each grant: R01 and R21.

NIH: Health Promotion Among Racial and Ethnic Minority Males
PA-13-328 (R01); PA-13-331 (R21)
Application Due Dates: October 5, 2014 (R01); October 16, 2014 (R21)
The National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR) and the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK) within the National Institutes of Health (NIH) solicit grant applications that propose to stimulate and expand research on the health of minority men. In 2005, the National Center for Health Statistics reported the leading causes of death in males as heart disease, cancer (lung and prostate), accidents, unintentional injuries, stroke, lung disease, diabetes, pneumonia, influenza, suicide, chronic liver disease, and Alzheimer's disease. Mortality rates from these causes of death are higher for minority males because the diseases are at a more advanced stage at diagnosis and are often complicated by co-existing conditions. These NIH grant initiatives intend to: 1) enhance our understanding of the numerous factors (e.g., sociodemographic, community, societal, personal) influencing the health promoting behaviors of racial and ethnic minority males and their subpopulations across the life cycle, and 2) encourage applications focusing on the development and testing of culturally and linguistically appropriate health-promoting interventions designed to reduce health disparities among racially and ethnically diverse males and their subpopulations age 21 and older. Grant applications are due by October 5, 2014 (R01); October 16, 2014 (R21). More information is available online for each grant: R01 and R21.

NIH: NIMHD Social, Behavioral, Health Services, and Policy Research on Minority Health and Health Disparities (R01)
RFA-MD-14-004
Application Submission Deadline: August 28, 2014
The purpose of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is to solicit innovative social, behavioral, health services, and policy research that can directly and demonstrably contribute to the elimination of health disparities. Projects may involve primary data collection or secondary analysis of existing datasets. Projects that examine understudied health conditions; examine the effectiveness of interventions, services, or policies for multiple health disparity populations; and/or directly measure the impact of project activities on levels of health disparities are particularly encouraged. Applications are due by 5:00 pm local time of applicant organization on August 28, 2014. Click here for more information.

NIH: NLM Information Resource Grants to Reduce Health Disparities (G08)
RFA-LM-14-001
Application Submission Deadline: July 29, 2014
This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) solicits resource grant applications for projects that will bring useful, usable health information to populations with health disparities and their health care providers. Access to useful, usable, understandable health information is an important factor during health decisions. Proposed projects should exploit the capabilities of computer and information technology and health sciences libraries to bring health-related information to consumers and their health care providers. Applications are due by 5:00 pm local time of applicant organization on July 29, 2014. Click here for more information.

NIH: Outcome Measures for Use in Treatment Trials for Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities
PAR-13-213 (R01)
Application Due Date: October 5, 2014
The Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD) and the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) within the National Institute of Health (NIH) are accepting applications from institutions and organizations that propose to develop, validate, and/or calibrate informative outcome measures for use in clinical trials for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD). Though progress had been made in basic research that resulted in the identification of underlying mechanisms in several neurodevelopmental disorders leading to trials for therapeutics, it has become evident that there is a gap in the ability to effectively translate mechanistic discoveries into targeted therapies for humans. This grant will address a significant need in the field that is especially apparent in efforts to develop pharmacological treatments for IDD populations. It will also focus ongoing clinical and translational research on a neglected area essential for therapy and pharmacological treatment development. Letters of intent are due 30 days before the application deadline. Grant applications are due by: October 5, 2014. Additional information is available online: R01.

NIH: Reducing Health Disparities Among Minority and Underserved Children (R01, R21)
R01: PA-14-033, R21: PA-14-034
This initiative encourages research that targets the reduction of health disparities among children. Specific targeted areas of research include biobehavioral studies that incorporate multiple factors that influence child health disparities such as biological (e.g., genetics, cellular, organ systems), lifestyle factors, environmental (e.g., physical and family environments) social (e.g., peers), economic, institutional, and cultural and family influences; studies that target the specific health promotion needs of children with a known health condition and/or disability; and studies that test and evaluate the comparative effectiveness of health promotion interventions conducted in traditional and nontraditional settings. Applications are due by 5:00 pm local time of applicant organization on R01: October 5, 2014, R21: October 16, 2014. Click here for more information.

NIH: Research on the Health of LGBTI Populations
PA-12-111 (R01); PA-12-112 (R03); PA-12-113 (R21)
Application Submission Date: October 5, 2014 (R01) October 16, 2014 (R03; R21)
This funding opportunity announcement (FOA), sponsored by several Institutes within the National Institutes of Health (NIH), calls for research that describes the biological, clinical, behavioral, and social processes that affect health and development among LGBTI populations and among their families, and that leads to the development of effective supportive, preventive and treatment interventions and health service delivery methods that will enhance the health and development of these populations. LGBTI refers to lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex, and related populations. This FOA encourages researchers to investigate new research questions related to the health and development of LGBTI individuals and their families and to develop and/or apply innovative methodologies to improve understanding of mechanisms affecting the health and development of these populations. Three types of research on preventive and treatment interventions and health service delivery methods are included within this FOA: (1) Formative research that will design and pilot test new interventions; (2) Large-scale implementation and evaluation of preventive and/or treatment interventions that are evidence based; and (3) Adaptations of current interventions that are based by strong rationales, including, at a minimum, pilot data. Applicants should provide a precise description of the target population and of the
sampling methods to be employed, paying attention not only to sexual identity, sexual orientation, and gender characteristics, but to such variables as age, generational cohort, race/ethnicity, culture, geography, socioeconomic status, and physical and psychological qualities. Grant applications are due by October 5, 2014 (R01) and October 16, 2014 (R03; R21). More information is available online for each grant mechanism: R01, R03, and R21.

NIH: Research Supplements to Promote Diversity in Health-Related Research
PA-08-190
Application Submission Date: Applications may be submitted at any time
The NIH and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) invite all NIH Institutes and Centers (ICs), the NIH Common Fund, and the National Institute for Occupational Safety (NIOSH, CDC) to apply for funds for administrative supplements to improve the diversity of the research workforce by supporting and recruiting students, post doctorates, and eligible investigators from groups that have been shown to be underrepresented. Although the administrative supplements supported under this program provide funding for less than one percent of all individuals involved in NIH supported research, the NIH has found these awards to be an effective means of encouraging institutions to recruit from currently underrepresented groups. The purpose of this funding opportunity is to promote diversity in the biomedical, behavioral, clinical and social sciences research workforce and to improve the nation's capacity to address and eliminate health disparities. Applications may be submitted at any time. Click here for more information.

NIH: Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Awards for Individual Predoctoral Fellowships to Promote Diversity in Health-Related Research (Parent F31 - Diversity)
PA-11-112
Application Submission Date: Applications may be submitted at any time
Several Institutes at the NIH, including the Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD) invite applications for Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Awards for Individual Predoctoral Fellowships to Promote Diversity in Health-Related Research. The purpose of the predoctoral fellowship is to provide up to five years of support for research training leading to the PhD or equivalent research degree, the combined MD/PhD degree (up to six years of support); or another formally combined professional degree and research doctoral degree in biomedial, behavioral, health services, or clinical sciences. These fellowships will enhance the diversity of the biomedical, behavioral, health services, and clinical research labor force in the United States by providing opportunities for academic institutions to identify and recruit students from diverse population groups to seek graduate degrees in health-related research and apply for this fellowship. The goal of this program is to increase the number of scientists from diverse population groups who are prepared to pursue careers in biomedical, behavioral, social, clinical, or health services research. Grant Applications may be submitted at any time. Click here for more information.

NIH: Women &Sex/Gender Differences in Drug and Alcohol Abuse/Dependence (R01, R03, R21)
R01: PA-14-038, R03: PA-14-037, R21: PA-14-036
The purpose of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is to advance research on male-females differences in drug and alcohol abuse and addiction and on factors specific to women. Both human and animal model studies are sought. Applications are due by 5:00 pm local time of applicant organization on R01: October 5, 2014, R03/R21: October 16, 2014. Click here for more information.

NIH: Mental Health Research Dissertation Grant to Increase Diversity (R36)
PAR-12-103
Application Submission Date: August 22, 2014
The goal of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA), issued by the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH), is to increase the diversity of the mental health research workforce by providing awards to support the completion of the doctoral research project and dissertation for individuals from diverse backgrounds underrepresented in mental health research. The Mental Health Dissertation Research Grant to Increase Diversity allows for budget requests to cover full-time salary support and modest research funds for up to two years, but no less than 12 months, for eligible students to facilitate completion of their doctoral research project and dissertation in a research area relevant to the NIMH mission and strategic research priorities. These awards are available to predoctoral students who are enrolled in good standing at accredited domestic or foreign institutions and who have an approved dissertation proposal at the time of the award. Applicants must have the goal of becoming successful researchers in areas of biomedical or behavioral science relevant to the mission of the NIMH. Grant applications are due by August 22, 2014. Click here for more information.

NIH: Small Grants for New Investigators to Promote Diversity in Health-Related Research (R03)
PAR-13-074
Application Submission Date: June 16, 2015
The purpose of this funding opportunity announcement (FOA) is to provide support for new investigators from backgrounds nationally underrepresented in biomedical research to conduct small research projects in the scientific mission areas of the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH), among other Institutes. The mission of NIMH is to transform the understanding and treatment of mental illnesses through basic and clinical research, pAVING the way for prevention, recovery and cure. For the Institute to continue fulfilling this vital public health mission, it must foster innovative thinking and ensure that a full array of novel scientific perspectives are used to further discovery in the evolving science of brain, behavior, and experience. In this way, breakthroughs in science can become breakthroughs for all people with mental illnesses. The R03 grant mechanism supports different types of projects including pilot and feasibility studies; secondary analysis of existing data; small, self-contained research projects; development of research methodology; and development of new research technology. The R03 is intended to support small research projects that can be carried out in a short period of time with limited resources with the ultimate goal of providing the preliminary data for a R01-equivalent application. Letters of intent are due by May 16, 2015. Grant applications are due by June 16, 2015. Click here for more information.

NSF: Research on Gender in Science and Engineering
NSF 10-516
Application Submission Date: Fourth Tuesday in March, Annually
The Research on Gender in Science and Engineering program at the National Science Foundation (NSF) supports efforts to understand and address gender-based differences in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) education and workforce participation through research, the diffusion of research-based innovations, and extension services in education that will lead to a larger and more diverse domestic science and engineering workforce. Typical projects will contribute to the knowledge base addressing gender-related differences in learning and in the educational experiences that affect student interest, performance, and choice of careers; how pedagogical approaches and teaching styles, curriculum, student services, and institutional culture contribute to causing or closing gender gaps that persist in certain fields. Projects will communicate and apply findings, evaluation results, and proven good practices and products to a wider community. The program continues to seek to broaden the participation of girls and women in all fields of STEM education, but also considers gender more broadly to include research and diffusion activities focused on men and boys who are underrepresented in STEM fields. Letters of intent are due by the second Wednesday in February, annually. Grant applications are due by the fourth Tuesday in March, annually. Click here for more information.

NSF: SBE Postdoctoral Research Fellowships
NSF 12-591
Application Submission Date: November 13, 2013, Last Monday in October Annually
The National Science Foundation (NSF) offers postdoctoral research fellowships to provide opportunities for recent doctoral graduates to obtain additional training, to gain research experience under the sponsorship of established scientists, and to broaden their scientific horizons beyond their undergraduate and graduate training. Postdoctoral fellowships are further designed to assist new scientists to direct their research efforts across traditional disciplinary lines and to avail themselves of unique research resources, sites, and facilities, including at foreign locations. NSF seeks to promote the participation of scientists from all segments of the scientific community, including those from under-represented groups, in its research programs and activities; the postdoctoral period is considered to be an important level of professional development in attaining this goal. The goal of the SBE [Social, Behavioral, and Economic Sciences] Postdoctoral Research Fellowship (SPRF) program is to enhance the participation of under-represented groups in science and engineering; promote interdisciplinary research; and encourage doctoral-level scientists (who are not yet in full-time positions) to take advantage of the two-year fellowships to prepare for scientific careers in academia, industry, and government. Grant applications are due by November 13, 2013. Click here for more information.

EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION

ACF: Early Head Start Expansion and EHS-Child Care Partnership Grants
HHS-2015-ACF-OHS-HP-0814
Application Due Date: August 20, 2014
The Administration for Children and Families (ACF) announces the availability of approximately $500 million to be competitively awarded for the purpose of expanding access to high-quality, comprehensive services to low-income infants and toddlers and their families through Early Head Start-Child Care (EHS-CC) Partnerships. ACF solicits applications from public entities, including states, or private non-profit organizations, including community-based or faith-based organizations, or for-profit agencies that meet eligibility for applying as stated in section 645A of the Head Start Act.
Electronically submitted applications are be due no later than 11:59 p.m. ET on August 20, 2014. Click here for more information.

**ACF: Quality Improvement Center for Research-Based Infant- Toddler Court Teams**

**HHS-2014-ACF-ACYF-CA-0832**

**Application Due Date: August 1, 2014**

The Administration for Children and Families plans to award funding to establish a 17-month national Quality Improvement Center (QIC) designed to provide technical assistance and implement projects to fully develop and expand research-based child welfare infant-toddler court teams. The QIC will provide technical assistance and conduct projects in collaboration with the courts; state, county, or tribal child welfare systems; and other community-based agencies to increase their capacity to incorporate evidence-based practices to strengthen parenting and promote healthy development for infants and toddlers involved with child welfare. This national center will assist jurisdictions to expand and build infrastructure capacity across the courts, child welfare agencies, and other behavioral health and early childhood systems to ensure that infants and toddlers and their caregivers have access to comprehensive, high-quality evidence-based parenting, child development, and behavioral health services. The QIC will also disseminate promising practices and policies to support the healthy growth and development of infants and toddlers in child welfare and their families. Electronically submitted applications are due on August 1, 2014. Click here for more information.

