



# Federal Funding Opportunities – June 2018

## Highlight –

This month’s FFO highlights an Institute of Education Sciences (Institute) opportunity intended to provide national leadership in expanding fundamental knowledge and understanding of (1) developmental and school readiness outcomes for infants and toddlers with or at risk for a disability, (2) education outcomes for all students from early childhood education through postsecondary and adult education, and (3) employment and wage outcomes when relevant (such as for students who engaged in career and technical, postsecondary, or adult education). The National Center for Education Research (NCER) will hold a total of five competitions and National Center for Special Education Research (NCSEER) will hold a total of four competitions. The first application deadline for several competitions is August 9, 2018, and the last deadline is March 7, 2019. Click [here](#) for more information, including individual CFDA numbers and descriptions of each competition.

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## CAREER DEVELOPMENT AND RECOGNITION

### **CDC: CDC's Collaboration with Academia to Strengthen Public Health Workforce Capacity**

**CDC-RFA-OE17-17010203SUPP18**

**Application Submission Deadline: August 14, 2018**

The purpose of this Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) is to provide opportunities to CDC programs in CDC Centers/Institutes/Offices (CIOs) for strengthening population health and public health practice through specific Workforce Improvement Projects (WIPs). WIPs are non-research domestic or international projects that provide workforce development opportunities in academic or public health practice settings. These public health practice projects are developed and funded by CIOs and conducted by CDC's academic association partners or their members (e.g., colleges, universities, or residency programs) through the administration of extramural sub-awards. Some examples of WIPs are as follows: 1. Curricula for use in academic settings 2. Training, including courses that offer continuing education, for the current public health and health care workforce 3. A project to introduce public health to students or attract new talent to public health careers 4. Activities for development of nursing, medical, public health, or other faculty (e.g. an activity that incorporates public or population health into what faculty teach) 5. A community-level activity that supports public health practice 6. A public health practice quality improvement project that has a workforce development component 7. A project to evaluate a prevention or health promotion program or strategy of public health importance. Completed applications are due by August 14, 2018. Click [here](#) for more information.

### **NIH: International Research Scientist Development Award (IRSDA) (K01) Independent Clinical Trial Not Allowed PAR-18-539**

**Application Submission Deadline: March 7, 2019**

The purpose of the International Research Scientist Development Award (IRSDA) is to provide support and protected time (three to five years) to advanced postdoctoral U.S. research scientists and recently-appointed U.S. junior faculty (applicants must be at least two years beyond conferral of doctoral degree) for an intensive, mentored research career development experience in a low- or middle-income country (LMIC), as defined by the World Bank, leading to an independently-funded research career focused on global health. This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) invites applications from postdoctoral research scientists and junior faculty from any health-related discipline who propose career development activities and a research project that is relevant to the health priorities of the LMIC under the mentorship of LMIC and U.S. mentors. This FOA is designed specifically for applicants proposing research that does not involve leading an independent clinical trial, a clinical trial feasibility study, or an ancillary study to a clinical trial. Applicants to this FOA are permitted to propose research experience in a clinical trial led by a mentor or co-mentor. Applicants proposing a clinical trial or an ancillary study to an ongoing clinical trial as lead investigator, should apply to the companion FOA (PAR-18-540). Completed applications are due by 5pm local time of applicant organization on March 7, 2019. Click [here](#) for more information.

### **NIH: International Research Scientist Development Award (IRSDA) (K01) Independent Clinical Trial Required PAR-18-540**

**Application Submission Deadline: March 7, 2019**

The purpose of the International Research Scientist Development Award (IRSDA) is to provide support and protected time (three to five years) to advanced postdoctoral U.S. research scientists and recently-appointed U.S. junior faculty (applicants must be at least two years beyond conferral of doctoral degree) for an intensive, mentored research career development experience in a low- or middle-income country (LMIC), as defined by the World Bank leading to an independently-funded research career focused on global health. This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) invites applications from postdoctoral research scientists and junior faculty from any health-related discipline who propose career development activities and a research project that is relevant to the health priorities of the LMIC under the mentorship of LMIC and U.S. mentors. This FOA is designed specifically for applicants proposing to serve as the lead investigator of an independent clinical trial, a clinical trial feasibility study, or a separate ancillary study to an existing trial, as part of their research and career development. Applicants not planning an independent clinical trial, or proposing to gain research experience in a clinical trial led by another investigator, must apply to companion FOA (PAR-18-539). Completed applications are due by 5pm local time of applicant organization on March 7, 2019. Click [here](#) for more information.

### **NIH: NIH Director's Early Independence Award (DP5 - Clinical Trial Optional) RFA-RM-18-010**

**Application Submission Deadline: September 27, 2018**

The [NIH Director's Early Independence Award](#) supports exceptional investigators who wish to pursue independent research essentially directly after completion of their terminal doctoral/research degree or end of post-graduate clinical training, thereby forgoing the traditional post-doctoral training period and accelerating their entry into an independent research career. Applications are welcome from individuals of diverse backgrounds and perspectives and in any topic of relevance to the broad mission of NIH. The NIH Director's Early Independence Award is a component of the [High-Risk, High-Reward Research program](#) of the [NIH Common Fund](#). Letters of intent are due by August 27, 2018. Completed applications are due by 5pm local time of application organization on [September 27, 2018](#). Click [here](#) for more information.

**NIH: NINDS Neuroscience Development for Advancing the Careers of a Diverse Research Workforce (R25)  
PAR-17-312**

**Application Submission Deadline: September 25, 2018**

The NIH Research Education Program (R25) supports research education activities in the mission areas of the NIH. The over-arching goal of this NINDS Neuroscience Development for Advancing the Careers of a Diverse Research Workforce R25 program is to support educational activities that enhance the diversity of the biomedical, behavioral and clinical research workforce by (1) increasing the pool of current and future Ph.D.-level research scientists from diverse backgrounds underrepresented in biomedical neuroscience research; and (2) facilitating the career advancement/transition of the participants to the next step of their neuroscience careers. Letters of intent are due 30 days prior to the application deadline. Completed applications are due by [September 25, 2018](#). Click [here](#) for more information.

**NIH: NINDS Research Education Opportunities (R25 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)**

**PAR-18-782**

**Application Submission Deadline: August 27, 2018**

The NIH Research Education Program (R25) supports research education activities in the mission areas of the NIH. The over-arching goal of this NINDS R25 program is to support educational activities that complement and/or enhance the training of a workforce to meet the nation's biomedical, behavioral and clinical research needs. The purpose of this funding opportunity announcement is to encourage applications for the initiation or continuation of nationally-available neuroscience research education programs that will significantly advance the mission of NINDS. The primary focus of programs submitted under this FOA should be on intensive hands-on experience that will provide research experience, an in depth understanding of techniques and analytic approaches and expertise that is only possible with a nationally-organized program. Within the context of gaining expertise primarily through hands-on experience, programs may include immersive coursework and expert discussion when appropriate. Programs appropriate for this FOA must include participants from a nationally recruited cohort, selected through an application process by a well-balanced leadership committee. Letters of intent are due 30 days prior to the application deadline. Completed applications are due by [August 27, 2018](#). Click [here](#) for more information.

**NIH: Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award (NRSA) Individual Predoctoral Fellowship (Parent F31)  
PA-18-671**

**Application Submission Deadline: August 8, 2018**

The purpose of the Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award (NRSA) Individual Predoctoral Fellowship (Parent F31) award is to enable promising predoctoral students to obtain individualized, mentored research training from outstanding faculty sponsors while conducting dissertation research in scientific health-related fields relevant to the missions of the participating NIH Institutes and Centers. The proposed mentored research training must reflect the applicant's dissertation research project and is expected to clearly enhance the individual's potential to develop into a productive, independent research scientist. This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is designed specifically for applicants proposing research that does not involve leading an independent clinical trial, a clinical trial feasibility study, or an ancillary study to a clinical trial, but does allow applicants to propose research experience in a clinical trial led by a sponsor or co-sponsor. Completed applications are due by [August 8, 2018](#). Click [here](#) for more information.

**NIH: Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award (NRSA) Individual Postdoctoral Fellowship (Parent F32)  
PA-18-670**

**PA-18-670**

**Application Submission Deadline: August 8, 2018**

The purpose of the Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award (NRSA) Individual Postdoctoral Fellowship (Parent F32) is to support research training of highly promising postdoctoral candidates who have the potential to become

productive, independent investigators in scientific health-related research fields relevant to the missions of the participating NIH Institutes and Centers. Applications are expected to incorporate exceptional mentorship. This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is designed specifically for applicants proposing research that does not involve leading an independent clinical trial, a clinical trial feasibility study, or an ancillary study to a clinical trial, but does allow applicants to propose research experience in a clinical trial led by a sponsor or co-sponsor. Completed applications are due by August 8, 2018. Click [here](#) for more information.

**NIH: Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award (NRSA) Individual Senior Fellowship (Parent F33) PA-18-672**

**Application Submission Deadline: August 8, 2018**

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) awards senior individual research training fellowships to experienced scientists who wish to make major changes in the direction of their research careers or who wish to broaden their scientific background by acquiring new research capabilities as independent investigators in research fields relevant to the missions of participating NIH Institutes and Centers. This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is designed specifically for applicants proposing research that does not involve leading an independent clinical trial, a clinical trial feasibility study, or an ancillary study to a clinical trial, but does allow applicants to propose research experience in a clinical trial led by a sponsor or co-sponsor. Completed applications are due by August 8, 2018. Click [here](#) for more information.

**NIH: Short-term Mentored Career Enhancement Awards for Mid-Career Investigators to Integrate Basic Behavioral and Social Sciences (K18)**

**PAR-17-486**

**Application Submission Deadline: March 6, 2019**

This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) encourages applications for short-term mentored career development (K18) awards that improve synergies among researchers in basic and applied behavioral-social sciences, human subjects and model animals settings; and biomedical and behavioral-social sciences. The objective of the award is to provide support for experienced scientists who either wish to broaden their scientific capabilities or to make changes in their research careers by acquiring new research skills or knowledge. The purpose of this FOA is to provide such investigators with support for an intensive period of mentored research experience to acquire new research capabilities in research areas supported by the sponsoring NIH Institute(s)/Center(s). Such experiences will afford candidate investigators protected time to: 1) enrich and expand their expertise and research programs through retooling in new techniques, emerging technologies, and/or scientific areas; and/or 2) redirect their research programs in new trajectories; and/or 3) catalyze research collaborations in new research directions. It is expected that this initiative will lead to new and/or augmented research programs competitive for NIH funding. Completed applications are due by 5pm local time of application organization on March 6, 2019. Click [here](#) for more information.

**NIH: Short-term Mentored Career Enhancement Awards for Mid-Career Investigators to Integrate Basic Behavioral and Social Sciences (K18 - No Independent Clinical Trials)**

**PAR-18-349**

**Application Submission Deadline: March 6, 2019**

This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) encourages applications for short-term mentored career development (K18) awards that improve synergies among researchers in basic and applied behavioral-social sciences, human subjects and model animals settings; and biomedical and behavioral-social sciences. This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is designed specifically for applicants proposing research that does not involve leading an independent clinical trial, a clinical trial feasibility study, or an ancillary study to a clinical trial. Applicants to this FOA are permitted to propose research experience in a clinical trial led by a mentor or co-mentor. Applicants proposing a clinical trial or an ancillary study to an ongoing clinical trial as lead investigator should apply to the companion FOA (posted above: FOA #PAR-17-486). Completed applications are due by March 6, 2019. Click [here](#) for more information.

**NIMH: Administrative Supplement Program to Enable Continuity of Research Experiences of MD/PhDs during Clinical Training (Admin Supp Clinical Trial Optional)**

**PA-18-642**

**Application Submission Deadline: April 1, 2019**

The purpose of the NIMH Administrative Supplement Program to Enable Continuity of Research Experiences of MD/PhDs during Clinical Training is to support advanced research opportunities for exceptional individuals holding the MD/PhD degree who are early in their research careers and thereby help these individuals transition efficiently and effectively from the period of clinical training to the next stage of their research careers. This administrative supplement program will

provide focused, protected research time for eligible individuals during residency and/or clinical fellowship. The proposed research experience must have the potential to contribute significantly to the candidate's research career. Administrative supplements must support work within the scope of the original project. All applicants are encouraged to discuss potential requests with the NIMH prior to submission. Completed applications are due by April 1, 2019. Click [here](#) for more information.

**NIMH: NIMH Biobehavioral Research Awards for Innovative New Scientists (NIMH BRAINS) (R01 Clinical Trial Optional)**

**RFA-MH-19-130**

**Application Submission Deadline: June 20, 2019**

The NIMH Biobehavioral Research Awards for Innovative New Scientists (BRAINS) award is intended to support the research and research career advancement of outstanding, exceptionally productive scientists who are in the early, formative stages of their careers and who plan to make a long-term career commitment to research in specific mission areas of the NIMH. This award seeks to assist these individuals in launching an innovative clinical, translational, basic or services research program that holds the potential to profoundly transform the understanding, diagnosis, treatment, or prevention of mental disorders. The NIMH BRAINS program will focus on the research priorities and gap areas identified in the NIMH Strategic Plan and the Research Domain Criteria (RDoC) project. Letters of intent are due 30 days prior to the application deadline. Completed applications are due by June 20, 2019. Click [here](#) for more information.

**NSF: Alliances for Graduate Education and the Professoriate**

**16-552**

**Application Submission Deadline: Second Friday in December, Annually**

The Alliances for Graduate Education and the Professoriate (AGEP) program seeks to advance knowledge about models to improve pathways to the professoriate and success for historically underrepresented minority doctoral students, postdoctoral fellows and faculty, particularly African Americans, Hispanic Americans, American Indians, Alaska Natives, Native Hawaiians, and Native Pacific Islanders, in specific STEM disciplines and/or STEM education research fields. New and innovative models are encouraged, as are models that reproduce and/or replicate existing evidence-based alliances in significantly different disciplines, institutions, and participant cohorts. The AGEP program goal is to increase the number of historically underrepresented minority faculty, in specific STEM disciplines and STEM education research fields, by advancing knowledge about pathways to career success. The program objectives include: To support the development, implementation and study of innovative models of doctoral education, postdoctoral training, and faculty advancement for historically underrepresented minorities in specific STEM disciplines and/or STEM education research fields; and to advance knowledge about the underlying issues, policies and practices that have an impact on the participation, transitions and advancement of historically underrepresented minorities in the STEM academy. Completed applications are due by the second Friday in December, annually. Click [here](#) for more information.

**NSF: SBE Postdoctoral Research Fellowships**

**NSF 16-590**

**Application Submission Deadline: Second Monday in October, Annually.**

The National Science Foundation (NSF), Directorate for Social, Behavioral and Economic Sciences (SBE) offers Postdoctoral Research Fellowships to encourage independence early in the Fellow's career through supporting his or her research and training goals. The research and training plan of each fellowship must address important scientific questions within the scope of the SBE Directorate and the specific guidelines in this fellowship solicitation. Click [here](#) for more information.

## **GENERAL FUNDING MECHANISMS**

**NICHD: Exploratory/Developmental Research Grant (R21 - Clinical Trial Optional)**

**PA-18-482**

**Application Submission Deadline: October 16, 2018**

The NICHD Exploratory/Developmental Grant program supports exploratory and developmental research projects that fall within the NICHD mission 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. Applications are due by 5pm local time of applicant organization on October 16, 2018. Click [here](#) for more information.

**NICHD: Research Project Grant (R01 - Clinical Trial Required)**

**PA-18-480**

**Application Submission Deadline: October 5, 2018**

The NICHD supports research in areas relevant to normal and abnormal human development, including: contraception, fertilization, pregnancy, childbirth, prenatal and postnatal development; childhood development through adolescence; intellectual and developmental disabilities; and rehabilitation medicine. This FOA is specifically for receipt of applications within the NICHD mission that propose one or more clinical trials. Applications are due by 5pm local time of applicant organization on October 5, 2018. Click [here](#) for more information.

**NIDA: Small Research Grant Program (R03 Clinical Trial Required)**

**PA-18-634**

**Application Submission Deadline: October 16, 2018**

The NIDA Small Research Grant Program supports small research projects that can be carried out in a short period of time with limited resources. This program 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. This Funding Opportunity Announcement requires that at least 1 clinical trial be proposed. The proposed project must be related to the programmatic interests of NIDA. Completed applications are due by October 16, 2018. Click [here](#) for more information.

**NIH: Exploratory/Developmental Research Grant Program (Parent R21 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)**

**PA-18-489**

**Application Submission Deadline: October 16, 2018**

The NIH Exploratory/Developmental Grant supports 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. Applications are due by 5pm local time of applicant organization on October 16, 2018. Click [here](#) for more information.

**NIH: Research Project Grant (Parent R01 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)**

**PA-18-484**

**Application Submission Deadline: October 5, 2018**

The NIH Research Project Grant supports a discrete, specified, circumscribed project in areas representing the specific interests and competencies of the investigator(s). The proposed project must be related to the programmatic interests of one or more of the participating NIH Institutes and Centers (ICs) based on their scientific missions. This Funding Opportunity Announcement does not accept clinical trials. Applications are due by 5pm local time of applicant organization on October 5, 2018. Click [here](#) for more information.

**NIH: Small Research Grant Program (Parent R03 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)**

**PA-18-488**

**Application Submission Deadline: October 16, 2018**

The NIH Small Research Grant Program supports small research projects that can be carried out in a short period of time with limited resources. This program 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. This Funding Opportunity Announcement does not accept clinical trials. Applications are due by 5pm local time of applicant organization on October 16, 2018. Click [here](#) for more information.

## BY TOPIC

### ADOLESCENCE

**NIH: Developmentally Tailored HIV Prevention and Care Research for Adolescents and Young Adults (R01 Clinical Trial Optional) (R21 Clinical Trial Optional) (R34 Clinical Trial Optional)**

**PA-18-651, PA-18-652, PA-18-653**

**Application Submission Deadline: October 5, 2018 (R01), October 16 (R21 and R34)**

This Funding Opportunity Announcement encourages developmentally tailored research focused on adolescents and emerging adults as it relates to HIV prevention and treatment. Research is encouraged to incorporate recent advances in adolescent and young adult developmental research to better understand HIV prevention and care of this heterogeneous population. Completed applications are due by October 5, 2018 (R01) and October 16 (R21 and R34). Click here for more information: [R01](#), [R21](#), [R34](#).

### ART

**NEA: NEA Research Labs, FY2019**

**NEAPS1801**

**Application Submission Deadline: July 19, 2018**

The National Endowment for the Arts' (NEA) five-year research agenda aims to build public knowledge about the arts' contributions to individuals and society. Through the NEA Research Labs ("Research Labs"), we seek to extend this agenda and its impact by cultivating a series of transdisciplinary research partnerships, grounded in the social and behavioral sciences, to produce and report empirical insights about the arts for the benefit of arts and non-arts sectors alike. Each Research Lab will define its own agenda, conduct a research program to implement that agenda, and prepare reports that will contribute substantively to a wider understanding of one of three areas of special interest to the NEA: 1. The Arts, Health, and Social/Emotional Well-Being a. Therapeutic Approaches and Benefits b. Non-Therapeutic Approaches and Benefits 2. The Arts, Creativity, Cognition, and Learning 3. The Arts, Entrepreneurship, and Innovation. Completed applications are due by July 19, 2018. Click [here](#) for more information.

### AUTISM

**Research on Autism Spectrum Disorders (R01-Clinical Trial Optional) (R21-Clinical Trial Optional) (R03-Clinical Trial Optional)**

**PA-18-401, PA-18-400, PA-18-399**

**Application Submission Deadlines: October 5, 2018 (R01), October 16, 2018 (R21, R03)**

The purpose of these Funding Opportunity Announcements (FOA) are to encourage research grant applications to support research designed to elucidate the etiology, epidemiology, diagnosis, and optimal means of service delivery in relation to Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD). Completed applications are due by 5pm local time of application organization on October 5, 2018 (R01) and October 16, 2018 (R21, R03).

### BEHAVIOR

**NIH: Healthy Habits: Timing for Developing Sustainable Healthy Behaviors in Children and Adolescents (R01 Clinical Trial Optional)**

**PA-18-355**

**Application Submission Deadline: October 5, 2018**

This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA), issued by the National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR), is intended to encourage Research Project Grant (R01) 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 18). Positive health behaviors may include: developing healthy sleep patterns, developing effective self-regulation strategies, adaptive decision-making in risk situations, practicing proper dental hygiene, eating a balanced and nutritious diet, engaging in age-appropriate physical activity and/or participating in healthy relationships. Applications to promote positive health behavior(s) should target social and cultural contexts, 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; 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 team that include nurse scientists are strongly encouraged. Applications are due by 5pm local time of applicant organization on October 5, 2018. Click [here](#) for more information.

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

**PA-18-354**

**Application Submission Deadline: October 16, 2018**

This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA), issued by the National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR), is to encourage Exploratory/Developmental Research Grant (R21) 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 18). Positive health behaviors may include: developing healthy sleep patterns, developing effective self-regulation strategies, adaptive decision-making in risk situations, practicing proper dental hygiene, eating a balanced and nutritious diet, engaging in age-appropriate physical activity and/or participating in healthy relationships. Applications to promote positive health behavior(s) should target social and cultural contexts, 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; 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 that include nurse scientists are strongly encouraged. Completed applications are due by 5pm local time of applicant organization on October 16, 2018. Click [here](#) for more information.

**NIH: Identification and Management of Behavioral Symptoms and Mental Health Conditions in Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities (R01 - Clinical Trial Optional)**

**PAR-18-766**

**Application Submission Deadline: October 5, 2018**

This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) encourages research grant applications focusing on identification and management of behavioral symptoms and mental health conditions in individuals with intellectual disabilities (ID). Specific areas of interest for this funding opportunity are (1) applications to develop and validate assessment tools that reliably identify behavioral symptoms or diagnose mental health conditions in individuals with ID, and (2) applications studying the pharmacokinetics, safety and efficacy of specific psychotropic medications for treatment of behavioral symptoms or mental health conditions in individuals with ID. Letters of intent are due 30 days prior to the application deadline. Completed applications are due by 5:00pm local time of applicant organization on October 5, 2018. Click [here](#) for more information.

**NIH: Interdisciplinary Research Teams to Investigate Reciprocal Basic Behavioral and Social Linkages Between Sleep and Stress (R24 Clinical Trial Optional)**

**PAR-18-694**

**Application Submission Deadline: October 29, 2018**

This FOA encourages applications that develop, strengthen, and evaluate transdisciplinary approaches, methods, and investigative teams in basic behavioral, social, and/or biobehavioral research to generate fundamental knowledge of the reciprocal linkages between sleep and stress. Stress can result in sleep disruption due to both psychological as well as physiological changes. Sleep disruption can result in physiological changes; however, individuals may not recognize or identify impairment due to sleep disruption. This initiative supports the development of research teams to understand how basic individual, social, biological, and environmental factors interact in a dynamic relationship between sleep patterns

and psychosocial stress to influence health, wellness, disease, and/or treatment adherence. Letters of intent are due 30 days prior to the application deadline. Completed applications are due by October 29, 2018. Click [here](#) for more information.

## ***BRAIN FUNCTION AND DEVELOPMENT; NEUROBIOLOGY***

### **NIH: From Genomic Association to Causation: A Convergent Neuroscience Approach for Integrating Levels of Analysis to Delineate Brain Function in Neuropsychiatry (R01) (Collaborative R01) (U01) (Collaborative U01) PAR-17-253, PAR-17-252, PAR-17-179, PAR-17-176**

#### **Application Submission Deadline: February 5, 2019**

The primary objective of this FOA is to stimulate innovative Convergent Neuroscience (CN) approaches to establish causal and/or probabilistic linkages across contiguous levels of analysis (e.g., gene, molecule, cell, circuit, system, behavior) in an explanatory model of psychopathology. In particular, applicants should focus on how specific constituent biological processes at one level of analysis contribute to quantifiable properties at other levels, either directly or as emergent phenomena. Although not required, it is preferable that applications link at least three levels of analysis and include an emphasis on genetics. The projects under this FOA will develop novel methods, theories, and approaches through a CN team framework, bringing together highly synergistic inter/transdisciplinary teams from neuroscience and the orthogonal fields of *the physical sciences* (e.g., data/computational science, physics, engineering, mathematics). Successful teams will combine, expand upon, or develop conceptual frameworks and theoretical approaches, and build explanatory computational models that connect contiguous levels of analysis. Such frameworks, theories, and computational explanatory models should be validated through experimental approaches to elucidate biological underpinnings of complex behavioral (including cognitive and affective) outcomes in psychopathology. Additionally, a goal of this program is to advance research in CN by creating a shared community framework of resources which may be used by the broader research community to further research. As such, a successful team will be expected to have a robust plan for sharing data and other resources. Letters of intent are due 30 days prior to the application due dates. Completed applications are due by 5pm local time of application organization on February 5, 2019 (R01, Collaborative R01, U01 and Collaborative U01).