**ECONOMICS**

**ACF: Behavioral Interventions for Child Support Services**

**HHS-2014-ACF-OCSE-FD-0818**

**Application Due Date: August 5, 2014**

The Administration for Children and Families, Office of Child Support Enforcement (OCSE) will be awarding eight grants to explore the potential relevance and application of behavioral economics principles to child support services. Grantees will test behaviorally-informed interventions to improve child support outcomes by focusing on areas such as early engagement, right-sizing orders, reliable payment, family-centered services, and other innovations to improve establishment and enforcement outcomes. Grant projects will first diagnose and design a behaviorally informed intervention, and pilot test the intervention in multiple counties or a large single county, using a random assignment design. If the intervention is found to be successful through piloting, it will then be implemented at larger scale, if possible statewide. Projects will focus on shorter-term goals such as enrollment, engagement, and program completion. Grantees, in cooperation with an OCSE-funded evaluation and technical assistance team, will identify and implement behaviorally informed process improvements and track progress towards goals. Electronically submitted applications are due on August 5, 2014. Click here for more information.

**NSF: Economics**

**PD-98-1320**

**Application Submission Date: January 18 and August 18 annually**

The National Science Foundation’s (NSF) Economics program supports research designed to improve the understanding of the processes and institutions of the U.S. economy and of the world system of which it is a part. This program also strengthens both empirical and theoretical economic analysis as well as the methods for rigorous research on economic behavior. The program welcomes proposals for individual or multi-investigator research projects, doctoral dissertation improvement awards, conferences, workshops, symposia, experimental research, data collection and dissemination, computer equipment and other instrumentation, and research experience for undergraduates. The program places a high priority on interdisciplinary research. Investigators are encouraged to submit proposals of joint interest to the Economics Program and other NSF programs and NSF initiative areas. The program also funds conferences and interdisciplinary research that strengthens links among economics and the other social and behavioral sciences as well as mathematics and statistics. Click here for more information.

**ETHICS**

**NIH: Research on Ethical Issues in Biomedical, Social, and Behavioral Research (R21)**

**PA-11-182**

**Application Submission Date: October 16th, 2014**
The purpose of this funding opportunity announcement (FOA) is to support investigator-initiated applications that propose to study high priority bioethical challenges and issues associated with the types of biomedical, social, and behavioral research supported by the participating NIH Institutes/Centers. The Office of Behavioral and Social Sciences Research (OBSSR) joins this FOA as part of its efforts to promote research on the behavioral and social aspects of health and illness. Click here for more information.

FAMILY STRENGTHENING

ACF: Family Strengthening Research Scholars Grant  
HHS-2014-ACF-OPRE-PA-0804  
Application Due Date: July 22nd, 2014  
The Administration for Child and Families, Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation plans to solicit applications for the Family Strengthening Research Scholars grants to support dissertation research on healthy marriage/responsible fatherhood policy issues (HMRF). These grants are meant to build capacity in the research field to focus research on questions that have direct implications for HMRF policy decision-making and program administration, and to foster mentoring relationships between faculty members and high-quality doctoral students. These grants are intended to address issues of significance to inform policy decisions and solutions, particularly for underserved/understudied populations (e.g., low-income families, minority populations), utilize rigorous research methodology (both primary data collection and secondary data analysis), and help inform the development of future intervention research. Letters of intent are due by June 23, 2014. Electronically submitted applications are due July 22, 2014. Click here for more information.

HEALTH

AHRQ: Comparative Health System Performance in Accelerating PCOR Dissemination (U19)  
RFA-HS-14-011  
Application Submission Deadline: October 17, 2014  
As part of the Agency for Healthcare Research and Qualities (AHRQ) Patient Centered Outcomes Research (PCOR) dissemination efforts, this AHRQ Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) invites applications for Centers of Excellence (CER) to identify, classify, track, and compare healthcare delivery systems ranging from integrated delivery systems to Accountable Care Organizations across the U.S. to help improve the speed of adoption and diffusion of CER-recommended practices through systems. Letters of Intent are due by September 5, 2014. Completed applications are due on October 17, 2014. Click here for more information.

NICHD: NICHD Program Project Grant (P01)  
PAR-13-257  
Application Due Date: May 25, 2014  
The Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD) within the National Institutes of Health (NIH) is soliciting innovative, multidisciplinary, interactive, and synergistic Program Project grant applications from institutions and organizations that propose to conduct research on reproductive, developmental, behavioral, social, and rehabilitative processes that determine the health or functioning of newborns, infants, children, adults, families, and populations. The Program Project grant is meant to encourage the investigation of complex problems relevant to NICHD's mission and to facilitate economy of effort, space, and equipment. Under appropriate circumstances, the collaborative research effort of a Program Project can accelerate the acquisition of knowledge more effectively than a simple aggregate of research projects without thematic integration. Program Projects must have at least three interrelated research projects along with the core necessary to support these projects in addition to being led by experienced scientists with a variety of disciplinary and specialty backgrounds. Grant applications are due by May 25, 2014. Additional information is available online: P01.

NIEHS: Mechanism for Time-Sensitive Research Opportunities in Environmental Health Sciences  
PAR-10-083 (R03); PAR-10-084 (R21)  
Application Submission Date: Varies  
This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA), supported by the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS), is intended to support research in environmental health science in which an unpredictable opportunity has arisen that provides a limited window of opportunity to collect human or animal biosample baseline or exposure data. Such
instances could include the immediate aftermath of a natural or man-made disaster; changes in service systems; policy changes likely to lead to alterations in the quality of local air or water, major changes in land use, etc. The distinctive element of the project should be the need for empirical study that is by its nature achievable only if begun within a short time frame. Under this award, the NIEHS has previously funded research focusing on evaluating the developmental effects on children whose mothers were exposed to pesticides during pregnancy, and the effects of air pollution and other environmental toxins on the development of young children. Additional information is available online for each grant: R03 and R21

NIH: Behavioral and Social Science Research on Understanding and Reducing Health Disparities
PA-13-288 (R21); PA-13-292 (R01)
Application Due Date: October 5, 2014 (R01); October 16, 2014 (R21)
The National Institutes of Health (NIH) are accepting grant applications for behavioral and social science research on the causes and solutions of health and disabilities disparities in the U. S. population. Health disparities between racial/ethnic populations, lower socioeconomic classes, and rural residents, in addition to disparities in the overall U.S. population, are major public health concerns. Health disparities can be defined as “significant differences in health status and outcomes between one population and another.” Emphasis is placed on research in and among three broad areas of action: 1) public policy, 2) health care, and 3) disease/disability prevention. Particular attention is given to research that aims to reduce “health gaps” among groups. Applications that utilize an interdisciplinary approach, investigate multiple levels of analysis, incorporate a life-course perspective, and/or employ innovative methods such as systems science or community-based participatory research are particularly encouraged. Grant applications are due by October 5, 2014 (R01); October 16, 2014 (R21). Click here for more information.

NIH: Chronic Conditions Self-Management in Children and Adolescents (R01, R21)
R01: PA-14-029, R21: PA-14-30
The purpose of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is to encourage research to improve self-management and quality of life in children and adolescents with chronic conditions. Managing a chronic condition is an unremitting responsibility for children and their families. Children with a chronic condition and their families have a long-term responsibility for self-management. This FOA encourages research that takes into consideration various factors that influence self-management such as individual differences, biological and psychological factors, family and sociocultural context, family-community dynamics, healthcare system factors, technological advances, and the role of the environment. Applications are due by 5:00 pm local time of applicant organization on R01: October 5, 2014, R21: October 16, 2014. Click here for more information.

NIH: Environmental Exposures and Health: Exploration of Non-Traditional Settings
PA-12-133 (R01); PA-12-134 (R21)
Application Submission Date: October 5, 2014 (R01); October 16, 2014 (R21)
The purpose of this funding opportunity announcement (FOA) issued by the National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR) and the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS) is to encourage interdisciplinary research aimed at promoting health, limiting symptoms and disease, and reducing health disparities in children and older adults living or spending time in non-traditional settings. These settings result in exposure to environmental pollutants and toxins that result in health risks, symptoms, and other health conditions/diseases including lower respiratory diseases, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, and cardiovascular diseases. Risk identification and symptom management include prevention and behavior changes and actions to maintain health and prevent disease with an emphasis on the individual, family, and community which will advance nursing science. For purposes of this FOA, non-traditional settings, for children and older adults, include, but are not limited to places such as community centers, pre-school and non-traditional school environments (e.g., churches, daycare, home-based schools, dormitories, and alternative schools), child and older adult foster care facilities, older adult day care facilities, half-way homes, assisted living and long-term care facilities. Grant applications are due by October 5, 2014 (R01) and October 16, 2014 (R21). Additional information is available online for each grant: R01 and R21.

NIH: Healthy Habits: Timing for Developing Sustainable Healthy Behaviors in Children and Adolescents (R01, R21)
R01: PA-14-177, R21: PA-14-176
This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) seeks to encourage applications that employ innovative research to identify mechanisms of influence and/or promote positive sustainable health behavior(s) in children and youth (birth to age 21). Applications to promote positive health behavior(s) should target social and cultural factors, including, but not limited to: schools, families, communities, population, food industry, age-appropriate learning tools and games, social media, social networking, technology and mass media. Topics to be addressed in this announcement include: effective,
sustainable processes for influencing young people to make healthy behavior choices; identification of the appropriate stage of influence for learning sustainable lifelong health behaviors; the role of technology and new media in promoting healthy behavior; identification of factors that support healthy behavior development in vulnerable populations, identification of barriers to healthy behaviors; and, identification of mechanisms and mediators that are common to the development of a range of habitual health behaviors. Applications are due by 5:00 pm local time of applicant organization on R01: October 5, 2014, R21: October 16, 2014. Click [here](https://example.com) for more information.

**NIH: Health Promotion Among Racial and Ethnic Minority Males**

**PA-13-328 (R01); PA-13-331 (R21)**

**Application Due Dates: October 5, 2014 (R01); October 16, 2014 (R21)**

The National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR) and the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK) within the National Institutes of Health (NIH) solicit grant applications that propose to stimulate and expand research in the health of minority men. In 2005, the National Center for Health Statistics reported the leading causes of death in males as heart disease, cancer (lung and prostate), accidents, unintentional injuries, stroke, lung disease, diabetes, pneumonia, influenza, suicide, chronic liver disease, and Alzheimer's disease. Mortality rates from these causes of death are higher for minority males because the diseases are at a more advanced stage at diagnosis and are often complicated by co-existing conditions. These NIH grant initiatives intend to: 1) enhance our understanding of the numerous factors (e.g., sociodemographic, community, societal, personal) influencing the health promoting behaviors of racial and ethnic minority males and their subpopulations across the life cycle, and 2) encourage applications focusing on the development and testing of culturally and linguistically appropriate health-promoting interventions designed to reduce health disparities among racially and ethnically diverse males and their subpopulations age 21 and older. Grant applications are due by October 5, 2014 (R01); October 16, 2014 (R21). Click [here](https://example.com) for more information: R01; R21.

**NIH: Interventions for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention in Native American Populations (R01)**

**PAR-14-260**

**Application Submission Deadline: May 12, 2015**

The purpose of this funding opportunity announcement (FOA) is to develop, adapt, and test the effectiveness of health promotion and disease prevention interventions in Native American (NA) populations. NA populations are exposed to considerable risk factors that significantly increase their likelihood of chronic disease, substance abuse, mental illness, oral diseases, and HIV-infection. The intervention program should be culturally appropriate and promote the adoption of healthy lifestyles, improve behaviors and social conditions and/or improve environmental conditions related to chronic diseases, the consumption of tobacco, alcohol and other drugs, mental illness, oral disease, or HIV-infection. The intervention program should be designed so that it could be sustained within the entire community within existing resources, and, if successful, disseminated in other Native American communities. The long-term goal of this FOA is to reduce mortality and morbidity in NA communities. Letters of intent are due 30 days before the application due date. Applications are due [May 12, 2015](https://example.com). Click [here](https://example.com) for more information.

**NIH: NIMHD Social, Behavioral, Health Services, and Policy Research on Minority Health and Health Disparities (R01)**

**RFA-MD-14-004**

**Application Submission Deadline: August 28, 2014**

The purpose of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is to solicit innovative social, behavioral, health services, and policy research that can directly and demonstrably contribute to the elimination of health disparities. Projects may involve primary data collection or secondary analysis of existing datasets. Projects that examine understudied health conditions; examine the effectiveness of interventions, services, or policies for multiple health disparity populations; and/or directly measure the impact of project activities on levels of health disparities are particularly encouraged. Applications are due by 5:00 pm local time of applicant organization on August 28, 2014. Click [here](https://example.com) for more information.

**NIH: Improving Diet and Physical Activity Assessment**

**PAR-12-198 (R01); PAR-12-197 (R21)**

**Application Submission Dates: October 5, 2014 (R01); October 16, 2014 (R21)**

The National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK), National Cancer Institute (NCI), National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NHLBI), National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA), Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD), and the National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR), within the National Institutes of Health (NIH), encourage applications to conduct innovative research to enhance the quality of measurements of dietary intake and physical activity. Applications submitted under this funding opportunity announcement (FOA) may include development of: novel assessment approaches; better methods to evaluate instruments; assessment tools for culturally diverse populations or various age groups, including children and older adults; improved technology or applications of existing technology; statistical methods to assess or correct for measurement errors or biases; methods to investigate the multidimensionality of diet and physical activity behavior
through pattern analysis; or integrated measurement of diet and physical activity along with the environmental context of such behaviors. The Exploratory/Developmental (R21) grant mechanism will provide two years of funding to foster the introduction of novel scientific ideas, model systems, tools, agents, targets, and technologies that have the potential to substantially advance biomedical research. Applications for this grant are due by October 16, 2014. The R01 grant mechanism will support more long-term projects that are beyond the developmental phase. Applications for these grants are due by October 5, 2014.