### **NIH: Mechanistic Investigations of Psychosocial Stress Effects on Opioid Use Patterns (R01- Clinical Trial Optional) (R21- Clinical Trial Optional)**

#### **PAS-18-624, PAS-18-625**

#### **Application Submission Deadline: October 5, 2018 (R01), October 16, 2018 (R21)**

This funding opportunity announcement (FOA) invites innovative research to characterize the consequences of psychosocial stress on affective/cognitive functioning and/or pain processing as it relates to opioid use disorder (OUD). This FOA encourages research that elucidates mechanisms of action and determinants of vulnerability and/or resilience by which psychosocial stress influence OUD trajectories. Research using basic or clinical approaches is appropriate. Letters of intent are due 30 days prior to the application deadline. Completed applications are due by October 5, 2018 (R01) and October 16, 2018 (R21).

### **NIH: NINDS Neuroscience Development for Advancing the Careers of a Diverse Research Workforce (R25) PAR-17-312**

#### **Application Submission Deadline: September 25, 2018**

The NIH Research Education Program (R25) supports research education activities in the mission areas of the NIH. The over-arching goal of this NINDS Neuroscience Development for Advancing the Careers of a Diverse Research Workforce R25 program is to support educational activities that enhance the diversity of the biomedical, behavioral and clinical research workforce by (1) increasing the pool of current and future Ph.D.-level research scientists from diverse backgrounds underrepresented in biomedical neuroscience research; and (2) facilitating the career advancement/transition of the participants to the next step of their neuroscience careers. Letters of intent are due 30 days prior to the application deadline. Completed applications are due by September 25, 2018. Click [here](#) for more information.

### **NIH: NINDS Research Education Opportunities (R25 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)**

#### **PAR-18-782**

#### **Application Submission Deadline: August 27, 2018**

The NIH Research Education Program (R25) supports research education activities in the mission areas of the NIH. The over-arching goal of this NINDS R25 program is to support educational activities that complement and/or enhance the training of a workforce to meet the nation's biomedical, behavioral and clinical research needs. The purpose of this funding

opportunity announcement is to encourage applications for the initiation or continuation of nationally-available neuroscience research education programs that will significantly advance the mission of NINDS. The primary focus of programs submitted under this FOA should be on intensive hands-on experience that will provide research experience, an in depth understanding of techniques and analytic approaches and expertise that is only possible with a nationally-organized program. Within the context of gaining expertise primarily through hands-on experience, programs may include immersive coursework and expert discussion when appropriate. Programs appropriate for this FOA must include participants from a nationally recruited cohort, selected through an application process by a well-balanced leadership committee. Letters of intent are due 30 days prior to the application deadline. Completed applications are due by August 27, 2018. Click [here](#) for more information.

**NIH: Research on the Mechanisms and/or Behavioral Outcomes of Multisensory Processing (R01 - Clinical Trial Optional)**

**PA-18-545**

**Application Submission Deadline: October 5, 2018**

The purpose of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is to invite applications that elucidate the mechanisms and/or behavioral outcomes of multisensory processing, the integration or processing of at least two distinct types of sensory input as defined by distinct receptor-type transduction, neural pathways and cognate perceptual quality. Specifically, multiple sensory inputs may include the major traditional modalities of hearing, vision, taste, smell, balance, and touch. Additional submodalities of body senses include but are not restricted to thermosensation, body position and proprioception, pain, itch, and general visceral sensation. This FOA encourages research grant applications investigating multisensory processing in perception or other behavioral and social outcomes and/or the mechanisms underlying multisensory processing in the context of the described specific areas of research interests from the participating NIH Institutes, Centers, and Offices (ICOs). The FOA is intended to encourage basic, behavioral, and/or clinical research projects examining the interactions between other neural systems, such as cognitive, affective, or motor processes, and multiple sensory modalities. Letters of intent are due 30 days prior to the application deadline. Completed applications are due by October 5, 2018. Click [here](#) for more information.

**CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT**

**ACF: Best Practices for the Use of Text and Chat-Based Technology in Child Maltreatment Reporting, Detection, and Prevention**

**HHS-2018-ACF-ACYF-CA-1383**

**Application Submission Deadline: Forecasted August 3, 2018**

The purpose of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is to solicit proposals for a grant to develop and expand text and chat-based capabilities for child maltreatment prevention, resource sharing, detection, and reporting. In doing this work, the grantee is required to (1) Determine best practices and protocols pertaining to the use of text and chat-based technology within the child abuse and neglect reporting context; (2) Identify effective strategies for appropriate communication, identity verification, and privacy protection for youth who may be victims of maltreatment; and (3) Develop strategies for effectively sharing resources with youth who may be experiencing maltreatment. The protocols and strategies should be widely disseminated and applicable to national hotline environments. Applicants must possess the capacity to coordinate with hotlines administered by the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) such as the National Domestic Violence Hotline and the National Human Trafficking Hotline. This grant will be for one 24-month project period. Completed applications are anticipated to be due by August 3, 2018. Click [here](#) for more information.

**CHILD WELFARE**

**ACF: Community Collaborations to Strengthen and Preserve Families**

**HHS-2018-ACF-ACYF-CA-1351**

**Application Submission Deadline: July 3, 2018**

The purpose of this funding opportunity (FOA) announcement is to fund five-year demonstration projects that support the development, implementation, and evaluation of strategies that embrace proactive efforts to build on the strengths of families, including those at high risk for child maltreatment. The projects will enhance the capacity of communities to address the well-being needs of families before more formal strategies, practices, or activities are warranted. The FOA will address site specific barriers in order to reduce the number of referrals to the public child welfare agency. The cooperative agreements will fund activities that include the planning necessary to implement a multi-system collaborative to support community-based and prevention-focused services; the coordination of a network of community-based services to foster the development of a continuum of preventative services; maximize availability and access to resources using innovative

approaches to leverage and coordinate existing funding streams; innovative outreach to identify and link families to community-based resources, empower families to support their children's healthy social and emotional development; active participation with the designated evaluation Technical Assistance (TA) provider in a rigorous site-specific evaluation to improve processes and services, to demonstrate linkages between proposed strategies, practices, or activities, and improved outcomes; and conduct a local evaluation that analyzes the implementation and outcomes of the projects. Letters of intent are due 30 days before the application submission deadline. Completed applications are due by July 3, 2018. Click [here](#) for more information.

**ACF: Strengthening Child Welfare Systems to Achieve Expected Child and Family Outcomes  
HHS-2018-ACF-ACYF-CO-1360**

**Application Submission Deadline: July 18, 2018**

The purpose of this funding opportunity is to award up to five 5-year cooperative agreements for the development, implementation, and evaluation of strategies that focus on better adoption outcomes by improving basic social work, legal, and judicial practice in order to eliminate systemic barriers to: adoption; preventing entry into foster care; and other forms of permanency. Due to the intersection of permanency, safety, and well-being, an effective system reform effort focused on improving adoption outcomes by improving concurrent planning and reducing time to permanency will also require attention to safety and well-being outcomes. Therefore, through these grant awards, the Children's Bureau (CB) aims to support states with resources to implement and sustain child welfare system improvement efforts, including technical assistance support, in order to assist grantees in strengthening outcomes related to permanency, safety, and well-being. Applicants are required to use CFSR findings, Program Improvement Plans (PIPs), Child and Family Services Plans, Title IV-E Foster Care Eligibility Review, Annual Progress and Services Reports, and Court Improvement Program (CIP) Plans and CIP Self-Assessments to identify barriers, challenges, and potential solutions to: supporting placement of children in kinship care arrangements, preadoptive, or adoptive homes; permanency planning and achievement; ensuring child safety; enhanced engagement with and service delivery to children and families, including fathers; enhancing case planning; and/or maintaining family relationships and connections. Letters of intent are due by June 3, 2018. Completed applications are due by July 18, 2018. Click [here](#) for more information.

**COGNITIVE DEVELOPMENT AND LEARNING SCIENCES**

**NIH: National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders (NIDCD) Research Grants for Translating Basic Research into Clinical Tools (R01- Clinical Trials Optional)  
PAR-18-533**

**Application Submission Deadline: February 20, 2019**

This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is intended to provide an avenue for basic scientists, clinicians and clinical scientists to jointly initiate and conduct translational research projects which translate basic research findings into clinical tools for better human health. The scope of this FOA includes a range of activities to encourage translation of basic research findings which will impact the diagnosis, treatment and prevention of communication disorders. Connection to the clinical condition must be clearly established and the outcomes of the grant must have practical clinical impact. Letters of intent are due 30 days prior to the application deadline. Completed applications are due by February 20, 2019. Click [here](#) for more information.

**NSF: Developmental and Learning Sciences**

**Application Submission 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 information.

## **DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES**

### **NIH: Identification and Management of Behavioral Symptoms and Mental Health Conditions in Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities (R01 - Clinical Trial Optional)**

**PAR-18-766**

**Application Submission Deadline: October 5, 2018**

This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) encourages research grant applications focusing on identification and management of behavioral symptoms and mental health conditions in individuals with intellectual disabilities (ID). Specific areas of interest for this funding opportunity are (1) applications to develop and validate assessment tools that reliably identify behavioral symptoms or diagnose mental health conditions in individuals with ID, and (2) applications studying the pharmacokinetics, safety and efficacy of specific psychotropic medications for treatment of behavioral symptoms or mental health conditions in individuals with ID. Letters of intent are due 30 days prior to the application deadline. Completed applications are due by 5:00pm local time of applicant organization on October 5, 2018. Click [here](#) for more information.

### **NIH: Pregnancy in Women with Disabilities (R01)**

**PA-17-452**

**Application Submission Deadline: October 16, 2018**

This funding opportunity announcement (FOA) issued by the *Eunice Kennedy Shriver* National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD) encourages research project grants (R01) investigating the incidence, course, and outcomes of pregnancy among women with disabilities. Areas of interest also include studies to inform preconceptional and antenatal counseling and strategies for addressing barriers to prenatal care, and management of pregnancy, the puerperium, and the transition to parenthood in order to optimize outcomes for women with physical, intellectual and developmental, and/or sensory disabilities and their families. Applicants are encouraged to include women with disabilities and members of the community in the design and conduct of their research. Letters of intent are due 30 days prior to the application deadline. Completed applications are due by October 16, 2018. Click [here](#) for more information.

### **NIH: Pregnancy in Women with Disabilities (R03)**

**PA-17-451**

**Application Submission Deadline: October 5, 2018**

This funding opportunity announcement (FOA) issued by the *Eunice Kennedy Shriver* National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD) encourages small research project grants (R03) investigating the incidence, course, and outcomes of pregnancy among women with disabilities. Areas of interest also include studies to inform preconceptional and antenatal counseling and strategies for addressing barriers to prenatal care, and management of pregnancy, the puerperium, and the transition to parenthood in order to optimize outcomes for women with physical, intellectual and developmental, and/or sensory disabilities and their families. Applicants are encouraged to include women with disabilities and members of the community in the design and conduct of their research. Letters of intent are due 30 days prior to the application deadline. Completed applications are due by October 5, 2018. Click [here](#) for more information.

### **NIH: Research on Autism Spectrum Disorders (R01-Clinical Trial Optional) (R21-Clinical Trial Optional) (R03-Clinical Trial Optional)**

**PA-18-401, PA-18-400, PA-18-399**

**Application Submission Deadlines: October 5, 2018 (R01), October 16, 2018 (R21, R03)**

The purpose of these Funding Opportunity Announcements (FOA) are to encourage research grant applications to support research designed to elucidate the etiology, epidemiology, diagnosis, and optimal means of service delivery in relation to Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD). Completed applications are due by 5pm local time of application organization on October 5, 2018 (R01) and October 16, 2018 (R21, R03).