NIH: Juvenile Protective Factors and Their Effects on Aging (R03) PAR-14-022
Application Submission Deadline: February 16, 2015
The purpose of this funding opportunity announcement (FOA) is to invite pilot/feasibility projects on: 1) descriptive studies to identify putative juvenile protective factors, 2) experimental studies to test hypotheses about their effects on aging and 3) translational studies to explore the potential risks and benefits of maintaining or modulating the level of juvenile protective factors in adult life. This FOA focuses on studies which involve comparisons between post-natal development stages or pre-maturational vs. post-maturational changes. Pilot studies in laboratory animals, in vitro models, or in humans may be proposed. Applications are due no later than 5:00 PM local time of applicant organization on February 16, 2015. Click here for more information.

NIH: NLM Information Resource Grants to Reduce Health Disparities (G08) RFA-LM-14-001
Application Submission Deadline: July 29, 2014
This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) solicits resource grant applications for projects that will bring useful, usable health information to populations with health disparities and their health care providers. Access to useful, usable, understandable health information is an important factor during health decisions. Proposed projects should exploit the capabilities of computer and information technology and health sciences libraries to bring health-related information to consumers and their health care providers. Applications are due by 5:00 pm local time of applicant organization on July 29, 2014. Click here for more information.

NIH: Nutrition and Alcohol-Related Health Outcomes PA-13-359 (R01); PA-13-360 (R03); PA-13-361 (R21)
Application Due Dates: October 5, 2014 (R01); October 16, 2014 (R03) & (R21)
The National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA) and the Office of Dietary Supplements (ODS) within the National Institutes of Health (NIH) solicit applications that propose to examine associations between nutrition and alcohol-related health outcomes in humans and animal models. The goal is to stimulate a broad range of research on the role of nutrition in the development, prevention, and treatment of a variety of alcohol-related health outcomes including alcohol use disorder and chronic disease. Specific areas of research interest include, but are not limited to: Fetal alcohol spectrum disorders (FASD); alcohol-related chronic diseases; alcohol's impact on cognition; the relationship between alcohol and dietary intake; and the relationship between alcohol and energy balance. Grant applications are due by October 5, 2014 (R01); October 16, 2013 (R03 & R21). Additional information is available online for each grant: R01; R03; R21.

NIH: Reducing Health Disparities Among Minority and Underserved Children (R01, R21)
R01: PA-14-033, R21: PA-14-034
This initiative encourages research that targets the reduction of health disparities among children. Specific targeted areas of research include biobehavioral studies that incorporate multiple factors that influence child health disparities such as biological (e.g., genetics, cellular, organ systems), lifestyle factors, environmental (e.g., physical and family environments) social (e.g., peers), economic, institutional, and cultural and family influences; studies that target the specific health promotion needs of children with a known health condition and/or disability; and studies that test and evaluate the comparative effectiveness of health promotion interventions conducted in traditional and nontraditional settings. Applications are due by 5:00 pm local time of applicant organization on R01: October 5, 2014, R21: October 16, 2014. Click here for more information.

NIH: Research to Characterize and Reduce Stigma to Improve Health PA-13-248 (R01); PA-13-247 (R03); PA-13-246 (R21)
Application Submission Date: October 5, 2014 (R01) October 16, 2014 (R03; R21)
Several Institutes within the National Institutes of Health, including the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH), solicit research grant applications to characterize the role of stigma in health, life course development, and aging, both in the U.S. and globally, and to test interventions to prevent or reduce the impact of stigma at the individual, community, health care system, and policy levels. The goal of this funding opportunity announcement (FOA) is to promote research
addressing the health-related aspects of stigma, including the etiology and perpetuation of stigma; its impact on physical and mental health, well-being, life course development, and aging; its influence on health behaviors and on use, access to, and quality of received healthcare services; its contribution to health disparities affecting vulnerable demographic groups; and intervention strategies to reduce health-related stigma and/or the negative health and life course developmental impacts of stigma. Grant applications are due by October 5, 2014 (R01) and October 16, 2014 (R03; R21). More information is available online for each grant mechanism: R01, R03, and R21.

NIH: Research on the Health of LGBTI Populations
PAR-12-111 (R01); PA-12-112 (R03); PA-12-113 (R21)
Application Submission Date: October 5, 2014 (R01) October 16, 2014 (R03; R21)
This funding opportunity announcement (FOA), sponsored by several Institutes within the National Institutes of Health (NIH), calls for research that describes the biological, clinical, behavioral, and social processes that affect the health and development among LGBTI populations and among their families, and that leads to the development of effective supportive, preventive and treatment interventions and health service delivery methods that will enhance the health and development of these populations. LGBTI refers to lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex, and related populations. This FOA encourages researchers to investigate new research questions related to the health and development of LGBTI individuals and their families and to develop and/or apply innovative methodologies to improve understanding of mechanisms affecting the health and development of these populations. Three types of research on preventive and treatment interventions and health service delivery methods are included within this FOA: (1) Formative research that will design and pilot test new interventions; (2) Large-scale implementation and evaluation of preventive and/or treatment interventions that are evidence based; and (3) Adaptations of current interventions that are based by strong rationales, including, at a minimum, pilot data. Applicants should provide a precise description of the target population and of the sampling methods to be employed, paying attention not only to sexual identity, sexual orientation, and gender characteristics, but to such variables as age, generational cohort, race/ethnicity, culture, geography, socioeconomic status, and physical and psychological qualities. Grant applications are due by October 5, 2014 (R01) and October 16, 2014 (R03; R21). More information is available online for each grant mechanism: R01, R03, and R21.

NIH: Time-Sensitive Obesity Policy and Program Evaluation (R01)
PAR-12-257
Application Submission Deadline: September 10, 2014
Several Institutes within the National Institutes of Health, including the Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD) and the Office of Behavioral and Social Sciences Research (OBSSR), announce the establishment of an accelerated review/award process to support time-sensitive research to evaluate a new policy or program expected to influence obesity related behaviors (e.g., dietary intake, physical activity, or sedentary behavior) and/or weight outcomes in an effort to prevent or reduce obesity. This funding opportunity announcement (FOA) is intended to encourage and support research in which a unique and time sensitive opportunity has arisen to collect baseline data and then prospectively assess effectiveness of an imminent policy or program designed to prevent or reduce obesity in a given population. Examples of appropriate studies include, but are not limited to: examining changes to school or workplace food and/or physical activity environment; examining introduction of new taxes, subsidies, price changes, or other incentives; and examining policies designed to influence available options and purchasing, such as calorie labeling in restaurants. This funding opportunity announcement encourages innovative scientific partnerships between researchers and public partners (e.g., community based organizations, local governments, school districts, employers). Letters of intent are due by August 13, 2014. Grant applications are due by September 10, 2014. Click here for more information.

NIH: Understanding and Promoting Health Literacy
PAR-13-132 (R21)
Application Due Date: October 16, 2014
The National Institutes of Health (NIH) solicits grant applications for methodological, intervention and dissemination research aimed at understanding and promoting health literacy. Health literacy is the degree to which individuals have the capacity to obtain, process, and understand basic health information and services needed to make appropriate health decisions. Health literacy includes not only the ability to read, interpret and write prose (print literacy), but also the ability to use quantitative information (numeracy), and to speak and listen effectively (oral literacy). Over a third of adults in the United States—77 million people—would have difficulty with common health tasks, such as following directions on a prescription drug label or adhering to a childhood immunization schedule using a standard chart. Applications should be relevant to both the general objectives of this funding mechanism as well as the specific research interests of at least one of the participating organizations: Office of Behavioral and Social Sciences Research (OBSSR); National Cancer Institute (NCI); National Institute of Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering (NIBIB); Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD); National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders (NIDCD); National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research (NIDCR) National Institute of Environmental Health...
NINR: Maternal Nutrition and Pre-pregnancy Obesity: Effects on Mothers, Infants and Children (R01)
PA-12-061

Application Submission Date: October 5, 2014

This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) issued by the National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR) encourages applications to improve health outcomes for women, infants and children, by stimulating interdisciplinary research focused on maternal nutrition and pre-pregnancy obesity. Maternal health significantly impacts not only the mother but also the intrauterine environment, and subsequently fetal development and the health of the newborn. Examples of projects considered to be appropriate to this announcement include but are not limited to those that:

- Identify components of the maternal diet, caloric levels of nutrient supply, timing of nutritional restriction/ excess during gestation and lactation, or combinations thereof, which predispose towards development of obesity in the mother postpartum and the offspring during development.
- Explore the effects of supplementation with dietary micronutrients, such as vitamins related to methionine and DNA methylation (e.g. folic acid, vit B6) on food intake and/or energy expenditure of the mother and the child, maternal and newborn outcomes, and post-partum weight gain.
- Assess interventions that target modifiable factors in the maternal pre- and post-natal environment which may modulate genetic susceptibility to obesity. These factors may include psychosocial stressors, maternal behaviors such as smoking, alcohol or substance abuse, exposure to infectious and pharmacological agents, management of co-morbidities, sleep habits, timing and patterns of infant feeding, and child rearing practices.
- Describe preventive health practices that may override obesity-predisposing non- modifiable factors such as birth order, ethnicity, age and parity.
- Examine the effects of pre-pregnancy obesity on maternal outcomes (e.g., gestational diabetes, pre-eclampsia, complications of labor and delivery), type of delivery (e.g., vaginal and cesarean section), the delivery experience (hospital and home deliveries), and newborn infant outcomes (e.g., prematurity, low birth weight, large for gestational age, birth defects).
- Define effective and safe prenatal weight- reduction goals for pre-pregnant obese and non-obese women to prevent excessive gestational weight gain
- Describe the impact of weight reduction techniques known to be effective in non-pregnant women, such as nutritional interventions and physical activity, on maternal outcomes.
- Develop and test strategies to promote the delivery of healthy infants born to obese women

Grant applications are due by October 5, 2014. Click here for more information.

HIV/AIDS

NIAAA: Research on Alcohol and HIV/AIDS
PA-13-121 (R01); PA-13-120 (R03); PA-13-122 (R21)

Application Submission Date: October 5, 2014 (R01), October 16, 2014 (R03 & R21)

The National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA), within the National Institutes of Health (NIH), seeks applications to support research to: 1) characterize the relative importance of reducing alcohol misuse in the prevention of acquisition and transmission of HIV in order to identify and apply appropriate alcohol and HIV interventions as public health measures; 2) more fully understand and prevent the progression of HIV disease in the presence of continued alcohol exposure; and 3) develop operational research frameworks for addressing the occurrence and persistence of infections in high-risk populations (e.g. minority women, young gay men, etc.), and translate findings into effective, culturally appropriate preventive and treatment interventions for these targeted populations. Applications are due by October 5, 2014 (R01), October 16, 2014 (R03 & R21). Additional information is online for each grant: R01, R03, and R21.

NIAAA: Structural Interventions, Alcohol Use, and Risk of HIV/AIDS
PA-13-191 (R01); PA-13-192 (R21)

Application Due Dates: October 5, 2014 (R01); October 16, 2014 (R01 & R21)

The National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA) within the National Institutes of Health (NIH) seeks applications from institutions and organizations that propose to investigate the effectiveness of structural interventions aimed at reducing the risk of HIV/AIDS transmission by changing the environment of alcohol use. Although a variety of structural and environmental interventions have been employed successfully to reduce other drinking-related problems, similar research extending into the realm of HIV/AIDS risk reduction is still in its developing stages. Evidence suggests
that the relationship between drinking and risky behavior is likely to be the result of a complex interaction among personality, situational, and behavioral factors, as well as the sexual experience of the partners. This research attempts to move prevention science toward the investigation of the effects of structural or environmental interventions in altering drinking environments as a way of stemming alcohol-related HIV/AIDS risk behaviors and infection rates. Potential applicants are especially encouraged to examine the ramifications for HIV/AIDS risk of "naturally occurring" or already-announced changes in alcohol-related laws, regulations, programs or policies, specifically by evaluating the impacts of such changes against those observed in appropriate comparison sites/communities. Grant applications are due by: October 5, 2014 (R01); October 16, 2014 (R21). Additional information is available online for each grant: R01; R21.

NIH: Prevention and Treatment of Substance Using Populations with or at Risk for HCV (R34)
PA-14-135
Application Submission Deadline: October 16, 2014
This Funding Opportunity Announcement outlines priority areas for high impact clinical and basic research for at-risk substance using populations, including those infected with or at risk for HIV. In particular, this FOA encourages research focused on prevention and treatment of Hepatitis C Virus (HCV) to reduce new infections and identify and treat existing infections more effectively. This FOA is informed by priority areas in the 2011 HHS Action Plan, Combating the Silent Epidemic of Viral Hepatitis: Action Plan for the Prevention, Care and Treatment of Viral Hepatitis. Applications are due no later than 5:00 PM local time of applicant organization on October 16, 2014. Click here for more information.

NIH: Avenir Award Program for Research on Substance Abuse and HIV/AIDS(DP2)
RFA-DA-15-007
Application Submission Deadline: November 14, 2016
Avenir means future in French, and this award looks toward the future by supporting early stage investigators proposing highly innovative studies. The award will support those in an early stage of their career who may lack the preliminary data required for an R01 grant, but who propose high impact research and who show promise of being tomorrow’s leaders in the field. The Avenir Award Program for Research on Substance Abuse and HIV/AIDS will support research approaches for substance using populations with or at risk for HIV/AIDS that may lead to improved preventive interventions, improved therapies and/or long term retention in care, and ultimately, eradication of HIV. Applications are due November 14, 2016. Click here for more information.

NIH: International Research in Infectious Diseases, including AIDS (R01) PAR-14-080
Application Submission Deadline: May 22, 2014
The purpose of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is to encourage the submission of R01 applications from institutions in eligible foreign countries to conduct studies in infectious disease research. Collaborations with investigators in the United States (U.S.) are encouraged but not required. The intent of this FOA is to advance the development of local scientific expertise. Topics of interest for this program are limited to research on infectious diseases, including emerging infections that are of public health significance within the applicant country (including but not limited to: tuberculosis; malaria; influenza; HIV/AIDS; sexually transmitted diseases; diarrheal, respiratory, and enteric diseases; viral hemorrhagic fevers; viral encephalitides; other viral diseases; parasitic diseases; vector-borne diseases; and development of drug resistance). Letters of Intent must be submitted 30 days prior to the Application Due Date. Applications are due May 22, 2014. Click here for more information.

NIH: Limited Competition: Fogarty HIV Research Training Program for Low-and Middle-Income Country Institutions PAR-13-126 (D43)
Application Due Dates: July 30, 2015
Within the National Institutes of Health (NIH), the John E. Fogarty International Center (FIC), National Cancer Institute (NCI), National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA), and National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) are soliciting applications for research training programs to develop and strengthen the scientific leadership and expertise needed for HIV-related research at eligible Low-and Middle-Income Country (LMIC) institutions. An application must focus the proposed training program on building or strengthening research capacity in a defined HIV-related scientific topic at one identified LMIC institution. Various HIV research areas include: all basic, epidemiologic, clinical, behavioral, social science, implementation, operations, health services, and health systems research across HIV prevention, care and treatment; research on HIV co-infections, AIDS-defining and HIV-related cancers, co-morbidities and other health conditions, both infectious and non-infectious, that contribute to HIV transmission or poor health in HIV-infected individuals; and HIV-related research among vulnerable or under-researched LMIC populations, including women, children, substance users, men who have sex with men, transgendered populations, aging populations, orphans and vulnerable children. Letters of intent are due 30 days before the final application. Grant applications are due by 5:00 PM local time of applicant organization on July 30, 2015. Additional information is available online: D43.
NIH: Limited Competition: Planning Grant for Fogarty HIV Research Training Program for Low-and Middle-Income Country institutions
PAR-13-214 (D71)
Application Due Dates: July 30, 2015
The John E. Fogarty International Center (FIC) and the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) within the National Institutes of Health (NIH) are accepting applications from institutions in eligible Low-and Middle-income countries (LMIC) for a planning grant under the Fogarty HIV Research Training Program. This program supports training that will strengthen the HIV research capacity of institutions in LMIC to conduct HIV-related research on the evolving HIV-related epidemics in their countries. The planning grant application must propose a plan to develop the components necessary for an application for a research training program to submit to the Fogarty HIV Research Training Program for Low-and Middle-Income Country Institutions (D43 FOA). Some objectives of the planning grant include: solidify collaborative relationships and understandings with all individual and institutional partners for an institutional (organizational) structure that will support the future research training program; assess the existing research and research training capacity for the specified scientific area at the LMIC institution; identify current resources and justify the need for additional research training; identify the training, staff development, and scientific and administrative resources needed to undertake a training program to bring the LMIC institution to the next level of capacity in the specified scientific topic or question; and identify existing and future research opportunities that can be used to support research training and career development of trainees. Grant applications are due by July 30, 2015. Additional information is available online: D71.

NIH: Limited Competition: Training Programs for Critical HIV Research Infrastructure for Low- and Middle-Income Country Institutions
PAR-13-215 (G11)
Application Due Dates: July 30, 2015
The John E. Fogarty International Center (FIC) and the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) within the National Institutes of Health (NIH) are soliciting applications from U.S. institutions with research collaborations at Low-and Middle-income country (LMIC) institutions for training programs to strengthen the leadership and expertise in selected critical research infrastructure areas at their collaborating LMIC institutions. This grant will only support training related to technical expertise, administration and financial management in support of one of these six areas: (1) Dedicated research offices; (2) Offices of research integrity; (3) Ethics committees for protection of human subjects; (4) Committees for animal care and use in research; (5) Health sciences libraries (library and information science); and (6) Information and communications technology systems (ICT) - (expertise to keep these systems up-to-date and functioning). The proposed training is expected to raise the LMIC institution to the next level of capacity in the specified scientific area at the LMIC institution; identify current resources and justify the need for additional research training; identify the training, staff development, and scientific and administrative resources needed to undertake a training program to bring the LMIC institution to the next level of capacity in the specified scientific topic or question; and identify existing and future research opportunities that can be used to support research training and career development of trainees. Grant applications are due by July 30, 2015. Additional information is available online: G11.

NIH: Research Supplements to Promote Diversity in Health-Related Research
PA-08-190
Application Submission Date: Applications may be submitted at any time
The NIH and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) invite all NIH Institutes and Centers (ICs), the NIH Common Fund, and the National Institute for Occupational Safety (NIOSH, CDC) to apply for funds for administrative supplements to improve the diversity of the research workforce by supporting and recruiting students, post doctorates, and eligible investigators from groups that have been shown to be underrepresented. Although the administrative supplements supported under this program provide funding for less than one percent of all individuals involved in NIH supported research, the NIH has found these awards to be an effective means of encouraging institutions to recruit from currently underrepresented groups. The purpose of this funding opportunity is to promote diversity in the biomedical, behavioral, clinical and social sciences research workforce and to improve the nation's capacity to address and eliminate health disparities. Applications may be submitted at any time. Click here for more information.

NIH: Substance Use and Abuse, Risky Decision Making and HIV/AIDS (R01)
PA-14-061
Application Submission Deadline: October 5, 2014
Through this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA), NIH intends to stimulate model-driven research to understand the ways that people make decisions about engaging in behaviors that impact the risk of acquiring or transmitting HIV, or to adhere to treatments for HIV. A better understanding of decision making processes in the context of brain neural networks and their associated functions would lead to the development of better strategies to reduce the frequency of HIV-risk behaviors. This FOA encourages applications to study 1) cognitive, motivational or emotional mechanisms and/or 2) brain neuroendocrine and reinforcement systems that are related to HIV-risk behaviors or treatment non-compliance. Interdisciplinary studies that incorporate approaches from psychology, economics, anthropology, sociology, decision sciences, neuroscience and computational modeling are encouraged. Applications are due no later than 5:00 PM local time of applicant organization on October 5, 2014. Click here for more information.
NIMH: Research Education Programs for HIV/AIDS Research (R25)
PAR-11-002
Application Submission Date: January 7 annually
This funding opportunity announcement (FOA) issued by the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) encourages applications from institutions/organizations that propose creative and innovative research education programs to facilitate the development of a cadre of investigators in appropriate scientific areas to fulfill the mental health relevant objectives as defined by the Office of Aids Research (OAR) Annual Strategic Plan. The NIH Research Education (R25) grant mechanism is a flexible and specialized mechanism designed to foster the development of biomedical, behavioral, and clinical researchers through creative and innovative research education programs. The overall goal of this FOA is to support research education programs that provide research mentoring experiences and whose ultimate aim is to increase the number of highly trained scientists in various scientific areas to address the nation's biomedical, behavioral, and clinical research needs that are relevant to the mission of the NIMH AIDS research program. Letters of intent are due 30 days prior to the application submission date. Grant applications are due annually on January 7. Click here for more information.

INTERNATIONAL

FIC: International Research Scientist Development Award (K01)
PAR-13-072
Application Submission Date: March 4, 2015
The purpose of the Fogarty International Center (FIC) International Research Scientist Development Award is to provide support and protected time (three to five years) to advanced postdoctoral (at least two years beyond conferral of doctoral degree) U.S. research scientists for an intensive, mentored research career development experience in a low- or middle-income country (LMIC) leading to an independent research career focused on global health. FIC invites K01 applications from biomedical, epidemiological, clinical, biostatistical, and social and behavioral scientists in the formative stages of their research careers. Awardees must spend a minimum of 50% of the total grant period (and at least three months per year) physically in-country conducting research at the LMIC institution or at research sites in the LMIC. The expectation is that through this sustained period of research career development, awardees will launch independent global health research careers, continue to collaborate with LMIC scientists on research that addresses the health needs of their countries, and become competitive for new research project grant (e.g., R01) funding. Grant applications are due by March 4, 2015. Click here for more information.

NIDA: International Research Collaboration on Drug Abuse and Addiction
PA-12-040 (R01); PA-12-041 (R21); PA-12-042 (R03)
Applications Submission Dates: October 5, 2014 (R01); October 16, 2014 (R21; R03)
The National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) invites applications for international collaborative research on drug abuse and drug addiction. Projects should seek to: 1) take advantage of unique opportunities to advance scientific knowledge through research; 2) address the global impact of addiction on public health through activities that build research capacity internationally; or 3) effectively disseminate and share the knowledge gained through NIDA-supported research to scientists, treatment providers, and policy makers around the world. Current priority areas include: linkages between HIV/AIDS and drug abuse, and prevention, initiation, and treatment of nicotine and tobacco use (especially among vulnerable populations such as children, adolescents, pregnant women, and those with co-morbid disorders). Grant applications are due by October 5, 2014 (R01); October 16, 2014 (R21; R03). Additional information is available online for each grant: R01, R03, and R21.

NIH: International Research Collaboration on Alcohol and Alcoholism (U01)
PAR-14-268
Application Submission Deadline: October 5, 2014
This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) invites applications for the purpose of fostering international collaborations between alcohol research investigators within the United States and investigators located at non-United States laboratories and performance sites for the mutual advancement of our understanding of alcohol problems and of clinical and public health approaches to their solutions. The program is intended to provide funds for research activities to be undertaken jointly between the U.S. and non-U.S. laboratory that expands the research direction of both the U.S. and non-U.S. laboratories in a collaborative manner. Letters of intent are due 30 days prior to the application due date. Applications are due by 5:00 PM local time on October 5, 2014. Click here for more information.

NIH: International Research in Infectious Diseases, including AIDS (R01) PAR-14-080
Middle-Income Country Institutions (D43 FOA)

The purpose of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is to encourage the submission of R01 applications from institutions in eligible foreign countries to conduct studies in infectious disease research. Collaborations with investigators in the United States (U.S.) are encouraged but not required. The intent of this FOA is to advance the development of local scientific expertise. Topics of interest for this program are limited to research on infectious diseases, including emerging infections that are of public health significance within the applicant country (including but not limited to: tuberculosis; malaria; influenza; HIV/AIDS; sexually transmitted diseases; diarrheal, respiratory, and enteric diseases; viral hemorrhagic fevers; viral encephalitides; other viral diseases, parasitic diseases; vector-borne diseases, and development of drug resistance). Letters of Intent must be submitted 30 days prior to the Application Due Date. Applications are due by 5:00 PM local time of applicant organization on May 22, 2014. Click here for more information.

NIH: Limited Competition: Fogarty HIV Research Training Program for Low-and Middle-Income Country Institutions
PAR-13-126 (D43)

Application Due Dates: July 30, 2015

Within the National Institutes of Health (NIH), the John E. Fogarty International Center (FIC), National Cancer Institute (NCI), National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA), and National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) are soliciting applications for research training programs to develop and strengthen the scientific leadership and expertise needed for HIV-related research at eligible Low-and Middle-Income Country (LMIC) institutions. An application must focus the proposed training program on building or strengthening research capacity in a defined HIV-related scientific topic at one identified LMIC institution. Various HIV research areas include: all basic, epidemiologic, clinical, behavioral, social science, implementation, operations, health services, and health systems research across HIV prevention, care and treatment; research on HIV co-infections, AIDS-defining and HIV-related cancers, co-morbidities and other health conditions, both infectious and non-infectious, that contribute to HIV transmission or poor health in HIV-infected individuals; and HIV-related research among vulnerable or under-researched LMIC populations, including women, children, substance users, men who have sex with men, transgendered populations, aging populations, orphans and vulnerable children. Grant applications are due by: July 30, 2015. Additional information is available online: D43.

NIH: Limited Competition: Planning Grant for Fogarty HIV Research Training Program for Low-and Middle-Income Country institutions
PAR-13-214 (D71)

Application Due Dates: July 30, 2015

The John E. Fogarty International Center (FIC) and the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) within the National Institutes of Health (NIH) are accepting applications from institutions in eligible Low-and Middle-income countries (LMIC) for a planning grant under the Fogarty HIV Research Training Program. This program supports training that will strengthen the HIV research capacity of institutions in LMIC to conduct HIV-related research on the evolving HIV-related epidemics in their countries. The planning grant application must propose a plan to develop the components necessary for an application for a research training program to submit to the Fogarty HIV Research Training Program for Low-and Middle-Income Country Institutions (D43 FOA). Some objectives of the planning grant include: solidify collaborative relationships and understandings with all individual and institutional partners for an institutional (organizational) structure that will support the future research training program; assess the existing research and research training capacity for the specified scientific area at the LMIC institution; identify current resources and justify the need for additional research training; identify the training, staff development, and scientific and administrative resources needed to undertake a training program to bring the LMIC institution to the next level of capacity in the specified scientific topic or question; and identify existing and future research opportunities that can be used to support research training and career development of trainees. Grant applications are due by: July 30, 2015. Additional information is available online: D71.