## **DIVERSITY AND DISPARITIES**

### **NIH: Addressing the Challenges of the Opioid Epidemic in Minority Health and Health Disparities Research in the U.S. (R21 Clinical Trial Optional) (R01 Clinical Trial Optional)**

**PAR-18-745, PAR-18-747****Application Submission Deadline: November 14, 2018**

The purpose of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is to encourage developmental and exploratory research focused on determining the mechanisms for the variation in the prevalence of Opioid Use Disorder (OUD), and understanding and reducing disparities in opioid care in minority health and health disparity populations in the U.S. This initiative will also seek to identify multi-level intervention strategies at the institutional and systems level for addressing OUD in these populations. Letters of intent are due 30 days prior to application deadline. Completed applications are due by November 14, 2018. Click here for more information : [R21](#), [R01](#).

**NIH: Addressing the Etiology of Health Disparities and Health Advantages Among Immigrant Populations (R01) PA-17-041****Application Submission Deadline: November 14, 2018**

The purpose of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is to support innovative research to understand uniquely associated factors (biological, behavioral, sociocultural, and environmental) that contribute to health disparities or health advantages among U.S. immigrant populations. Applications are due by 5:00 P.M. local time of applicant organization on November 14, 2018. Click [here](#) for more information.

**NIH: Collaborative Minority Health and Health Disparities Research with Tribal Epidemiology Centers (R01 Clinical Trial Not Allowed), (R21 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)****PAR-17-484, PAR-17-483****Application Submission Deadline: December 4, 2018**

The purpose of this initiative is to support collaborative research between Tribal Epidemiology Centers (TEC) and extramural investigators on topics related to minority health and health disparities in American Indian / Alaska Native (AI/AN) populations. Such partnerships are proposed to support community-responsive, scientifically rigorous projects with findings disseminated to local stakeholders, the Indian Health Service, and the scientific community. One or more TECs may collaborate with academic researchers, tribal governments or other tribal organizations, clinicians, healthcare organizations, public health organizations, school systems, faith-based organizations, or other relevant stakeholders to achieve FOA objectives. Primary data collection may be used to supplement existing data. Research study samples may consist exclusively of AI/AN populations or may include non-AI/AN populations as appropriate to address a specific research question. Appropriate pooling or comparison of health-related data across multiple TECs is strongly encouraged, as are projects that link multiple types of data sources (e.g., IHS, BRFSS, Census, Vital Statistics, health care systems, and administrative data on health-related social determinants.). Projects that do not involve using TEC-generated or TEC-compiled data or public health interventions implemented and/or evaluated by the TEC are not targeted for support under this FOA. Completed applications for both activities codes are due on December 4, 2018. Click here for more information: [R01](#), [R21](#).

**NIH: Health Services Research on Minority Health and Health Disparities (R01 Clinical Trial Optional) PAR-18-286****Application Submission Deadline: April 11, 2019**

The purpose of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is to encourage innovative health services research that can directly and demonstrably contribute to the improvement of minority health and/or the reduction of health disparities at the health care system-level as well as within clinical settings. Completed applications are due by 5pm local time of applicant organization on April 11, 2019. Click [here](#) for more information.

**NIH: Intervention Research to Improve Native American Health (R01 Clinical Trial Optional) PAR-14-260****Application Submission Deadline: May 14, 2019**

The purpose of this funding opportunity announcement (FOA) is to encourage exploratory developmental research to improve Native American (NA) health. Such research can include: conducting secondary analysis of existing data (such as databases that the Tribal Epidemiology Centers have collected); merge various sources of data to answer critical research questions; conduct pilot and feasibility studies; and/or assess and validate measures that are being developed and/or adapted for use in NA communities. For the purposes of this FOA, the term 'Native Americans' includes the following populations: Alaska Native, American Indian, and Native Hawaiian. The term 'Native Hawaiian' means any individual whose ancestors were natives, prior to 1778, belonging to the area that now comprises the State of Hawaii. Studies should: be culturally appropriate and result in promoting the adoption of healthy lifestyles; improve behaviors and social conditions and/or improve environmental conditions related to chronic disease; prevent or reduce the consumption of tobacco, alcohol, and other drugs; improve mental health outcomes; reduce risk of HIV infection; improve treatment adherence and/or health-care systems adopting standards of care to improve overall quality of life. Letters of intent are

due 30 days prior to the application deadline. Completed applications are due by 5pm local time of application organization on May 14, 2019. Click [here](#) for more information.

**NIH: Reducing Health Disparities Among Minority and Underserved Children (R01 Clinical Trial Optional) (R21 Clinical Trial Optional)**

**PA-18-152, PA-18-169**

**Application Submission Deadline: October 5, 2018, October 16, 2018**

This initiative encourages research that targets the reduction of health disparities among children. Investing in early childhood development is essential. Specific targeted areas of research include bio-behavioral 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, evaluate, translate, and disseminate health promotion, prevention, and interventions conducted in traditional and non-traditional settings. Completed applications are due by October 5, 2018 (R01) and October 16, 2018 (R21). For more information, click here: [R01](#), [R21](#).

**NIH: Research to Improve Native American Health (R21 Clinical Trial Optional)**

**PAR-17-464**

**Application Submission Deadline: May 14, 2019**

The purpose of this funding opportunity announcement (FOA) is to encourage exploratory developmental research to improve Native American (NA) health. Such research can include: conducting secondary analysis of existing data (such as databases that the Tribal Epidemiology Centers have collected); merge various sources of data to answer critical research questions; conduct pilot and feasibility studies; and/or assess and validate measures that are being developed and/or adapted for use in NA communities. For the purposes of this FOA, the term 'Native Americans' includes the following populations: Alaska Native, American Indian, and Native Hawaiian. The term 'Native Hawaiian' means any individual whose ancestors were natives, prior to 1778, belonging to the area that now comprises the State of Hawaii. Studies should: be culturally appropriate and result in promoting the adoption of healthy lifestyles; improve behaviors and social conditions and/or improve environmental conditions related to chronic disease; prevent or reduce the consumption of tobacco, alcohol, and other drugs; improve mental health outcomes; reduce risk of HIV infection; improve treatment adherence and/or health-care systems adopting standards of care to improve overall quality of life. Letters of intent are due 30 days prior to the application deadline. Completed applications are due by 5pm local time of application organization on May 14, 2019. Click [here](#) for more information.

**NIH: Research to Support the Reduction and Elimination of Mental Health Disparities (Admin Supp)**

**PA-17-165**

**Application Submission Deadline: June 1, 2019**

The purpose of this FOA is to support Administrative Supplements to active NIMH grants to foster research across the NIMH Strategic Objectives that target the reduction and elimination of mental health disparities by race and ethnicity, geography, and socioeconomic status in the United States. This initiative aims to generate research within the scientific scope of the parent grant that identifies mechanisms underlying disparities or differences in mental health status and/or enhances optimal delivery of mental health interventions among diverse groups. Applications are due by June 1, 2019. Click [here](#) for more information.

**NSF: Alliances for Graduate Education and the Professoriate**

**16-552**

**Application Submission Deadline: Second Friday in December, Annually**

The Alliances for Graduate Education and the Professoriate (AGEP) program seeks to advance knowledge about models to improve pathways to the professoriate and success for historically underrepresented minority doctoral students, postdoctoral fellows and faculty, particularly African Americans, Hispanic Americans, American Indians, Alaska Natives, Native Hawaiians, and Native Pacific Islanders, in specific STEM disciplines and/or STEM education research fields. New and innovative models are encouraged, as are models that reproduce and/or replicate existing evidence-based alliances in significantly different disciplines, institutions, and participant cohorts. The AGEP program goal is to increase the number of historically underrepresented minority faculty, in specific STEM disciplines and STEM education research fields, by advancing knowledge about pathways to career success. The program objectives include: To support the development, implementation and study of innovative models of doctoral education, postdoctoral training, and faculty advancement for historically underrepresented minorities in specific STEM disciplines and/or STEM education research fields; and to advance knowledge about the underlying issues, policies and practices that have an impact on the participation,

transitions and advancement of historically underrepresented minorities in the STEM academy. Completed applications are due by the second Friday in December, annually. Click [here](#) for more information.

## **EDUCATION**

### **CDC: CDC's Collaboration with Academia to Strengthen Public Health Workforce Capacity CDC-RFA-OE17-17010203SUPP18**

#### **Application Submission Deadline: August 14, 2018**

The purpose of this Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) is to provide opportunities to CDC programs in CDC Centers/Institutes/Offices (CIOs) for strengthening population health and public health practice through specific Workforce Improvement Projects (WIPs). WIPs are non-research domestic or international projects that provide workforce development opportunities in academic or public health practice settings. These public health practice projects are developed and funded by CIOs and conducted by CDC's academic association partners or their members (e.g., colleges, universities, or residency programs) through the administration of extramural sub-awards. Some examples of WIPs are as follows: 1. Curricula for use in academic settings 2. Training, including courses that offer continuing education, for the current public health and health care workforce 3. A project to introduce public health to students or attract new talent to public health careers 4. Activities for development of nursing, medical, public health, or other faculty (e.g. an activity that incorporates public or population health into what faculty teach) 5. A community-level activity that supports public health practice 6. A public health practice quality improvement project that has a workforce development component 7. A project to evaluate a prevention or health promotion program or strategy of public health importance. Completed applications are due by August 14, 2018. Click [here](#) for more information.

### **IES: National Center for Education Research (NCER) and National Center for Special Education Research (NCSER) Research Grant Programs**

#### **ED-GRANTS-052118-001, 002, 003, 004, 005, 006, 007, 008, 009**

#### **Application Submission Deadline: First due August 9, 2018**

In awarding these grants, the Institute of Education Sciences (Institute) intends to provide national leadership in expanding fundamental knowledge and understanding of (1) developmental and school readiness outcomes for infants and toddlers with or at risk for a disability, (2) education outcomes for all students from early childhood education through postsecondary and adult education, and (3) employment and wage outcomes when relevant (such as for students who engaged in career and technical, postsecondary, or adult education). The Institute's National Center for Education Research (NCER) will hold a total of five competitions—one competition in each of the following areas: Education research; education research and development centers; statistical and research methodology in education; partnerships and collaborations focused on problems of practice or policy; and low-cost, short duration evaluation of education interventions. The Institute's National Center for Special Education Research (NCSER) will hold a total of four competitions— one competition in each of the following areas: Special education research; research training programs in special education; low-cost, short-duration evaluation of special education interventions; and research networks focused on critical problems of policy and practice in special education. Deadlines for each program can be found [here](#). The first application deadline for several competitions is August 9, 2018, and the last deadline is March 7, 2019. Click [here](#) for more information, including individual CFDA numbers and descriptions of each competition.

### **NIDA: Research Education Program for Clinical Researchers and Clinicians (R25) PAR-16-224**

#### **Application Submission Deadline: July 20, 2018**

The NIH Research Education Program (R25) supports research education activities in the mission areas of the NIH. The over-arching goal of this NIDA R25 program is to support educational activities that complement and/or enhance the training of a workforce to meet the nation's biomedical, behavioral and clinical research needs. Letters of intent are due 30 days prior to the application submission deadline on July 20, 2018. Click [here](#) for more information.

### **NSF: Alliances for Graduate Education and the Professoriate 16-552**

#### **Application Submission Deadline: Second Friday in December, Annually**



The Alliances for Graduate Education and the Professoriate (AGEP) program seeks to advance knowledge about models to improve pathways to the professoriate and success for historically underrepresented minority doctoral students, postdoctoral fellows and faculty, particularly African Americans, Hispanic Americans, American Indians, Alaska Natives, Native Hawaiians, and Native Pacific Islanders, in specific STEM disciplines and/or STEM education research fields. New and innovative models are encouraged, as are models that reproduce and/or replicate existing evidence-based alliances in significantly different disciplines, institutions, and participant cohorts. The AGEP program goal is to increase the number of historically underrepresented minority faculty, in specific STEM disciplines and STEM education research fields, by advancing knowledge about pathways to career success. The program objectives include: To support the development, implementation and study of innovative models of doctoral education, postdoctoral training, and faculty advancement for historically underrepresented minorities in specific STEM disciplines and/or STEM education research fields; and to advance knowledge about the underlying issues, policies and practices that have an impact on the participation, transitions and advancement of historically underrepresented minorities in the STEM academy. Completed applications are due by the second Friday in December, annually. Click [here](#) for more information.