NIH: Limited Competition: Training Programs for Critical HIV Research Infrastructure for Low- and Middle-Income Country Institutions
PAR-13-215 (G11)

Application Due Dates: July 30, 2015

The John E. Fogarty International Center (FIC) and the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) within the National Institutes of Health (NIH) are soliciting applications from U.S. institutions with research collaborations at Low-and Middle-income country (LMIC) institutions for training programs to strengthen the leadership and expertise in selected critical research infrastructure areas at their collaborating LMIC institutions. This grant will only support training related to technical expertise, administration and financial management in support of one of these six areas: (1) Dedicated research offices; (2) Offices of research integrity; (3) Ethics committees for protection of human subjects; (4) Committees for animal care and use in research; (5) Health sciences libraries (library and information science); and (6) Information and communications technology systems (ICT) - (expertise to keep these systems up-to-date and functioning). The proposed
training is expected to raise the LMIC institution to the next level of capacity in the research infrastructure area. Grant applications are due by: July 30, 2015. Additional information is available online: G11.

NIH: International Research Ethics Education and Curriculum Development Award (R25)  
PAR-13-027  
Application Submission Date: May 22, 2014  
Several Institutes at the NIH including the Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD) solicit applications to the International Research Ethics Education and Curriculum Development Award. The goal of this initiative is to strengthen research ethics capacity in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs) through increasing the number of scientists, health professionals and relevant academics from these countries with in-depth knowledge of the ethical principles, processes and policies related to international clinical and public health research as well as the critical skills to develop research ethics education, ethical review leadership and expert consultation to researchers, their institutions, governments and international research organizations. Applicants may apply for the following programs: 1) To develop a comprehensive ethics education program including master's level curricula and practicum opportunities for LMIC academics, researchers and health professionals in ethics related to performing research involving human subjects in their home countries or; 2) To revise and renew existing master's level international ethics education programs. Letters of intent are due by April 22, 2014. Grant applications are due by May 22, 2014. Click here for more information.

NIH: International Research Scientist Development Award (IRSDA) (K01)  
PAR-10-066  
Application Due Date: March 4, 2015  
The National Institutes of Health (NIH) solicit applications for the Fogarty International Center (FIC) International Research Scientist Development Award (IRSDA). The purpose of the IRSDA is to provide support and protected time (three to five years) to advanced postdoctoral (at least two years beyond conferral of doctoral degree) U.S. research scientists for an intensive, mentored research career development experience in a low- or middle-income country (LMIC) (low-income, lower-middle-income, and upper-middle-income countries are included) leading to an independent research career focused on global health. FIC invites K01 applications from biomedical, epidemiological, clinical, biostatistical, social and behavioral scientists in the formative stages of their research careers. The expectation is that through this sustained period of research career development, awardees will launch independent global health research careers, continue to collaborate with LMIC scientists on research that addresses the health needs of their countries, and become competitive for new research project grant (e.g., R01) funding. Grant applications are due by March 4, 2015. Additional information is available online: K01.

LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT

NSF: Linguistics  
PD-98-1311  
Application Submission Date: January 15 and July 15 annually  
The Linguistics Program at the National Science Foundation (NSF) supports all types of scientific research that focuses on human language as an object of investigation. The program supports research on the syntactic, semantic, morphological, phonetic, and phonological properties of individual languages and of language in general. It also encourages investigation of linguistic questions that are interdisciplinary in nature: the psychological processes involved in the production, perception, and comprehension of language; the development of linguistic capacities in children; social and cultural factors in language use, variation, and change; the acoustics and physiology of speech; computational approaches to the study of language; and the biological bases of language in the brain. Under the Linguistics program, NSF has previously funded research proposals on the effects of early exposure and language dominance on bilingualism, infants learning English and Mandarin, and the amount of input needed for language learning. Click here for more information.

MILITARY FAMILIES

NIH: Research on Children in Military Families: The Impact pf Parental Deployment and Reintegration on Child and Family Functioning (R13)  
PA-12-223
Application Submission Deadline: August 12, 2014
The purpose of this funding opportunity announcement (FOA) is to encourage interdisciplinary conferences and meetings to examine critical questions regarding the impact of parental military deployment, combat-related stress and reintegration with the family on child social and affective development outcomes as well as on family functioning. Applications are due no later than 5:00 PM local time of applicant organization on August 12, 2014. Click here for more information.

MENTAL HEALTH AND ILLNESS

NIH: Research to Characterize and Reduce Stigma to Improve Health
PA-13-248 (R01); PA-13-247 (R03); PA-13-246 (R21)
Application Submission Date: October 5, 2014 (R01) October 16, 2014 (R03; R21)
Several Institutes within the National Institutes of Health, including the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH), solicit research grant applications to characterize the role of stigma in health, life course development, and aging, both in the U.S. and globally, and to test interventions to prevent or reduce the impact of stigma at the individual, community, health care system, and policy levels. The goal of this funding opportunity announcement (FOA) is to promote research addressing the health-related aspects of stigma, including the etiology and perpetuation of stigma; its impact on physical and mental health, well-being, life course development, and aging; its influence on health behaviors and on use, access to, and quality of received healthcare services; its contribution to health disparities affecting vulnerable demographic groups; and intervention strategies to reduce health-related stigma and/or the negative health and life course developmental impacts of stigma. Grant applications are due by October 5, 2014 (R01) and October 16, 2014 (R03; R21). More information is available online for each grant mechanism: R01, R03, and R21.

NIH: Women's Mental Health During Pregnancy and the Postpartum Period
PA-12-216 (R01)
Application Due Date: October 5, 2014
The National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH), the Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD), and the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) within the National Institutes of Health (NIH) are accepting applications for research related to women's mental health during pregnancy and the postpartum period. Priority areas include basic and clinical neuroscience, studies of clinical course, epidemiological factors and risk factors, as well as interventions and services research. The NIMH, NICHD, and NIDA are committed to supporting research that will increase scientific understanding of and treatments for mental disorders experienced by women during and following pregnancy. Reduction of the public health burden of mental disorders during this perinatal period will improve the health and well-being of new mothers, their children and families. Examples of encouraged research areas include, but are not limited to: the impact of stress, anxiety, and perinatal mood disorders on human fetal and infant nervous system development; the effect of maternal pharmacologic or non-pharmacological interventions on fetal, neonatal and infant outcomes; the effects of psychosocial preventive interventions for maternal mental disorder during the perinatal period on postpartum substance use; the effects of current or lifetime drug abuse, including treatment status and comorbid conditions, on onset and course of mental disorder during the perinatal period; and the impact of routine antenatal screening for maternal mood or anxiety disorders on birth, neonatal, and infant outcomes and postpartum mothers’ mental health. Grant applications are due by October 5, 2014. Additional information is available online: R01.

NIH: Mental Health Research Dissertation Grant to Increase Diversity (R36)
PAR-12-103
Application Submission Date: December 23, 2013
The goal of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA), issued by the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH), is to increase the diversity of the mental health research workforce by providing awards to support the completion of the doctoral research project and dissertation for individuals from diverse backgrounds underrepresented in mental health research. The Mental Health Dissertation Research Grant to Increase Diversity allows for budget requests to cover full-time salary support and modest research funds for up to two years, but no less than 12 months, for eligible students to facilitate completion of their doctoral research project and dissertation in a research area relevant to the NIMH mission and strategic research priorities. These awards are available to predoctoral students who are enrolled in good standing at accredited domestic or foreign institutions and who have an approved dissertation proposal at the time of the award. Applicants must have the goal of becoming successful researchers in areas of biomedical or behavioral science relevant to the mission of the NIMH. Grant applications are due by December 23, 2013. Click here for more information.
NIMH: Mentoring Networks for Mental Health Research Education (R25)
PAR-12-264
Application Due Date: September 25, 2014
The National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH), within the National Institutes of Health (NIH), encourages applications from institutions and organizations that propose to develop, implement, and evaluate a mentoring network that will facilitate the development of investigators with the requisite scientific research to be able to transform the understanding and treatment of mental illnesses. Networks may be national, regional or local, and should provide significant new opportunities to improve the professional development of mental health researchers. Participants must be graduate/medical students, medical residents, postdoctoral participants, or early-career faculty, and applicants should provide a rationale for the proposed career stage(s) of the participants in the network. The network should engage participants for no less than one year, during which they will remain in contact with mentors who will provide didactic content and mentoring expertise on research topics. It is expected that mentors and participants will interact both formally and informally throughout the course of the program. The network should also provide a broad enough scope to attract highly qualified applicants and accomplish a set of goals in facilitating the participants’ professional success. Expected outcomes for participants include subsequent involvement in research, employment in a mental health research field, authorship of scientific publications, or independent research grant support from NIH or other sources. Letters of intent are due 30 days prior to the application due date. Applications are due by September 25, 2014. Click here for more information.

NIMH: Reducing the Duration of Untreated Psychosis in the United States
PAR-13-187 (R01); PAR-13-188 (R34)
Application Dates: October 5, 2014 (R01); October 16, 2014 (R34)
The National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) within the National Institutes of Health (NIH) is accepting applications for grants to conduct research on how to substantially reduce the duration of untreated psychosis (DUP) among persons with a first episode of psychosis (FEP). Approximately 100,000 adolescents and young adults in the United States experience FEP every year with treatment typically delayed between one and three years. The early phase of psychotic illness is a critical opportunity for prevention and a chance to alter the downward trajectory associated with serious mental disorders. This research seeks to: (1) identify a baseline rate of DUP in community treatment systems that include evidence-based specialty care programs for FEP; (2) map referral pathways to FEP care; (3) identify gaps and bottlenecks in the referral pathway; and (4) develop and pilot test feasible strategies for substantially reducing DUP among persons with FEP. Letters of intent are due 30 days before the application deadline. Grant applications are due by October 5, 2014 (R01); October 16, 2014 (R34). Additional information is available online for each grant: R01; R34.

NIMH: Secondary Data Analyses to Explore NIMH Research Domain Criteria (R03)
PAR-14-008
Application Due Date: October 16, 2014
The National Institute of Mental Health seeks applications which propose secondary analyses of existing clinical research datasets to investigate constructs identified in the NIMH’s Research Domain Criteria (RDoC) initiative and to test novel hypotheses using the RDoC framework. The initiative provides a framework for integrating neuroscientific, genetic and behavioral knowledge and serves as an alternative to traditional, categorical psychiatric diagnoses. NIMH encourages investigators to conceptualize their research questions in terms of RDoC domains and associated constructs in order to more fully explain the complete range of normal to abnormal functioning. The primary goals of this funding opportunity are to expedite the work of assessing the validity of the RDoC constructs and to stimulate new hypotheses and pilot data for future RDoC projects. It provides an opportunity for investigators to become familiar with RDoC constructs without investing in new data collection and promotes the development of new collaborative relationships among investigators. Projects proposed under this announcement could involve, but are not limited to, the following approaches: 1) Merging of similar datasets from different psychiatric patient groups to allow cross-diagnostic, dimensional analyses; 2) Incorporating data from participants who do not fully meet existing criteria for categorical diagnoses of mental disorders; and/or 3) Combining or re-aligning datasets that include a range of participant ages to examine developmental factors related to the RDoC constructs. The NIH R03 grant mechanism supports discrete, well-defined projects that realistically can be completed in one or two years and that require limited levels of funding. Grant applications are due by October 16, 2014. Click here for more information.

NIMH: Short Courses for Mental Health-Related Research Education (R25)
PAR-12-262
Application Due Date: September 25, 2014
The National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH), within the National Institutes of Health (NIH), encourages Research Education Grant (R25) applications from institutions and organizations that propose to develop, implement, and evaluate short courses that will facilitate the development of investigators with the requisite scientific research to be able to transform the understanding and treatment of mental illnesses through research. Courses should be innovative and have
a direct relation to the topics of focus within the NIMH. Each short course is expected to include both didactic and hands-on experiences for graduate/medical students, medical residents, postdoctoral scholars, or early-career faculty. Courses can last for one week or less, up to a maximum of 12 weeks. Applications must include an evaluation plan in order to determine the effectiveness of the course, as well as a dissemination plan for the results. Letters of intent are due 30 days prior to the application due date. Grant applications are due by September 25, 2014. Click here for more information.

NIMH: Small Grants for New Investigators to Promote Diversity in Health-Related Research (R03)
PAR-13-074
Application Submission Date: June 16, 2015
The purpose of this funding opportunity announcement (FOA) is to provide support for new investigators from backgrounds nationally underrepresented in biomedical research to conduct small research projects in the scientific mission areas of the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH), among other Institutes. The mission of NIMH is to transform the understanding and treatment of mental illnesses through basic and clinical research, paving the way for prevention, recovery and cure. For the Institute to continue fulfilling this vital public health mission, it must foster innovative thinking and ensure that a full array of novel scientific perspectives are used to further discovery in the evolving science of brain, behavior, and experience. In this way, breakthroughs in science can become breakthroughs for all people with mental illnesses. The R03 grant mechanism supports different types of projects including pilot and feasibility studies; secondary analysis of existing data; small, self-contained research projects; development of research methodology; and development of new research technology. The R03 is intended to support small research projects that can be carried out in a short period of time with limited resources with the ultimate goal of providing the preliminary data for a R01-equivalent application. Letters of intent are due by May 16, 2015. Grant applications are due by June 16, 2015. Click here for more information.

SAMHSA: 2014 Campus Suicide Prevention Grant
SM-14-014
Application Submission Deadline: May 27, 2014
The purpose of this program is to facilitate a comprehensive approach to preventing suicide in institutions of higher education. This program is designed to assist colleges and universities build a foundation for their efforts to prevent suicide attempts and completions and to enhance services for students with mental and substance use disorders that put them at risk for suicide and suicide attempts. Applications are due May 27, 2014. Click here for more information.

METHODOLOGY AND MEASUREMENT

NIDA: Cutting-Edge Basic Research Awards (CEBRA) (R21)
PAR-12-086
Application Submission Date: December 20, 2013
The National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) invites applications for Cutting-Edge Basic Research Awards (CEBRA) to foster highly innovative or conceptually creative research that advances our understanding of drug abuse and addiction and how to prevent and treat them. The CEBRA program will support high-risk, high impact research projects that either: (1) tests a highly novel and significant hypothesis for which there are scant precedent or preliminary data and which, if confirmed, would have a substantial impact on current thinking; or (2) develops or adapts innovative techniques or methods for addiction research, or of potential future use in addiction research. It is not intended for incremental research or research extending ongoing programs. It is aimed at both: (1) drug abuse research investigators who wish to develop or adapt new methods or techniques, or to test novel hypotheses; and (2) investigators with expertise in fields other than drug abuse who wish to establish innovative programs in drug abuse or develop new approaches or technologies that will advance drug abuse and related research. The R21 mechanism allows support for projects in the early, first stages of development where there are little or no preliminary data available, but which have a strong rationale and conceptual framework. The CEBRA R21 program is not intended for large-scale undertakings or to support or supplement ongoing research. Applications submitted under this mechanism should be exploratory and novel and describe projects distinct from those supported through the traditional R01 mechanism. The research proposed in a CEBRA application should break new ground or extend previous discoveries toward new directions or applications. Grant applications are due by December 20, 2013. Click here for more information.

NINR: Innovative Measurement Tools for Community Engaged Research Efforts
PA-13-212 (R21)
Application Due Date: October 16, 2014
The National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR) within the National Institute of Health (NIH) is seeking applications to develop innovative measurement tools for community engaged research efforts. Community engaged research (CEnR) methodologies, such as community-based participatory, community-based, and practice-based research, are regarded as valid approaches to prevent disease and promote health, two key issues in today’s national healthcare reform. CEnR is especially important as people are being treated for chronic conditions such as diabetes, HIV/AIDS and heart failure, not in large academic health centers but, rather in their communities and by community clinicians. The development and testing of innovative tools to measure public trust, collaboration, and empowerment are needed to strengthen the science of CEnR. Grant applications are due by: **October 16, 2014**. Additional information is available online: [R21](#).

**NSF: Methodology, Measurement, and Statistics**

**NSF 08-561**

**Application Submission Date: January 16 and August 16 annually**

The Methodology, Measurement, and Statistics (MMS) Program is an interdisciplinary program in the Social, Behavioral, and Economic Sciences that supports the development of innovative analytical and statistical methods and models for those sciences. MMS seeks proposals that are methodologically innovative, grounded in theory, and have potential utility for multiple fields within the social and behavioral sciences. As part of its larger portfolio, the MMS Program partners with a consortium of federal statistical agencies to support research proposals that further the development of new and innovative approaches to surveys and to the analysis of survey data. The MMS Program supports a variety of different types of awards, including: Regular Research Awards; Mid-Career Research Fellowships; Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grants; and Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU) Supplements. Click [here](#) for more information.

**NUTRITION**

**NIH: Healthy Habits: Timing for Developing Sustainable Healthy Behaviors in Children and Adolescents (R21)**

**PA-14-176**

**Application Submission Deadline: October 16, 2014**

This funding opportunity announcement seeks to encourage applications that employ innovative research to identify mechanisms of influence and/or promote positive sustainable health behavior(s) in children and youth (birth to age 21). Applications to promote positive health behavior(s) should target social and cultural factors, including, but not limited to: schools, families, communities, population, food industry, age-appropriate learning tools and games, social media, social networking, technology and mass media. Topics to be addressed in this announcement include: effective, sustainable processes for influencing young people to make healthy behavior choices; identification of the appropriate stage of influence for learning sustainable lifelong health behaviors; the role of technology and new media in promoting healthy behavior; identification of factors that support healthy behavior development in vulnerable populations, identification of barriers to healthy behaviors; and, identification of mechanisms and mediators that are common to the development of a range of habitual health behaviors. Given the many factors involved in developing sustainable health behaviors, applications from multidisciplinary teams are strongly encouraged. Applications are due by 5:00 pm local time of applicant organization on **October 16, 2014**. Click [here](#) for more information.

**NIH: School Nutrition and Physical Activity Policies, Obesogenic Behaviors and Weight Outcomes**

**PA-13-100 (R01); PA-13-098 (R21); PA-13-099 (R13)**

**Application Due Date: October 5 (R01); October 16 (R03 & R21)**

Several Institutes within the National Institutes of Health (NIH), including the Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD) and the Office of Behavioral and Social Sciences Research, solicit research applications that propose to: (1) foster multidisciplinary research that will evaluate how policies (federal, state and school district levels) can influence school physical activity and nutrition environments, youths’ obesogenic behaviors (e.g., nutrition and physical activity behaviors), and weight outcomes; (2) understand how schools are implementing these policies and examine multi-level influences on adoption and implementation at various levels (e.g., federal, state, school district, and school); and (3) understand the synergistic or counteractive effect of school nutrition and physical activity polices on the home and community environment and body weight. The Social Ecological Framework is one of several frameworks that can be used to examine the interrelations among polices aimed at the school and home environment, individual diet and physical activity behaviors and weight outcomes. Grant applications are due by **October 5 (R01); October 16 (R03 & R21)**. Additional information is available online for each grant: [R01](#), [R03](#), and [R21](#).
POLICY

NIH: NIMHD Social, Behavioral, Health Services, and Policy Research on Minority Health and Health Disparities (R01)
RFA-MD-14-004
Application Submission Deadline: August 28, 2014
The purpose of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is to solicit innovative social, behavioral, health services, and policy research that can directly and demonstrably contribute to the elimination of health disparities. Projects may involve primary data collection or secondary analysis of existing datasets. Projects that examine understudied health conditions; examine the effectiveness of interventions, services, or policies for multiple health disparity populations; and/or directly measure the impact of project activities on levels of health disparities are particularly encouraged. Applications are due by 5:00 pm local time of applicant organization on August 28, 2014. Click here for more information.

NIH: School Nutrition and Physical Activity Policies, Obesogenic Behaviors and Weight Outcomes
PA-13-100 (R01); PA-13-098 (R21); PA-13-099 (R13)
Application Due Date: October 5 (R01); October 16 (R03 & R21)
Several Institutes within the National Institutes of Health (NIH), including the Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD) and the Office of Behavioral and Social Sciences Research, solicit research applications that propose to: (1) foster multidisciplinary research that will evaluate how policies (federal, state and school district levels) can influence school physical activity and nutrition environments, youths' obesogenic behaviors (e.g., nutrition and physical activity behaviors), and weight outcomes; (2) understand how schools are implementing these policies and examine multi-level influences on adoption and implementation at various levels (e.g., federal, state, school district, and school); and (3) understand the synergistic or counteractive effect of school nutrition and physical activity polices on the home and community environment and body weight. The Social Ecological Framework is one of several frameworks that can be used to examine the interrelations among policies aimed at the school and home environment, individual diet and physical activity behaviors and weight outcomes. Grant applications are due by October 5 (R01); October 16 (R03 & R21). Additional information is available online for each grant: R01, R03, and R21.

NIH: Time-Sensitive Obesity Policy and Program Evaluation (R01)
PAR-12-257
Application Submission Deadline: September 10, 2014
Several Institutes within the National Institutes of Health, including the Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD) and the Office of Behavioral and Social Sciences Research (OBSSR), announce the establishment of an accelerated review/award process to support time-sensitive research to evaluate a new policy or program expected to influence obesity related behaviors (e.g., dietary intake, physical activity, or sedentary behavior) and/or weight outcomes in an effort to prevent or reduce obesity. This funding opportunity announcement (FOA) is intended to encourage and support research in which a unique and time sensitive opportunity has arisen to collect baseline data and then prospectively assess effectiveness of an imminent policy or program designed to prevent or reduce obesity in a given population. Examples of appropriate studies include, but are not limited to: examining changes to school or workplace food and/or physical activity environment; examining introduction of new taxes, subsidies, price changes, or other incentives; and examining policies designed to influence available options and purchasing, such as calorie labeling in restaurants. This funding opportunity announcement encourages innovative scientific partnerships between researchers and public partners (e.g., community based organizations, local governments, school districts, employers). Letters of intent are due by August 13, 2014. Grant applications are due by September 10, 2014. Click here for more information.

REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH

NIH: Educational Programs for Demography and Population Science, Family Planning and Contraception, and Reproductive Research (R25)
PAR-11-292
Application Submission Date: May 25, 2014
The Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD) invites grant applications for educational activities related to Demography and Population Science, Family Planning and Contraception, and Reproductive Research. NICHD encourages applications for educational programs for interdisciplinary training; methodological training; and training in the use and dissemination and use of existing datasets. The Demographic and Behavioral Sciences Branch is particularly interested in applications that address one
or more of the following: (1) Research in demography, the scientific study of human populations, including their size, composition, distribution, density, and growth and decline, as well as the causes and consequences of changes in these factors. Major areas of focus include fertility, mortality and morbidity, migration, nuptiality, and family demography; (2) Behavioral and social science research on HIV/AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases and reproductive health; and (3) Research on other scientific areas related to the health and well-being of populations that applies the methods and perspectives of demography and social science, including the use of population representative samples and methods that address causal inference, such as selectivity, and endogeneity. Letters of intent are due 30 days prior to the grant application deadline. Grant applications are due by May 25, 2014. Click here for more information.

NICHD: Pregnancy in Women with Disabilities
PAR-11-258 (R01); PAR-11-259 (R21)
Application due date: September 7, 2014
The Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD) and the National Institute on Nursing Research (NINR) solicit grant applications from institutions investigating the incidence, course, and outcomes of pregnancy among women with disabilities. Despite strides towards independence and inclusion in society, women with disabilities face substantial barriers to accessing reproductive health care, and mothers with disabilities face substantial obstacles in caring for their infants. This initiative seeks to stimulate research in this understudied area and develop evidence-based interventions and supports to achieve optimal pregnancy outcomes and early parenting experiences. In specific, this grant seeks to optimize outcomes for women with physical, intellectual and developmental, and/or sensory disabilities and their families by funding studies that inform preconceptional and antenatal counseling and strategies for addressing barriers to prenatal care, and management of pregnancy, the puerperium, and the transition to parenthood. These barriers may be physical (facilities inaccessible to wheelchairs), cognitive (difficulty understanding complex instructions or written materials), attitudinal (lack of social or medical support of pregnancy), or legal (challenges to parental competence). Click here for more information on R01, and here for more information on R21.

SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY

NSF: Social Psychology
NSF 98-1332
Application Submission Deadline: January 15 annually
The Social Psychology Program at NSF supports basic research on human social behavior, including cultural differences and development over the life span. Among the many research topics supported are: attitude formation and change, social cognition, personality processes, interpersonal relations and group processes, the self, emotion, social comparison and social influence, and the psychophysiological and neurophysiological bases of social behavior. The scientific merit of a proposal depends on four important factors: (1) The problems investigated must be theoretically grounded. (2) The research should be based on empirical observation or be subject to empirical validation. (3) The research design must be appropriate to the questions asked. (4) The proposed research must advance basic understanding of social behavior. Grant applications are due by January 15 annually. Click here for more information.

STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics)

NSF: Advancing Informal STEM Learning
NSF-13-608
Application Due Date: November 14, 2014
The Advancing Informal STEM Learning (AISL) program at the National Science Foundation (NSF) seeks to advance new approaches to and evidence-based understanding of the design and development of STEM learning in informal environments; provide multiple pathways for broadening access to and engagement in STEM learning experiences; advance innovative research on and assessment of STEM learning in informal environments; and develop understandings of deeper learning by participants. The AISL program supports five types of projects: (1) Pathways (projects that allow practitioners and researchers an opportunity to undertake exploratory development work or feasibility studies), (2) Research in Service to Practice, (3) Innovations in Development, (4) Broad Implementation, and (5) Conferences, Symposia, and Workshops. Grant applications are due by November 14, 2014. Click here for more information.
NSF: EHR Core Research (ECR)

**NSF-13-555**

**Application Due Dates: February 04, 2014, first Tuesday in February, annually thereafter**

The EHR Core Research (ECR) program within the National Science Foundation (NSF) Directorate for Education and Human Resources (EHR) is accepting proposals that will help synthesize, build and/or expand research foundations in the following core areas: science, technology, engineering, mathematics (STEM) learning, STEM learning environments, workforce development, and broadening participation in STEM. The United States faces extraordinary opportunities to lead the world in STEM, but challenges exist in preparing a workforce with adequate competencies and knowledge to advance STEM and understand how it can affect daily life. Researchers and/or teams of researchers and practitioners are invited to identify and conduct research on questions or issues in order to advance the improvement of STEM learning in general, or to address specific challenges of great importance. Two types of proposals are solicited: Core Research Proposals (maximum 5 years, $1.5 million) that propose to study a foundational research question/issue designed to inform the transformation of STEM learning and education and Capacity Building Proposals (maximum 3 years, $300,000) intended to support groundwork necessary for advancing research within the four core areas. Grant applications are due by: February 04, 2014, First Tuesday in February, annually thereafter. Additional information is available online: [NSF-13-555](#).