**OESE: Office of Elementary and Secondary Education (OESE): Center to Improve Social and Emotional Learning and School Safety: Cooperative Agreement CFDA Number 84.424B**

**ED-GRANTS-051618-001**

**Application Submission Deadline: July 2, 2018**

The purpose of the Center is to provide technical assistance to support States and districts in the implementation of social and emotional learning evidence-based programs and practices. The Center will enhance the capacity of (1) State educational agencies (SEAs) to support their local educational agencies (LEAs) and (2) LEAs to support their schools. Completed applications are due by July 2, 2018. Click [here](#) for more information.

## **HEALTH**

**CDC: CDC's Collaboration with Academia to Strengthen Public Health Workforce Capacity**

**CDC-RFA-OE17-17010203SUPP18**

**Application Submission Deadline: August 14, 2018**

The purpose of this Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) is to provide opportunities to CDC programs in CDC Centers/Institutes/Offices (CIOs) for strengthening population health and public health practice through specific Workforce Improvement Projects (WIPs). WIPs are non-research domestic or international projects that provide workforce development opportunities in academic or public health practice settings. These public health practice projects are developed and funded by CIOs and conducted by CDC's academic association partners or their members (e.g., colleges, universities, or residency programs) through the administration of extramural sub-awards. Some examples of WIPs are as follows: 1. Curricula for use in academic settings 2. Training, including courses that offer continuing education, for the current public health and health care workforce 3. A project to introduce public health to students or attract new talent to public health careers 4. Activities for development of nursing, medical, public health, or other faculty (e.g. an activity that incorporates public or population health into what faculty teach) 5. A community-level activity that supports public health practice 6. A public health practice quality improvement project that has a workforce development component 7. A project to evaluate a prevention or health promotion program or strategy of public health importance. Completed applications are due by August 14, 2018. Click [here](#) for more information.

**NIH: Addressing the Challenges of the Opioid Epidemic in Minority Health and Health Disparities Research in the U.S. (R21 Clinical Trial Optional) (R01 Clinical Trial Optional)**

**PAR-18-745, PAR-18-747**

**Application Submission Deadline: November 14, 2018**

The purpose of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is to encourage developmental and exploratory research focused on determining the mechanisms for the variation in the prevalence of Opioid Use Disorder (OUD), and understanding and reducing disparities in opioid care in minority health and health disparity populations in the U.S. This initiative will also seek to identify multi-level intervention strategies at the institutional and systems level for addressing OUD in these populations. Letters of intent are due 30 days prior to application submission deadline. Completed applications are due by November 14, 2018. Click here for more information : [R21](#), [R01](#).

**NIH: Addressing the Etiology of Health Disparities and Health Advantages Among Immigrant Populations (R01)  
PA-17-041**

**Application Submission Deadline: November 14, 2018**

The purpose of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is to support innovative research to understand uniquely associated factors (biological, behavioral, sociocultural, and environmental) that contribute to health disparities or health advantages among U.S. immigrant populations. Applications are due by 5:00 P.M. local time of applicant organization on November 14, 2018. Click [here](#) for more information.

**NIH: Collaborative Minority Health and Health Disparities Research with Tribal Epidemiology Centers (R01  
Clinical Trial Not Allowed), (R21 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)**

**PAR-17-484, PAR-17-483**

**Application Submission Deadline: December 4, 2018**

The purpose of this initiative is to support collaborative research between Tribal Epidemiology Centers (TEC) and extramural investigators on topics related to minority health and health disparities in American Indian / Alaska Native (AI/AN) populations. Such partnerships are proposed to support community-responsive, scientifically rigorous projects with findings disseminated to local stakeholders, the IHS, and the scientific community. One or more TECs may collaborate with academic researchers, tribal governments or other tribal organizations, clinicians, healthcare organizations, public health organizations, school systems, faith-based organizations, or other relevant stakeholders to achieve FOA objectives. Primary data collection may be used to supplement existing data. Research study samples may consist exclusively of AI/AN populations or may include non-AI/AN populations as appropriate to address a specific research question. Appropriate pooling or comparison of health-related data across multiple TECs is strongly encouraged, as are projects that link multiple types of data sources (e.g., IHS, BRFSS, Census, Vital Statistics, health care systems, and administrative data on health-related social determinants.). Projects that do not involve using TEC-generated or TEC-compiled data or public health interventions implemented and/or evaluated by the TEC are not targeted for support under this FOA. Completed applications for both activities codes are due on December 4, 2018. Click here for more information: [R01](#), [R21](#).

**NIH: Community Partnerships to Advance Research (CPAR) (R01 Clinical Trial Optional), (R15 Clinical Trial Not Allowed), (R21 Clinical Trial Optional)**

**PA-18-377, PA-18-475, PA-18-381**

**Application Submission Deadline: October 5, 2018 (R01), October 25, 2018 (R15), October 16, 2018 (R21)**

This funding opportunity announcement seeks to promote partnerships between researchers and community agencies, using Community Engaged Research (CEnR) methodologies. These partnerships are intended to enhance relationships in community settings, with the goal of producing better interventions. In turn, these enhanced interventions are expected to lead to positive health outcomes. Partnership is defined as an association of two or more persons or entities that conduct a study as equal co-investigators. Community Engagement (CE) lies on a continuum that reflects the level of involvement of community members, or representatives of community populations, in research. This continuum of involvement in research efforts ranges from community consent to research, to full participation and shared leadership of community members in research design and eventual dissemination and implementation. Completed applications are due by October 5, 2018 ([R01](#)), October 25, 2018 ([R15](#)), and October 16, 2018 ([R21](#)).

**NIH: Developmentally Tailored HIV Prevention and Care Research for Adolescents and Young Adults (R01  
Clinical Trial Optional) (R21 Clinical Trial Optional) (R34 Clinical Trial Optional)**

**PA-18-651, PA-18-652, PA-18-653**

**Application Submission Deadline: September 7, 2018**

This Funding Opportunity Announcement encourages developmentally tailored research focused on adolescents and emerging adults as it relates to HIV prevention and treatment. Research is encouraged to incorporate recent advances in adolescent and young adult developmental research to better understand HIV prevention and care of this heterogeneous population. Completed applications are due by September 7, 2018 Click here for more information: [R01](#), [R21](#), [R34](#).

**NIH: Dissemination and Implementation Research in Health (R01 Clinical Trial Optional)**

**PAR-18-007**

**Application Submission Deadline: October 5, 2018**

This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) encourages investigators to submit research grant applications that will identify, develop, test, evaluate and/or refine strategies to disseminate and implement evidence-based practices (e.g. behavioral interventions; prevention, early detection, diagnostic, treatment and disease management interventions; quality

improvement programs) into public health, clinical practice, and community settings. In addition, studies to advance dissemination and implementation research methods and measures are encouraged. Letters of intent are due 30 days prior to the application deadline. Completed applications are due by 5pm local time of application organization on October 5, 2018. Click [here](#) for more information.

**NIH: Health Services Research on Minority Health and Health Disparities (R01 Clinical Trial Optional)  
PAR-18-286**

**Application Submission Deadline: April 11, 2019**

The purpose of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is to encourage innovative health services research that can directly and demonstrably contribute to the improvement of minority health and/or the reduction of health disparities at the health care system-level as well as within clinical settings. Completed applications are due by 5pm local time of applicant organization on April 11, 2019. Click [here](#) for more information.

**NIH: Implementing the Most Successful Interventions to Improve HIV/AIDS Outcomes in U.S. Communities (R01 Clinical Trial Optional) (R21 Clinical Trial Optional)  
PAR-17-491, PAR-17-490**

**Application Submission Deadline: September 7, 2018**

The goal of this funding opportunity announcement (FOA) is to translate and adapt the most successful global, evidence-based HIV-related service provision strategies to marginalized populations in the United States (U.S.) with a substantial risk of HIV-infection and AIDS. The ultimate goal, is to produce improvements in HIV-related health outcomes in these key populations through strategies that successfully and durably reach them with timely HIV testing, prevention and treatment technologies that lead to the achievement of the UNAIDS 90-90-90 benchmarks: by 2020, 90 percent of all people living with HIV will know their HIV status, 90 percent of all people with diagnosed HIV infection will receive sustained antiretroviral therapy and 90 percent of all people receiving antiretroviral therapy will have viral suppression. Completed applications are due by 5pm local time of application organization on September 7, 2018 ([R01](#), [R21](#)).

**NIH: Interdisciplinary Research Teams to Investigate Reciprocal Basic Behavioral and Social Linkages Between Sleep and Stress (R24 Clinical Trial Optional)  
PAR-18-694**

**Application Submission Deadline: October 29, 2018**

This FOA encourages applications that develop, strengthen, and evaluate transdisciplinary approaches, methods, and investigative teams in basic behavioral, social, and/or biobehavioral research to generate fundamental knowledge of the reciprocal linkages between sleep and stress. Stress can result in sleep disruption due to both psychological as well as physiological changes. Sleep disruption can result in physiological changes; however, individuals may not recognize or identify impairment due to sleep disruption. This initiative supports the development of research teams to understand how basic individual, social, biological, and environmental factors interact in a dynamic relationship between sleep patterns and psychosocial stress to influence health, wellness, disease, and/or treatment adherence. Letters of intent are due 30 days prior to the application deadline. Completed applications are due by October 29, 2018. Click [here](#) for more information.

**NIH: Intervention Research to Improve Native American Health (R01 Clinical Trial Optional)  
PAR-14-260**

**Application Submission Deadline: May 14, 2019**

The purpose of this funding opportunity announcement (FOA) is to encourage exploratory developmental research to improve Native American (NA) health. Such research can include: conducting secondary analysis of existing data (such as databases that the Tribal Epidemiology Centers have collected); merge various sources of data to answer critical research questions; conduct pilot and feasibility studies; and/or assess and validate measures that are being developed and/or adapted for use in NA communities. For the purposes of this FOA, the term 'Native Americans' includes the following populations: Alaska Native, American Indian, and Native Hawaiian. The term 'Native Hawaiian' means any individual whose ancestors were natives, prior to 1778, belonging to the area that now comprises the State of Hawaii. Studies should: be culturally appropriate and result in promoting the adoption of healthy lifestyles; improve behaviors and social conditions and/or improve environmental conditions related to chronic disease; prevent or reduce the consumption of tobacco, alcohol, and other drugs; improve mental health outcomes; reduce risk of HIV infection; improve treatment adherence and/or health-care systems adopting standards of care to improve overall quality of life. Letters of intent are due 30 days prior to the application deadline. Completed applications are due by 5pm local time of application organization on May 14, 2019. Click [here](#) for more information.

**NIH: Maternal Nutrition and Pre-pregnancy Obesity: Effects on Mothers, Infants and Children (R01 Clinical Trial Optional)**

**PA-18-776****Application Submission Deadline: October 5, 2018**

This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) 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. Completed applications are due by October 5, 2018. Click [here](#) for more information.

**NIH: Nutrition and Alcohol-Related Health Outcomes (R03) (R01) (R21)****PA-17-212, PA-17-211, PA-17-213****Application Submission Deadline: October 5, 2018 (R01), October 16, 2018 (R03, R21)**

This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) encourages applications that propose to examine associations between nutrition and alcohol-related health outcomes in humans and animal models. The goal of this FOA 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. Applications are due by 5pm local time of applicant organization on October 5, 2018 (R01), October 16, 2018 (R03, R21).

**NIH: Reducing Health Disparities Among Minority and Underserved Children (R01 Clinical Trial Optional) (R21 Clinical Trial Optional)****PA-18-152, PA-18-169****Application Submission Deadline: October 5, 2018, October 16, 2018**

This initiative encourages research that targets the reduction of health disparities among children. Investing in early childhood development is essential. Specific targeted areas of research include bio-behavioral 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, evaluate, translate, and disseminate health promotion, prevention, and interventions conducted in traditional and non-traditional settings. Completed applications are due by October 5, 2018 (R01) and October 16, 2018 (R21). For more information, click here: [R01](#), [R21](#).

**NIH: Research on the Health of Transgender and Gender Nonconforming Populations (R01 Clinical Trial Optional) (R21 Clinical Trial Optional)****PA-18-729, PA-18-728****Application Submission Deadline: October 5, 2018 (R01), October 16, 2018 (R21)**

This funding opportunity announcement (FOA) calls for research on the health of transgender and gender nonconforming people of all ages, including both youth and adults who are questioning their gender identity and those individuals who are making or who have made a transition from being identified as one gender to the other. This group encompasses individuals whose gender identity differs from the sex on their original birth certificate or whose gender expression varies significantly from what is traditionally associated with or typical for that sex. Completed applications are due by October 5, 2018 ([R01](#)) or October 16, 2018 ([R21](#)).

**NIH: Research to Improve Native American Health (R21 Clinical Trial Optional)****PAR-17-464****Application Submission Deadline: May 14, 2019**

The purpose of this funding opportunity announcement (FOA) is to encourage exploratory developmental research to improve Native American (NA) health. Such research can include: conducting secondary analysis of existing data (such as databases that the Tribal Epidemiology Centers have collected); merge various sources of data to answer critical research questions; conduct pilot and feasibility studies; and/or assess and validate measures that are being developed and/or adapted for use in NA communities. For the purposes of this FOA, the term 'Native Americans' includes the following populations: Alaska Native, American Indian, and Native Hawaiian. The term 'Native Hawaiian' means any individual whose ancestors were natives, prior to 1778, belonging to the area that now comprises the State of Hawaii. Studies should: be culturally appropriate and result in promoting the adoption of healthy lifestyles; improve behaviors and social conditions and/or improve environmental conditions related to chronic disease; prevent or reduce the consumption of tobacco, alcohol, and other drugs; improve mental health outcomes; reduce risk of HIV infection; improve treatment adherence and/or health-care systems adopting standards of care to improve overall quality of life. Letters of intent are due 30 days prior to the application deadline. Completed applications are due by 5pm local time of application organization on May 14, 2019. Click [here](#) for more information.

**HIV/AIDS**

**NIH: Advancing Exceptional Research on HIV/AIDS and Substance Abuse (R01)**

**RFA-DA-18-002**

**Application Submission Deadline: August 22, 2018**

This FOA supports highly innovative R01 applications on HIV/AIDS and drug abuse and complements the Avant-Garde Award Program for HIV/AIDS and Drug Use Research and the Avenir Award Program for Research on Substance Abuse and HIV/AIDS. The Avant-Garde award supports individuals who conduct high-risk, high-reward research and does not require a detailed research plan. The Avenir award is similar to the Avant-Garde award but focuses on support for early stage investigators. Applications submitted under this FOA are required to have a detailed research plan and preliminary data. This FOA focuses on innovative research projects that have the potential to open new areas of HIV/AIDS research and/or lead to new avenues for prevention and treatment of HIV/AIDS among substance abusers. The nexus with drug abuse should be clearly described. This FOA is open to both individual researchers and research teams and is not limited to any one area of research on HIV and substance use, but all studies must focus on NIH HIV/AIDS Research Priorities (see <https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-15-137.html>). Letters of intent are due by July 22, 2017. Applications are due by 5pm local time of applicant organization by August 22, 2018. Click [here](#) for more information.

**NIH: Developmentally Tailored HIV Prevention and Care Research for Adolescents and Young Adults (R01 Clinical Trial Optional) (R21 Clinical Trial Optional) (R34 Clinical Trial Optional)**

**PA-18-651, PA-18-652, PA-18-653**

**Application Submission Deadline: September 7, 2018**

This Funding Opportunity Announcement encourages developmentally tailored research focused on adolescents and emerging adults as it relates to HIV prevention and treatment. Research is encouraged to incorporate recent advances in adolescent and young adult developmental research to better understand HIV prevention and care of this heterogeneous population. Completed applications are due by September 7, 2018 Click here for more information: [R01](#), [R21](#), [R34](#).

**NIH: Implementing the Most Successful Interventions to Improve HIV/AIDS Outcomes in U.S. Communities (R01 Clinical Trial Optional) (R21 Clinical Trial Optional)**

**PAR-17-491, PAR-17-490**

**Application Submission Deadline: September 7, 2018**

The goal of this funding opportunity announcement (FOA) is to translate and adapt the most successful global, evidence-based HIV-related service provision strategies to marginalized populations in the United States (U.S.) with a substantial risk of HIV-infection and AIDS. The ultimate goal, is to produce improvements in HIV-related health outcomes in these key populations through strategies that successfully and durably reach them with timely HIV testing, prevention and treatment technologies that lead to the achievement of the UNAIDS 90-90-90 benchmarks: by 2020, 90 percent of all people living with HIV will know their HIV status, 90 percent of all people with diagnosed HIV infection will receive sustained antiretroviral therapy and 90 percent of all people receiving antiretroviral therapy will have viral suppression. Completed applications are due by 5pm local time of application organization on September 7, 2018 ([R01](#), [R21](#)).

**NIH: Innovations in Mechanisms and Interventions to Address Mental Health in HIV Prevention and Care Continuum (R01 Clinical Trial Optional), (R21 Clinical Trial Optional)**

**PA-17-136, PA-17-137**

**Application Submission Deadline: February 6, 2018; February 16, 2018**

This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) encourages applications focused on 1) advancing understanding of mechanisms by which mental health affects HIV prevention and treatment in order to identify modifiable intervention targets; and 2) developing and testing expanded interventions to improve both mental health and HIV outcomes along the entire HIV care continuum (from HIV testing to viral suppression). PA-17-136 uses the R01 grant mechanism while PA-17-137 uses the R21 mechanism. High risk/high payoff projects that lack preliminary data or utilize existing data may be most appropriate for the R21 mechanism, while applicants with preliminary data and/or include longitudinal analysis may wish to apply using the R01 mechanism. Applications are due by February 6, 2018 ([R01](#)) and February 16, 2018 ([R21](#)).

**NIH: HIV/AIDS High Priority Drug Abuse Research (R01 Clinical Trial Optional)**

**PAS-16-018**

**Application Submission Deadline: September 7, 2018**

The National Institutes of Health has recently announced the HIV/AIDS research priorities for the next three to five years <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-15-137.html>. The goal of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is to stimulate high priority research relevant to drug abuse and HIV/AIDS. Because drug abusers are frequently

vulnerable and marginalized, optimization of the seek, test, treat, and retain (STTR) paradigm for diverse domestic and international settings is critically important for reducing health disparities in HIV incidence and treatment outcomes in drug using populations. STTR seeks out high-risk, hard-to-reach individuals, tests them for HIV, links them to HIV treatment and other services, and works to retain them in care so that they can achieve durable viral suppression. Populations of interest include urban and non-urban drug users, including those transitioning to injection drug use and populations where HIV is heavily concentrated such as men who have sex with men (MSM), especially young, minority MSM. Innovative strategies are encouraged to improve each step of the STTR paradigm. Applications are due by 5:00 PM local time of applicant organization on September 7, 2018. Click [here](#) for more information.

**NIH: NIDA Avant-Garde Award Program for HIV/AIDS and Drug Use Research (DP1)**

**RFA-DA-18-001**

**Application Submission Deadline: July 31, 2018**

The NIDA Avant-Garde Award Program for HIV/AIDS Research supports individual scientists of exceptional creativity who propose high-impact research that will open new areas of HIV/AIDS research relevant to drug abuse and/or lead to new avenues for prevention and treatment of HIV/AIDS among drug abusers. The term “avant-garde” is used to describe highly innovative approaches that have the potential to be transformative. The proposed research should reflect approaches and ideas that are substantially different from those already being pursued by the investigator or others and should support the NIH HIV/AIDS Research Priorities <https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-15-137.html>. The NIDA Avant-Garde award supports innovative, basic research that may lead to improved preventive interventions or therapies; creative, new strategies to prevent disease transmission; novel approaches to improve disease outcomes; and creative approaches to eradicating HIV or improving the lives of those living with HIV. Applications are due by 5pm local time of applicant organization on July 31, 2018. Click [here](#) for more information.

**NIH: Using Archived Data and Specimen Collections to Advance Maternal and Pediatric HIV/AIDS Research (R21 - Clinical Trial Not Allowed)**

**RFA-HD-19-018**

**Application Submission Deadline: August 9, 2018**

The purpose of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is to address the needs of the maternal and pediatric HIV scientific community for research data translation and sharing. This initiative will support secondary data analyses using archived HIV/AIDS data and specimens to generate new research questions and findings relevant to the scientific mission and priorities of the NICHD, Maternal and Pediatric Infectious Disease Branch (MPIDB) and Office of AIDS Research (OAR). The goal of this initiative is to encourage applicants to leverage existing datasets and employ new and advanced analysis techniques to answer scientific questions about the epidemiology, pathogenesis, treatment, clinical manifestations and complications of HIV/AIDS in maternal, pediatric and adolescent populations. Letters of intent are due 30 days prior to the application deadline. Completed applications are due by August 9, 2018. Click [here](#) for more information.

**INFANTS**

**NICHD: Advancing Understanding, Prevention, and Management of Infections Transmitted from Women to their Infants (R01 Clinical Trial Optional; R21 Clinical Trial Optional)**

**PA-16-032; PA-16-031**

**Application Submission Deadline: October 5, 2018 (R01), October 16, 2018 (R21)**

The purpose of this funding opportunity announcement (FOA) is to stimulate investigations including translational, epidemiologic and clinical studies and trials that improve the understanding, prevention and clinical outcomes of non-HIV infections transmitted from women to their offspring during pregnancy, labor and delivery, and breastfeeding. NICHD is committed to supporting research that will increase scientific understanding of and treatments for high-priority perinatal infections. Applications are due by 5:00 PM local time of applicant organization on October 5, 2018 (R01); October 16, 2018 (R21).

**NIH: Pregnancy in Women with Disabilities (R01)**

**PA-17-452**

**Application Submission Deadline: October 16, 2018**

This funding opportunity announcement (FOA) issued by the *Eunice Kennedy Shriver* National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD) encourages research project grants (R01) investigating the incidence, course, and outcomes of pregnancy among women with disabilities. Areas of interest also include studies to inform preconceptional and antenatal counseling and strategies for addressing barriers to prenatal care, and management of pregnancy, the

puerperium, and the transition to parenthood in order to optimize outcomes for women with physical, intellectual and developmental, and/or sensory disabilities and their families. Applicants are encouraged to include women with disabilities and members of the community in the design and conduct of their research. Letters of intent are due 30 days prior to the application deadline. Completed applications are due by October 16, 2018. Click [here](#) for more information.

**NIH: Pregnancy in Women with Disabilities (R03)**

**PA-17-451**

**Application Submission Deadline: October 5, 2018**

This funding opportunity announcement (FOA) issued by the *Eunice Kennedy Shriver* National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD) encourages small research project grants (R03) investigating the incidence, course, and outcomes of pregnancy among women with disabilities. Areas of interest also include studies to inform preconceptional and antenatal counseling and strategies for addressing barriers to prenatal care, and management of pregnancy, the puerperium, and the transition to parenthood in order to optimize outcomes for women with physical, intellectual and developmental, and/or sensory disabilities and their families. Applicants are encouraged to include women with disabilities and members of the community in the design and conduct of their research. Letters of intent are due 30 days prior to the application deadline. Completed applications are due by October 5, 2018. Click [here](#) for more information.

**INTERNATIONAL**

**NIH: International Research Scientist Development Award (IRSDA) (K01) Independent Clinical Trial Not Allowed  
PAR-18-539**

**Application Submission Deadline: March 7, 2019**

The purpose of the International Research Scientist Development Award (IRSDA) is to provide support and protected time (three to five years) to advanced postdoctoral U.S. research scientists and recently-appointed U.S. junior faculty (applicants must be at least two years beyond conferral of doctoral degree) for an intensive, mentored research career development experience in a low- or middle-income country (LMIC), as defined by the World Bank, leading to an independently-funded research career focused on global health. This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) invites applications from postdoctoral research scientists and junior faculty from any health-related discipline who propose career development activities and a research project that is relevant to the health priorities of the LMIC under the mentorship of LMIC and U.S. mentors. This FOA is designed specifically for applicants proposing research that does not involve leading an independent clinical trial, a clinical trial feasibility study, or an ancillary study to a clinical trial. Applicants to this FOA are permitted to propose research experience in a clinical trial led by a mentor or co-mentor. Applicants proposing a clinical trial or an ancillary study to an ongoing clinical trial as lead investigator, should apply to the companion FOA (PAR-18-540). Completed applications are due by 5pm local time of applicant organization on March 7, 2019. Click [here](#) for more information.