NSF: Research on Gender in Science and Engineering

**10-516**

**Application Submission Date: Fourth Tuesday in March, Annually**

The Research on Gender in Science and Engineering program at the National Science Foundation (NSF) supports efforts to understand and address gender-based differences in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) education and workforce participation through research, the diffusion of research-based innovations, and extension services in education that will lead to a larger and more diverse domestic science and engineering workforce. Typical projects will contribute to the knowledge base addressing gender-related differences in learning and in the educational experiences that affect student interest, performance, and choice of careers; how pedagogical approaches and teaching styles, curriculum, student services, and institutional culture contribute to causing or closing gender gaps that persist in certain fields. Projects will communicate and apply findings, evaluation results, and proven good practices and products to a wider community. The program continues to seek to broaden the participation of girls and women in all fields of STEM education, but also considers gender more broadly to include research and diffusion activities focused on men and boys who are underrepresented in STEM fields. Letters of intent are due by the second Wednesday in February, annually. Grant applications are due by the fourth Tuesday in March, annually. Click [here](#) for more information.

NSF: Scholarships in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics

**12-529**

**Application Due Date: August 12, 2014**

The National Science Foundation (NSF) is accepting grant applications from institutions of higher education to support scholarships for academically talented students demonstrating financial need, enabling them to enter the science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) workforce or STEM graduate school following completion of an associate, baccalaureate, or graduate-level degree in STEM disciplines. Grantee institutions are responsible for selecting scholarship recipients, reporting demographic information about student scholars, and managing the S-STEM project at the institution. Grant applications are due by August 12, 2014. For more information, click here: [12-529](#).

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**SUBSTANCE USE AND ABUSE**

NIAAA: Alcohol Education Projects (R25)

**PAR -11-205**

**Application Submission Date: May 25, 2014**

The National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA) encourages applications from organizations that propose creative and innovative health professions education programs in the mission area(s) of the NIAAA. The NIH Education (R25) grant mechanism is a flexible and specialized mechanism designed to foster the development of biomedical, behavioral, and clinical researchers through creative and innovative research education programs. Appropriate activities under the award may include, but are not limited to, the development of courses, programs, curricula, and related materials designed to educate scientists, educators, service providers, and others about scientific advances in our knowledge of alcoholism, alcohol abuse, and alcohol-related problems (e.g., health-related complications with individuals who have diabetes and consume alcohol), and improve science literacy in this area. Activities and projects should attempt to meet the following criteria: 1) applicants are strongly encouraged to include members of the target health professions audience as consultants or in the planning process; 2) educational intervention innovations and materials should be
adoptable and adaptable by educators in health profession training settings other than those where they have been initially pilot tested; 3) educational innovations should address relevance and relatedness to current and/or emerging standards for education in the target profession; 4) evaluation components must address outcomes and be conducted using appropriate types of research designs, instrumentation, procedures, sampling strategies, and plans for analyses; and 5) products developed under this mechanism may be shared with NIAAA for use and dissemination through its website, workshops, trainings, conferences, and presentations. Grant applications are due by May 25, 2014. Click here for more information.

NIAAA: Effects of Adolescent Binge Drinking on Brain Development  
PA-12-027 (R01); PA-12-028 (R21)  
**Application Submission Dates:** October 5, 2014 (R01); October 16, 2014 (R21)  
The National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA) invites applications proposing to conduct mechanistic studies on the effects of adolescent binge alcohol consumption on synaptic maturation and myelin formation in the developing brain. Alcohol is by far the most widely used intoxicant among adolescents in the U.S. and the incidence of adolescent binge drinking is increasing. Critical developmental processes occurring in the adolescent brain may render it uniquely sensitive to the harmful effects of excessive alcohol consumption; however, the long-term consequences of adolescent binge drinking for maturation of brain structure and function remain poorly understood. Similarly, whether such changes might be permanent, reversible or amenable to treatment has yet to be determined. The objective of this funding opportunity announcement (FOA) is to promote research in animal models on the genetic, molecular and cellular mechanisms underlying the effects of excessive alcohol consumption on specific aspects of adolescent brain development. Studies examining the trajectory of ethanol-related effects from adolescence through adulthood are particularly encouraged. Grant applications are due by October 5, 2014 (R01) and October 16, 2014 (R21). Additional information is available online for each grant: R01 and R21.

NIAAA: Implications of New Digital Media Use for Underage Drinking, Drinking-Related Behaviors, and Prevention Research  
PA-13-262 (R01); PA-13-263 (R21)  
**Application Due Date:** October 5, 2014 (R01); October 16, 2014 (R21)  
The National Institute of Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA) within the National Institutes of Health (NIH) invites institutions and organizations to submit research grant applications that propose to investigate whether, and, how heavy involvement in new digital media usage, particularly social media and social networking sites (SNSs) may influence adolescent alcohol use and drinking patterns, as well as drinking-related problems. Approximately 93 percent of U.S. teenagers ages 12-17 reported that they go online and 73 percent of those teenagers reported using social networking sites (SNSs) in a mid-2009 study. This grant is intended to stimulate two lines of research into adolescent alcohol activities: 1) understanding social media-related underage drinking, drinking-related norms and expectancies, and drinking-related problems; and 2) social media and SNSs in the prevention of underage drinking and related problems. Grant applicants are also encouraged to propose new ways in which new digital media may be utilized as platforms for preventive interventions aimed at underage drinking and related problems. The NIAAA also solicits applications that seek to foster the introduction of novel scientific ideas, model systems, tools, agents, targets, and technologies that have the potential to substantially advance research into adolescent alcohol activities. Applications are due by October 5, 2014 (R01); October 16, 2014 (R21). Additional information is available online for each grant: R01; R21.

NIAAA: Mechanisms of Alcohol and Nicotine Co-Addiction  
PA-13-194 (R01); PA-13-193 (R21)  
**Application Dates:** October 5, 2014 (R01); October 16, 2014 (R21)  
The National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA) within the National Institutes of Health (NIH) is soliciting applications from institutions and organizations that propose to study neurobiological and behavioral mechanisms contributing to concurrent alcohol and nicotine co-addiction. This comorbid dependence is common: as many as 88% to 96% of alcoholics smoke, and approximately 60% of smokers binge drink or consume significant amounts of alcohol. Individuals who co-abuse alcohol and nicotine have worse clinical outcomes than individuals who use either drug alone. Research suggests that alcohol dependence and nicotine dependence have similar genetic, neurochemical and behavioral characteristics. It is essential to understand alcohol and nicotine through neurobiological and behavioral mechanisms of dependence to guide the development of better prevention and treatment strategies for alcohol and nicotine co-abuse. Grant applications are due by October 5, 2014 (R01); October 16, 2014 (R21). Additional information is available online for each grant: R01; R21.

NIAAA: Mechanisms of Behavior Change in the Treatment of Alcohol Use Disorders  
PAR-14-053 (R21)  
**Application Submission Date:** March 17, 2015
The National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA), within the National Institutes of Health (NIH), encourages grant applications from institutions or organizations that propose to investigate the underlying mechanisms that facilitate behavior change within our current empirically-supported behavioral treatments for alcohol use disorders. A further goal of this funding opportunity announcement (FOA) is to enhance translational research efforts by identifying potential neurobiological or cognitive processes that may act as potential mechanisms of therapeutic change or mediate the direct link between specific “active ingredients” and alcohol use treatment outcomes. The R21 mechanism is intended to encourage new exploratory and developmental research projects. Applications are due by February 17, 2015. Letters of intent are due by March 17, 2015. Click here for more information.

NIAAA: Research on Alcohol and HIV/AIDS
PA-13-121 (R01); PA-13-120 (R03); PA-13-122 (R21)
Application Submission Date: October 5, 2014 (R01), October 16, 2014 (R03 & R21)
The National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA), within the National Institutes of Health (NIH), seeks applications to support research to: 1) characterize the relative importance of reducing alcohol misuse in the prevention of acquisition and transmission of HIV in order to identify and apply appropriate alcohol and HIV interventions as public health measures; 2) more fully understand and prevent the progression of HIV disease in the presence of continued alcohol exposure; and 3) develop operational research frameworks for addressing the occurrence and persistence of infections in high-risk populations (e.g. minority women, young gay men, etc.), and translate findings into effective, culturally appropriate preventive and treatment interventions for these targeted populations. Applications are due by October 5, 2014 (R01), October 16, 2014 (R03 & R21). Additional information is available online for each grant: R01, R03, and R21.

NIAAA: Screening and Brief Alcohol Interventions in Underage and Young Adult Populations
PA-12-031 (R01); PA-12-030 (R21); PA-12-029 (R03)
Application Submission Dates: October 5, 2014 (R01); October 16, 2014 (R21; R03)
The National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA) invites applications on screening and brief interventions to prevent and/or reduce alcohol use and its adverse consequences. This funding opportunity announcement (FOA) is designed to stimulate a developmentally grounded program of research on screening and brief interventions to prevent and/or reduce underage drinking and hazardous young adult drinking. Research objectives of this FOA include, but are not limited to: (1) testing strategies to improve screening methods for youth with or at high risk for alcohol-related problems; (2) testing the efficacy and effectiveness of novel or modified evidence-based brief prevention interventions to: (a) prevent or delay the initiation of alcohol use, or (b) decrease the risk for the development of alcohol use disorders (AUDs) and associated problems among youth; and (3) examining individual, peer, familial, community, cultural, or other contextual factors (e.g., health care settings) that affect the adoption, implementation, and outcomes of empirically validated screening measures or brief interventions. Studies of racially and ethnically diverse populations in various social and cultural settings are encouraged. Investigations must be especially sensitive to unique human subject issues when conducting research in minors. Grant applications are due by October 5, 2014 (R01) and October 16, 2014 (R21; R03). Additional information is available online for each grant: R01, R21, and R03.

NIAAA: Structural Interventions, Alcohol Use, and Risk of HIV/AIDS
PA-13-191 (R01); PA-13-192 (R21)
Application Due Dates: October 5, 2014 (R01); October 16, 2014 (R21)
The National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA) within the National Institutes of Health (NIH) seeks applications from institutions and organizations that propose to investigate the effectiveness of structural interventions aimed at reducing the risk of HIV/AIDS transmission by changing the environment of alcohol use. Although a variety of structural and environmental interventions have been employed successfully to reduce other drinking-related problems, similar research extending into the realm of HIV/AIDS risk reduction is still in its developing stages. Evidence suggests that the relationship between drinking and risky behavior is likely to be the result of a complex interaction among personality, situational, and behavioral factors, as well as the sexual experience of the partners. This research attempts to move prevention science toward the investigation of the effects of structural or environmental interventions in altering drinking environments as a way of stemming alcohol-related HIV/AIDS risk behaviors and infection rates. Potential applicants are especially encouraged to examine the ramifications for HIV/AIDS risk of “naturally occurring” or already-announced changes in alcohol-related laws, regulations, programs or policies, specifically by evaluating the impacts of such changes against those observed in appropriate comparison sites/communities. Grant applications are due by: October 5, 2014 (R01); October 16, 2014 (R21). Additional information is available online for each grant: R01; R21.

NIDA: Behavioral Science Track Award for Rapid Transition (B/START) (R03)
PAR-12-251
Application Submission Date: October 16, 2014
The National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA), through the issuance of this funding opportunity announcement (FOA), seeks to facilitate the entry of beginning investigators into drug addiction research by inviting proposals that address behavioral processes and mechanisms. NIDA invites newly independent investigators to submit applications for small scale, innovative pilot projects related to NIDA’s behavioral sciences mission. A B/START award is intended to enable an investigator to gather preliminary data to support the submission of a subsequent research project grant (e.g., R01). All areas of behavioral research related to drug abuse are sought under this announcement including (a) animal and human basic behavioral research aimed at elucidating underlying behavioral mechanisms, determinants and correlates of drug abuse, drug and characterizing the consequences of drug abuse and addiction; (b) research incorporating neural and other biological approaches if the research has a primary focus on behavior; (c) drug abuse epidemiology, risk and protective factors, treatment, prevention, and drug abuse services; and (d) behavioral research on the intersection of drug abuse and HIV/AIDS and other infectious diseases. Grant applications are due by October 16, 2014. Click here for more information.

NIDA: Cutting-Edge Basic Research Awards (CEBRA) (R21)
PAR-12-086
Application Submission Date: December 20, 2013
The National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) invites applications for Cutting-Edge Basic Research Awards (CEBRA) to foster highly innovative or conceptually creative research that advances our understanding of drug abuse and addiction and how to prevent and treat them. The CEBRA program will support high-risk, high impact research projects that either: (1) tests a highly novel and significant hypothesis for which there are scant precedent or preliminary data and which, if confirmed, would have a substantial impact on current thinking; or (2) develops or adapts innovative techniques or methods for addiction research, or of potential future use in addiction research. It is not intended for incremental research or research extending ongoing programs. It is aimed at both: (1) drug abuse research investigators who wish to develop or adapt new methods or techniques, or to test novel hypotheses; and (2) investigators with expertise in fields other than drug abuse who wish to establish innovative programs in drug abuse or develop new approaches or technologies that will advance drug abuse and related research. The R21 mechanism allows support for projects in the early, first stages of development where there are little or no preliminary data available, but which have a strong rationale and conceptual framework. The CEBRA R21 program is not intended for large-scale undertakings or to support or supplement ongoing research. Applications submitted under this mechanism should be exploratory and novel and describe projects distinct from those supported through the traditional R01 mechanism. The research proposed in a CEBRA application should break new ground or extend previous discoveries toward new directions or applications. Grant applications are due by December 20, 2013. Click here for more information.

NIDA: Drug Abuse Dissertation Research (R36)
PAR-13-182
Application Submission Date: October 16, 2014
The National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) announces the availability of NIH Dissertation Award grants to support drug abuse doctoral dissertation research in NIDA areas of priority. Areas of focus include research on basic and clinical neuroscience and behavior, developmental trajectories, epidemiology, prevention, treatment, services, and/or women and sex/gender differences. Grant support is designed to encourage doctoral candidates from a variety of academic disciplines and programs to conduct research in these areas of interest to NIDA. It is hoped that this program will ultimately facilitate the entry of promising new investigators into the field of drug abuse research and promote transdisciplinary collaborations. Grant applications are due by October 16, 2014. Click here for more information.