**NIH: International Research Scientist Development Award (IRSDA) (K01) Independent Clinical Trial Required  
PAR-18-540**

**Application Submission Deadline: March 7, 2019**

The purpose of the International Research Scientist Development Award (IRSDA) is to provide support and protected time (three to five years) to advanced postdoctoral U.S. research scientists and recently-appointed U.S. junior faculty (applicants must be at least two years beyond conferral of doctoral degree) for an intensive, mentored research career development experience in a low- or middle-income country (LMIC), as defined by the World Bank leading to an independently-funded research career focused on global health. This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) invites applications from postdoctoral research scientists and junior faculty from any health-related discipline who propose career development activities and a research project that is relevant to the health priorities of the LMIC under the mentorship of LMIC and U.S. mentors. This FOA is designed specifically for applicants proposing to serve as the lead investigator of an independent clinical trial, a clinical trial feasibility study, or a separate ancillary study to an existing trial, as part of their research and career development. Applicants not planning an independent clinical trial, or proposing to gain research experience in a clinical trial led by another investigator, must apply to companion FOA (PAR-18-539). Completed applications are due by 5pm local time of applicant organization on March 7, 2019. Click [here](#) for more information.

**MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH**

**NIH: Maternal Nutrition and Pre-pregnancy Obesity: Effects on Mothers, Infants and Children (R01)**

**PA-15-100**

**Application Submission Deadline: October 5, 2018**

This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) 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. Completed applications are due by 5:00 PM local time of applicant organization on October 5, 2018. Click [here](#) for more information.

**NIH: Pregnancy in Women with Disabilities (R01 Clinical Trial Optional)**

**PA-17-452**

**Application Submission Deadline: October 16, 2018**

This funding opportunity announcement (FOA) issued by the Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD) encourages research project grants (R01) investigating the incidence, course, and outcomes of pregnancy among women with disabilities. Areas of interest also include studies to inform preconceptional and antenatal counseling and strategies for addressing barriers to prenatal care, and management of pregnancy, the puerperium, and the transition to parenthood in order to optimize outcomes for women with physical, intellectual and developmental, and/or sensory disabilities and their families. Applicants are encouraged to include women with disabilities and members of the community in the design and conduct of their research. Letters of intent are due 30 days prior to the application deadline. Completed applications are due by October 16, 2018. Click [here](#) for more information.

**NIH: Pregnancy in Women with Disabilities (R03)**

**PA-17-451**

**Application Submission Deadline: October 5, 2018**

This funding opportunity announcement (FOA) issued by the Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD) encourages small research project grants (R03) investigating the incidence, course, and outcomes of pregnancy among women with disabilities. Areas of interest also include studies to inform preconceptional and antenatal counseling and strategies for addressing barriers to prenatal care, and management of pregnancy, the puerperium, and the transition to parenthood in order to optimize outcomes for women with physical, intellectual and developmental, and/or sensory disabilities and their families. Applicants are encouraged to include women with disabilities and members of the community in the design and conduct of their research. Letters of intent are due 30 days prior to the application deadline. Completed applications are due by October 5, 2018. Click [here](#) for more information.

**NIH: Using Archived Data and Specimen Collections to Advance Maternal and Pediatric HIV/AIDS Research (R21 - Clinical Trial Not Allowed)**

**RFA-HD-19-018**

**Application Submission Deadline: August 9, 2018**

The purpose of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is to address the needs of the maternal and pediatric HIV scientific community for research data translation and sharing. This initiative will support secondary data analyses using archived HIV/AIDS data and specimens to generate new research questions and findings relevant to the scientific mission and priorities of the NICHD, Maternal and Pediatric Infectious Disease Branch (MPIDB) and Office of AIDS Research (OAR). The goal of this initiative is to encourage applicants to leverage existing datasets and employ new and advanced analysis techniques to answer scientific questions about the epidemiology, pathogenesis, treatment, clinical manifestations and complications of HIV/AIDS in maternal, pediatric and adolescent populations. Letters of intent are due 30 days prior to the application deadline. Completed applications are due by August 9, 2018. Click [here](#) for more information.

**MENTAL HEALTH AND ILLNESS**

**NIH: Identification and Management of Behavioral Symptoms and Mental Health Conditions in Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities (R01 - Clinical Trial Optional)**

**PAR-18-766**

**Application Submission Deadline: October 5, 2018**

This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) encourages research grant applications focusing on identification and management of behavioral symptoms and mental health conditions in individuals with intellectual disabilities (ID). Specific areas of interest for this funding opportunity are (1) applications to develop and validate assessment tools that reliably identify behavioral symptoms or diagnose mental health conditions in individuals with ID, and (2) applications studying the pharmacokinetics, safety and efficacy of specific psychotropic medications for treatment of behavioral symptoms or mental health conditions in individuals with ID. Letters of intent are due 30 days prior to the application deadline.



Completed applications are due by 5:00pm local time of applicant organization on October 5, 2018. Click [here](#) for more information.

**NIH: Initiation of a Mental Health Family Navigator Model to Promote Early Access, Engagement and Coordination of Needed Mental Health Services for Children and Adolescents (R01 Clinical Trial Required)  
PAR-18-428**

**Application Submission Deadline: October 5, 2018**

The purpose of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is to encourage research applications to develop and test the effectiveness and implementation of family navigator models designed to promote early access, engagement and coordination of mental health treatment and services for children and adolescents who are experiencing early symptoms of mental health problems. For the purposes of this FOA, NIMH defines a family navigator model as a health care professional or paraprofessional whose role is to deploy a set of strategies designed to rapidly engage youth and families in needed treatment and services, work closely with the family and other involved treatment and service providers to optimize care and monitor the trajectory of mental health symptoms and outcomes over time. Applicants are encouraged to develop and test the navigator model's ability to promote early access, engagement and coordination of mental health treatment and services for children and adolescents as soon as symptoms are detected. Of interest are navigator models that coordinate needed care strategies, determine the "personalized match" to the level of needed service amount, frequency and intensity, and harness novel technologies to track and monitor the trajectory of clinical, functional and behavioral progress toward achieving intended services outcomes. Letters of intent are due 30 days prior to the application due date. Applications are due by 5pm local time of applicant organization on October 5, 2018. Click [here](#) for more information.

**NIH: Innovations in Mechanisms and Interventions to Address Mental Health in HIV Prevention and Care Continuum (R01 Clinical Trial Optional), (R21 Clinical Trial Optional)  
PA-17-136, PA-17-137**

**Application Submission Deadline: October 6, 2018; October 16, 2018**

This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) encourages applications focused on 1) advancing understanding of mechanisms by which mental health affects HIV prevention and treatment in order to identify modifiable intervention targets; and 2) developing and testing expanded interventions to improve both mental health and HIV outcomes along the entire HIV care continuum (from HIV testing to viral suppression). PA-17-136 uses the R01 grant mechanism while PA-17-137 uses the R21 mechanism. High risk/high payoff projects that lack preliminary data or utilize existing data may be most appropriate for the R21 mechanism, while applicants with preliminary data and/or include longitudinal analysis may wish to apply using the R01 mechanism. Applications are due by October 6, 2018 ([R01](#)) and October 16, 2018 ([R21](#)).

**NIH: NIMH Exploratory/Developmental Research Grant (R21 - Clinical Trial Not Allowed)  
PA-18-350**

**Application Submission Deadline: October 16, 2018**

The NIMH Exploratory/Developmental Grant program supports exploratory and high-risk research projects that fall within the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) mission by providing support for the early and conceptual stages of these projects. These studies may involve considerable risk but may lead to a breakthrough or to the development of novel techniques, agents, methods, measures, models, or strategies, or to the generation of pilot or feasibility data. The preliminary work from these studies could lead to a major impact on biomedical, behavioral, or clinical mental health research, or on the delivery of mental health care. Completed applications are due by October 16, 2018. Click [here](#) for more information.

**NIH: Pilot Studies to Test the Initiation of a Mental Health Family Navigator Model to Promote Early Access, Engagement and Coordination of Needed Mental Health Services for Children and Adolescents (R34 Clinical Trial Required)  
PAR-18-429**

**Application Submission Deadline: October 16, 2018**

The purpose of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is to encourage research applications to develop and pilot test the effectiveness and implementation of family navigator models designed to promote early access, engagement and coordination of mental health treatment and services for children and adolescents who are experiencing early symptoms of mental health problems. For the purposes of this FOA, NIMH defines a family navigator model as a health care professional or paraprofessional whose role is to deploy a set of strategies designed to rapidly engage youth and families in needed treatment and services, work closely with the family and other involved treatment and service providers to

optimize care and monitor the trajectory of mental health symptoms and outcomes over time. Applicants are encouraged to develop and pilot test the navigator model's ability to promote early access, engagement and coordination of mental health treatment and services for children and adolescents as soon as symptoms are detected. Of interest are navigator models that coordinate needed care strategies, determine the "personalized match" to the level of needed service amount, frequency and intensity, and harness novel technologies to track and monitor the trajectory of clinical, functional and behavioral progress toward achieving intended services outcomes. Letters of intent are due 30 days prior to the application due date. Applications are due by 5pm local time of applicant organization on October 16, 2018. Click [here](#) for more information.

**NIH: Research to Support the Reduction and Elimination of Mental Health Disparities (Admin Supp)**

**PA-17-165**

**Application Submission Deadline: June 1, 2019**

The purpose of this FOA is to support Administrative Supplements to active NIMH grants to foster research across the NIMH Strategic Objectives that target the reduction and elimination of mental health disparities by race and ethnicity, geography, and socioeconomic status in the United States. This initiative aims to generate research within the scientific scope of the parent grant that identifies mechanisms underlying disparities or differences in mental health status and/or enhances optimal delivery of mental health interventions among diverse groups. Applications are due by June 1, 2019. Click [here](#) for more information.

**NIH: Secondary Data Analyses to Explore NIMH Research Domain Criteria (R03)**

**PAR-17-158**

**Application Submission Deadline: October 16, 2018**

This FOA 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. Applications are due by 5pm local time of applicant organization by October 16, 2018. Click [here](#) for more information.

**NIMH: Administrative Supplement Program to Enable Continuity of Research Experiences of MD/PhDs during Clinical Training (Admin Supp Clinical Trial Optional)**

**PA-18-642**

**Application Submission Deadline: April 1, 2019**

The purpose of the NIMH Administrative Supplement Program to Enable Continuity of Research Experiences of MD/PhDs during Clinical Training is to support advanced research opportunities for exceptional individuals holding the MD/PhD degree who are early in their research careers and thereby help these individuals transition efficiently and effectively from the period of clinical training to the next stage of their research careers. This administrative supplement program will provide focused, protected research time for eligible individuals during residency and/or clinical fellowship. The proposed research experience must have the potential to contribute significantly to the candidate's research career. Administrative supplements must support work within the scope of the original project. All applicants are encouraged to discuss potential requests with the NIMH prior to submission. Completed applications are due by April 1, 2019. Click [here](#) for more information.

**NIMH: NIMH Biobehavioral Research Awards for Innovative New Scientists (NIMH BRAINS) (R01 Clinical Trial Optional)**

**RFA-MH-19-130**

**Application Submission Deadline: June 20, 2019**

The NIMH Biobehavioral Research Awards for Innovative New Scientists (BRAINS) award is intended to support the research and research career advancement of outstanding, exceptionally productive scientists who are in the early, formative stages of their careers and who plan to make a long-term career commitment to research in specific mission areas of the NIMH. This award seeks to assist these individuals in launching an innovative clinical, translational, basic or services research program that holds the potential to profoundly transform the understanding, diagnosis, treatment, or prevention of mental disorders. The NIMH BRAINS program will focus on the research priorities and gap areas identified in the NIMH Strategic Plan and the Research Domain Criteria (RDoC) project. Letters of intent are due 30 days prior to the application deadline. Completed applications are due by June 20, 2019. Click [here](#) for more information.