NIDA: International Research Collaboration on Drug Abuse and Addiction
PA-12-040 (R01); PA-12-041 (R21); PA-12-042 (R03)
Applications Submission Dates: October 5, 2014 (R01); October 16, 2014 (R21; R03)
The National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) invites applications for international collaborative research on drug abuse and drug addiction. Projects should seek to: 1) take advantage of unique opportunities to advance scientific knowledge through research; 2) address the global impact of addiction on public health through activities that build research capacity internationally; or 3) effectively disseminate and share the knowledge gained through NIDA-supported research to scientists, treatment providers, and policy makers around the world. Current priority areas include: linkages between HIV/AIDS and drug abuse, and prevention, initiation, and treatment of nicotine and tobacco use (especially among vulnerable populations such as children, adolescents, pregnant women, and those with co-morbid disorders). Grant applications are due by October 5, 2014 (R01); October 16, 2014 (R21; R03). Additional information is available online for each grant: R01, R03, and R21.

NIDA: Mechanism for Time-Sensitive Drug Abuse Research (R21)
PAR-12-297
Application Submission Date: September 9, 2014
The National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) invites applications for pilot, feasibility or exploratory research for up to 2 years in 4 priority areas, including: 1) responses to unexpected and time-sensitive medical system issues (e.g. opportunities to understand addiction services in the evolving health care system); 2) responses to emerging drug abuse-related HIV trends and topics (e.g. rapidly evolving drug abuse-related epidemics, time-sensitive policy or environmental changes); 3) responses to unexpected and time-sensitive criminal justice opportunities (e.g. new system and/or structural level changes) that relate to drug abuse and access and provision of health care service; and 4) responses to unexpected and time-sensitive prescription drug abuse opportunities (e.g., new state or local efforts). It should be clear that the knowledge gained from the proposed study is time-sensitive and that an expedited rapid review and funding are required in order for the scientific question to be answered. Letters of intent are due 4 weeks prior to the submission date. Grant applications are due by September 9, 2014. Click here for more information.

NIDA/NIAAA: Mechanisms of Alcohol and Stimulant Co-Addiction
PA-13-339 (R01); PA-13-340 (R21)
Application Due Dates: October 5, 2014 (R01); October 16, 2014 (R21)
The National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA) and the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) within the National Institutes of Health (NIH) solicit applications from institutions and organizations that propose to study the neurobiological and behavioral mechanisms that might explain how alcohol and stimulants interact at genetic, epigenetic, cellular, neurocircuitry and behavioral levels to promote co-addiction. Many people who drink alcohol also use other psychoactive drugs such as nicotine, cocaine, amphetamine, methamphetamine and caffeine. Although the co-occurring use of alcohol and stimulants is common, the behavioral and neurobiological reasons for polydrug use and emergence of concurrent dependence on alcohol and stimulants require further study. Examples of areas of research interest include: determining whether the combined use of alcohol and stimulants diminishes negative effects associated with either substance; identifying the common or distinct molecular pathways, circuitry and neurotransmitter systems that mediate alcohol and stimulant co-use and addiction; examining the role of conditioned cues and their interactions in concurrent alcohol and stimulant use and addiction; and identifying neuroadaptations that occur in the presence of alcohol and stimulant co-use and addiction. Grant applications are due by October 5, 2014 (R01) and October 16, 2014 (R21). For more information, click here: R01; R21.

NIDA: Neuroscience Research on Drug Abuse
PA-13-338 (R01); PA-13-336 (R03); PA-13-337 (R21)
Application Due Dates: October 5, 2014 (R01); October 16, 2014 (R03 & R21)
The National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) within the National Institutes of Health (NIH) invites applications for research aimed at understanding the neurobiological mechanisms underlying drug abuse and addiction, with special emphasis on changes that occur during chronic drug use, withdrawal and relapse. According to the 2011 National Household Survey, about 22.5 million Americans, ages 12 or older, or about 8.7 percent of the population, were current users of illicit drugs. Substance abuse results in widespread changes in brain structure and function, and research is needed to explain these changes and how they affect behavior. An understanding of the basic mechanisms underlying drug addiction can help to identify targets for prevention and treatment interventions. Research utilizing basic, translational, or clinical approaches is appropriate. Grant applications are due by October 5, 2014 (R01) and October 16, 2014 (R03 & R21). For more information, click here: R01; R03; R21.

NIDA: Prevention and Treatment of Substance Using Populations with or at Risk for HCV (R34)
PA-14-135
Application Submission Deadline: October 16, 2014
This Funding Opportunity Announcement outlines priority areas for high impact clinical and basic research for at-risk substance using populations, including those infected with or at risk for HIV. In particular, this FOA encourages research focused on prevention and treatment of Hepatitis C Virus (HCV) to reduce new infections and identify and treat existing infections more effectively. This FOA is informed by priority areas in the 2011 HHS Action Plan, Combating the Silent Epidemic of Viral Hepatitis: Action Plan for the Prevention, Care and Treatment of Viral Hepatitis. Applications are due no later than 5:00 PM local time of applicant organization on October 16, 2014. Click here for more information.

NIH: Avenir Award Program for Genetics or Epigenetics of Substance Abuse (DP2)
RFA-DA-15-006
Application Submission Deadline: August 18, 2014
Avenir means future in French, and this award looks toward the future by supporting early stage investigators proposing highly innovative studies on the genetics or epigenetics of addiction and substance abuse. This award is designed to support creative individuals who wish to pursue innovative research approaches on the genetics of substance abuse and addiction in human populations or in model genetic organisms. The award will support those in an early stage of their career who may lack the preliminary data required for an R01 grant, but who propose high impact research and who show promise of being tomorrow's leaders in the field. Applications must describe highly innovative approaches with the
potential to be transformative. Applications are due by 5:00 PM local time of applicant organization on August 18, 2014. Click here for more information.

**NIH: Avenir Award Program for Research on Substance Abuse and HIV/AIDS(DP2)**
RFA-DA-15-007
Application Submission Deadline: November 14, 2016
Avenir means future in French, and this award looks toward the future by supporting early stage investigators proposing highly innovative studies. The award will support those in an early stage of their career who may lack the preliminary data required for an R01 grant, but who propose high impact research and who show promise of being tomorrow's leaders in the field. The Avenir Award Program for Research on Substance Abuse and HIV/AIDS will support research approaches for substance use populations with or at risk for HIV/AIDS that may lead to improved preventive interventions, improved therapies and/or long term retention in care, and ultimately, eradication of HIV. Applications are due November 14, 2016. Click here for more information

**NIH: Effects of Cannabis Use and Cannabinoids on the Developing Brain (R21, R03, R01)**
(R21) PA-14-162, (R03) PA-14-164, (R01) PA-14-163
These companion Funding Opportunity Announcements (FOAs) encourage grant applications from institutions and organizations that propose to study the effects and functional consequences of cannabis and cannabinoid exposures on the developing brain, from pre-, peri-, post-natal development through young adulthood in animal models and humans. Topics of interest pertaining to this FOA include, but are not limited to: molecular and cellular mechanisms of cannabis/cannabinoid effects on the developing brain; long term functional consequences of cannabis/cannabinoid exposure on learning and memory, cognitive and emotional development. Applications are due by 5:00 PM local time of applicant organization on R21, R03: October 16, 2014. R01: October 5, 2014. Click for more information: [R21](#), [R03](#), and [R01](#).

**NIH: International Research Collaboration on Alcohol and Alcoholism (U01)**
PAR-14-268
Application Submission Deadline: October 5, 2014
This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) invites applications for the purpose of fostering international collaborations between alcohol research investigators within the United States and investigators located at non-United States laboratories and performance sites for the mutual advancement of our understanding of alcohol problems and of clinical and public health approaches to their solutions. The program is intended to provide funds for research activities to be undertaken jointly between the U.S. and non-U.S. laboratory that expands the research direction of both the U.S. and non-U.S. laboratories in a collaborative manner. Letters of intent are due 30 days prior to the application due date. Applications are due by 5:00 PM local time on October 5, 2014. Click here for more information.

**NIH: Nutrition and Alcohol-Related Health Outcomes**
PA-13-359 (R01); PA-13-360 (R03); PA-13-361 (R21)
Application Due Dates: October 5, 2014 (R01); October 16, 2014 (R03) & (R21)
The National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA) and the Office of Dietary Supplements (ODS) within the National Institutes of Health (NIH) solicit applications that propose to examine associations between nutrition and alcohol-related health outcomes in humans and animal models. The goal is to stimulate a broad range of research on the role of nutrition in the development, prevention, and treatment of a variety of alcohol-related health outcomes including alcohol use disorder and chronic disease. Specific areas of research interest include, but are not limited to: Fetal alcohol spectrum disorders (FASD); alcohol-related chronic diseases; alcohol's impact on cognition; the relationship between alcohol and dietary intake; and the relationship between alcohol and energy balance. Grant applications are due by October 5, 2013 (R01); October 16, 2013 (R03 & R21). Additional information is available online for each grant: [R01](#); [R03](#); [R21](#).

**NIH: The National Drug Abuse Treatment Clinical Trials Network (UG1)**
RFA-DA-15-008
Application Submission Deadline: December 3, 2014
This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) invites applications from clinical investigators to participate in the National Drug Abuse Treatment Clinical Trials Network (CTN). NIDA intends to expand its research to develop and test interventions for the management of the wide spectrum of substance use disorders (SUD) with input from and collaboration with clinical research investigators, healthcare providers, patients and relevant stakeholders. Letters of Intent are due on November 3, 2014. Applications are due by 5:00 PM local time of applicant organization on December 3, 2014. Click here for more information.
NIH: Women & Sex/Gender Differences in Drug and Alcohol Abuse/Dependence (R01, R03, R21)
R01: PA-14-038, R03: PA-14-037, R21: PA-14-036
The purpose of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is to advance research on male-females differences in drug and alcohol abuse and addiction and on factors specific to women. Both human and animal model studies are sought. Applications are due by 5:00 pm local time of applicant organization on R01: October 5, 2014, R03/R21: October 16, 2014. Click here for more information.

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ACF: Quality Improvement Center for Research-Based Infant- Toddler Court Teams
HHS-2014-ACF-ACYF-CA-0832
Application Due Date: August 1, 2014
The Administration for Children and Families plans to award funding to establish a 17-month national Quality Improvement Center (QIC) designed to provide technical assistance and implement projects to fully develop and expand research-based child welfare infant-toddler court teams. The QIC will provide technical assistance and conduct projects in collaboration with the courts; state, county, or tribal child welfare systems; and other community-based agencies to increase their capacity to incorporate evidence-based practices to strengthen parenting and promote healthy development for infants and toddlers involved with child welfare. This national center will assist jurisdictions to expand and build infrastructure capacity across the courts, child welfare agencies, and other behavioral health and early childhood systems to ensure that infants and toddlers and their caregivers have access to comprehensive, high-quality evidence-based parenting, child development, and behavioral health services. The QIC will also disseminate promising practices and policies to support the healthy growth and development of infants and toddlers in child welfare and their families. Electronically submitted applications are due on August 1, 2014. Click here for more information.

NSF: Arctic Social Science Research Opportunities
NSF 06-603
Application Submission Deadline: November 10 annually
The Arctic Social Sciences Program invites investigators to submit proposals to conduct research about the Arctic or that is best done in the Arctic. The program is interested in research on the following areas: culture and environment, resources and economic change, development of social and political institutions, ethnic (cultural) and regional identities, and knowledge systems. Projects may be submitted on any social science topic. Under the Arctic Social Science Research Opportunities program, NSF has previously funded a research proposal focusing on the social implication of Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD). Applications are due November 10 annually. Click here for more information.

NSF: Law and Social Sciences
Application Submission Date: January 15 and August 15 annually
The Law and Social Science Program at the National Science Foundation supports social scientific studies of law and law-like systems of rules, institutions, processes, and behaviors. These can include, but are not limited to, research designed to enhance the scientific understanding of the impact of law; human behavior and interactions as these relate to law; the dynamics of legal decision making; and the nature, sources, and consequences of variations and changes in legal institutions. The primary consideration is that the research shows promise of advancing a scientific understanding of law and legal process. Within this framework, the Program has an "open window" for diverse theoretical perspectives, methods and contexts for study. For example, research on social control, crime causation, violence, victimization, legal and social change, patterns of discretion, procedural justice, compliance and deterrence, and regulatory enforcement are among the many areas that have recently received program support. In addition to standard proposals, planning grant proposals, travel support requests to lay the foundation for research, and proposals for improving doctoral dissertation research are welcome. Under the Law and Sciences program, NSF has previously funded research proposals focusing on legal socialization and rule-violating behavior in adolescents, the mental health of female youth in court-ordered residential treatment, and the experiences of psychologists in capital cases. Click here for more information.

OJJDP: FY 14 Practitioner - Researcher Partnership Mentoring Children
OJJDP-2014-3794
Application Submission Deadline: May 27, 2014
This demonstration program will support a practitioner-researcher partnership to develop and evaluate new mentoring practices to serve the needs of youth whose parents are incarcerated. While mentoring has been shown to be an effective intervention for youth, more research is needed to understand how the unique needs of youth who have incarcerated
parents are best supported through mentoring. Under this demonstration program, practitioners and researchers must partner to enhance existing mentoring programs to serve children of incarcerated parents and evaluate the new approach. Applications are due 11:59 PM Eastern Time on May 27, 2014, though OJP urges applicants to submit applicants 72 hours prior to this deadline. Click here for more information.