## **METHODOLOGY AND MEASUREMENT**

### **NIH: Community Partnerships to Advance Research (CPAR) (R01 Clinical Trial Optional), (R15 Clinical Trial Not Allowed), (R21 Clinical Trial Optional)**

**PA-18-377, PA-18-475, PA-18-381**

**Application Submission Deadline: October 5, 2018 (R01), October 25, 2018 (R15), October 16, 2018 (R21)**

This funding opportunity announcement seeks to promote partnerships between researchers and community agencies, using Community Engaged Research (CEnR) methodologies. These partnerships are intended to enhance relationships in community settings, with the goal of producing better interventions. In turn, these enhanced interventions are expected to lead to positive health outcomes. Partnership is defined as an association of two or more persons or entities that conduct a study as equal co-investigators. Community Engagement (CE) lies on a continuum that reflects the level of involvement of community members, or representatives of community populations, in research. This continuum of involvement in research efforts ranges from community consent to research, to full participation and shared leadership of community members in research design and eventual dissemination and implementation. Completed applications are due by October 5, 2018 (R01), October 25, 2018 (R15), and October 16, 2018 (R21).

### **NIH: Secondary Analyses of Existing Alcohol Research Data (R01)**

**PA-17-467**

**Application Submission Deadline: October 5, 2018**

This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) encourages the submission of investigator-initiated research grant applications to support the secondary analysis of existing data sets with the goal of enhancing our understanding of patterns of alcohol consumption, the epidemiology and etiology, including genetics, of alcohol-related problems. Research grants for the Secondary Analyses of Existing Alcohol Research Data are intended to provide support for studies that utilize currently available data sets to increase our understanding of the incidence, prevalence and etiology of alcohol related problems and disorders in the population, as well as the risk and protective factors associated with them. Research that employs analytic techniques which demonstrate or promote methodological advances in alcohol-related epidemiologic and Genetics/Genomics research is also of interest. Completed applications are due by October 5, 2018. Click [here](#) for more information.

## **NUTRITION**

### **NIH: Nutrition and Alcohol-Related Health Outcomes (R03) (R01) (R21)**

**PA-17-212, PA-17-211, PA-17-213**

**Application Submission Deadline: October 5, 2018 (R01), October 16, 2018 (R03, R21)**

This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) encourages applications that propose to examine associations between nutrition and alcohol-related health outcomes in humans and animal models. The goal of this FOA 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. Applications are due by 5pm local time of applicant organization on October 5, 2018 (R01), October 16, 2018 (R03, R21).

### **NIH: Time-Sensitive Obesity Policy and Program Evaluation (R01)**

**PAR-15-346**

**Application Submission Deadline: July 10, 2018**

This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) establishes an accelerated review/award process to support time-sensitive research to evaluate a new policy or program that is likely 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 FOA is intended to support research where opportunities for empirical study are, by their very nature, only available through expedited review and funding. All applications to this FOA must demonstrate that the evaluation of an obesity related policy and /or program offers an uncommon and scientifically compelling research opportunity that will only be available if the research is initiated with minimum delay. For these reasons, applications in response to this time-sensitive FOA are not eligible for resubmission. It is intended that eligible applications selected for funding will be awarded within 4 months of the application due date. However, administrative requirements and other unforeseen circumstances may delay issuance dates beyond that timeline. Completed applications are due by 5:00 PM local time of applicant organization on July 10, 2018. Click [here](#) for more information.

## **POLICY**

**NIH: Public Policy Effects on Alcohol-, Marijuana-, and Other Substance-Related Behaviors and Outcomes (R01) (R21) (R03)**

**PA-17-135, PA-17-132, PA-17-134**

**Application Submission Deadline: October 5, 2018; October 16, 2018.**

This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) encourages applications to conduct research on the effects of public policies on health-related behaviors and outcomes associated with alcohol, marijuana, and other substances. The purpose of the FOA is to advance understanding of how public policy may serve as a tool for improving public health and welfare through its effects on behaviors and outcomes pertaining to alcohol and other drugs. This FOA is intended to support innovative research to examine policy effects that have the potential to lead to meaningful changes in public health. Research projects that may be supported by this FOA include, but are not necessarily limited to: causal analyses of the effects of one or multiple public policies; evaluations of the effectiveness of specific public policies as tools for improving public health through their effects on alcohol-, marijuana-, and other substance-related behaviors and outcomes; and research to advance methods and measurement used in studying relationships between public policies and alcohol-, marijuana-, and other substance-related behaviors and outcomes. Applications are due by 5pm local time of applicant organization by October 5, 2018 ([R01](#)), and October 16, 2018 ([R21](#)) ([R03](#)).

## **SCHOOL SAFETY**

**OESE: Office of Elementary and Secondary Education (OESE): Center to Improve Social and Emotional Learning and School Safety: Cooperative Agreement CFDA Number 84.424B**

**ED-GRANTS-051618-001**

**Application Submission Deadline: July 2, 2018**

The purpose of the Center is to provide technical assistance to support States and districts in the implementation of social and emotional learning evidence-based programs and practices. The Center will enhance the capacity of (1) State educational agencies (SEAs) to support their local educational agencies (LEAs) and (2) LEAs to support their schools. Completed applications are due by July 2, 2018. Click [here](#) for more information.

## **SEXUAL AND GENDER MINORITY POPULATIONS**

**NIH: Research on the Health of Transgender and Gender Nonconforming Populations (R01 Clinical Trial Optional) (R21 Clinical Trial Optional)**

**PA-18-729, PA-18-728**

**Application Submission Deadline: October 5, 2018 (R01), October 16, 2018 (R21)**

This funding opportunity announcement (FOA) calls for research on the health of transgender and gender nonconforming people of all ages, including both youth and adults who are questioning their gender identity and those individuals who are making or who have made a transition from being identified as one gender to the other. This group encompasses individuals whose gender identity differs from the sex on their original birth certificate or whose gender expression varies significantly from what is traditionally associated with or typical for that sex. Completed applications are due by October 5, 2018 ([R01](#)) or October 16, 2018 ([R21](#)).

## **SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY**

**NIH: Interdisciplinary Research Teams to Investigate Reciprocal Basic Behavioral and Social Linkages Between Sleep and Stress (R24 Clinical Trial Optional)**

**PAR-18-694**

**Application Submission Deadline: October 29, 2018**

This FOA encourages applications that develop, strengthen, and evaluate transdisciplinary approaches, methods, and investigative teams in basic behavioral, social, and/or biobehavioral research to generate fundamental knowledge of the reciprocal linkages between sleep and stress. Stress can result in sleep disruption due to both psychological as well as physiological changes. Sleep disruption can result in physiological changes; however, individuals may not recognize or identify impairment due to sleep disruption. This initiative supports the development of research teams to understand how basic individual, social, biological, and environmental factors interact in a dynamic relationship between sleep patterns and psychosocial stress to influence health, wellness, disease, and/or treatment adherence. Letters of intent are due 30 days prior to the application deadline. Completed applications are due by October 29, 2018. Click [here](#) for more information.

**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.

**SOCIOLOGY****NSF: National Science Foundation Sociology Program****PD-98-1331****Application Submission Deadline: August 15 and January 15 annually**

The Sociology Program supports basic research on all forms of human social organization -- societies, institutions, groups and demography -- and processes of individual and institutional change. The Program encourages theoretically focused empirical investigations aimed at improving the explanation of fundamental social processes. Included is research on organizations and organizational behavior, population dynamics, social movements, social groups, labor force participation, stratification and mobility, family, social networks, socialization, gender roles, and the sociology of science and technology. The Program supports both original data collections and secondary data analysis that use the full range of quantitative and qualitative methodological tools. Theoretically grounded projects that offer methodological innovations and improvements for data collection and analysis are also welcomed. Applications are due on August 15 and January 15 annually. Click [here](#) for more information.

**SUBSTANCE USE AND ABUSE****NIDA: Small Research Grant Program (R03 Clinical Trial Required)****PA-18-634****Application Submission Deadline: October 16, 2018**

The NIDA Small Research Grant Program supports small research projects that can be carried out in a short period of time with limited resources. This program 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. This Funding Opportunity Announcement requires that at least 1 clinical trial be proposed. The proposed project must be related to the programmatic interests of NIDA. Completed applications are due by October 16, 2018. Click [here](#) for more information.

**NIH: Accelerating the Pace of Drug Abuse Research Using Existing Data (R01 Clinical Trial Optional)****PAR-16-234****Application Submission Deadline: October 5, 2018**

The purpose of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is to invite applications proposing the innovative analysis of existing social science, behavioral, administrative, and neuroimaging data to study the etiology and epidemiology of drug using behaviors (defined as alcohol, tobacco, prescription and other drug) and related disorders, prevention of drug use and HIV, and health service utilization. Completed applications are due by 5:00 PM local time of applicant organization on October 5, 2018. Click [here](#) for more information.

**NIH: Addressing the Challenges of the Opioid Epidemic in Minority Health and Health Disparities Research in the U.S. (R21 Clinical Trial Optional) (R01 Clinical Trial Optional)****PAR-18-745, PAR-18-747****Application Submission Deadline: November 14, 2018**

The purpose of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is to encourage developmental and exploratory research focused on determining the mechanisms for the variation in the prevalence of Opioid Use Disorder (OUD), and understanding and reducing disparities in opioid care in minority health and health disparity populations in the U.S. This initiative will also seek to identify multi-level intervention strategies at the institutional and systems level for addressing OUD in these populations. Letters of intent are due 30 days prior to application submission deadline. Completed applications are due by November 14, 2018. Click here for more information : [R21](#), [R01](#).

**NIH: Advancing Exceptional Research on HIV/AIDS and Substance Abuse (R01)**

**RFA-DA-18-002****Application Submission Deadline: August 22, 2018**

This FOA supports highly innovative R01 applications on HIV/AIDS and drug abuse and complements the Avant-Garde Award Program for HIV/AIDS and Drug Use Research and the Avenir Award Program for Research on Substance Abuse and HIV/AIDS. The Avant-Garde award supports individuals who conduct high-risk, high-reward research and does not require a detailed research plan. The Avenir award is similar to the Avant-Garde award but focuses on support for early stage investigators. Applications submitted under this FOA are required to have a detailed research plan and preliminary data. This FOA focuses on innovative research projects that have the potential to open new areas of HIV/AIDS research and/or lead to new avenues for prevention and treatment of HIV/AIDS among substance abusers. The nexus with drug abuse should be clearly described. This FOA is open to both individual researchers and research teams and is not limited to any one area of research on HIV and substance use, but all studies must focus on NIH HIV/AIDS Research Priorities (see <https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-15-137.html>). Letters of intent are due by July 22, 2017. Applications are due by 5pm local time of applicant organization by August 22, 2018. Click [here](#) for more information.

**NIH: Evaluating the NIDA Standardized Research E-Cigarette in Risk Reduction and Related Studies (U01) PAR-17-156****Application Submission Deadline: April 24, 2019**

The purpose of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is to accelerate research evaluating electronic cigarettes (e-cigarettes, electronic nicotine delivery systems, ENDS) as a potential means of reducing the risks associated with combustible tobacco use. This goal will be achieved by funding clinical studies that use the newly-developed NIDA Standard Research E-cigarette (SREC) to examine potential risks and benefits associated with e-cigarette use in current tobacco smokers. Ultimately, this FOA aims to evaluate whether e-cigarettes can reduce the risks associated with combustible tobacco use and to establish the NIDA SREC as a standard to which other e-cigarettes can be compared. Studies submitted to this FOA should examine the effects of the SREC on multiple behavioral and health biomarkers in current tobacco smokers and may include examination of whether e-cigarettes can reduce the negative health impacts of conventional tobacco use, and / or examine their effects on craving and dependence. Funding will be contingent upon the FDA Center for Tobacco Products (CTP) determination that the studies fall under their regulatory jurisdiction. Furthermore, funding will require that CTP accepts the use of the NIDA SREC as an Investigational Tobacco Product (ITP) in the proposed study, or determines that an ITP is not required. Studies funded by this FOA are expected to rapidly increase understanding of whether e-cigarettes reduce the risks associated with tobacco use. Additionally, these studies may provide significant data to inform e-cigarette public health policy decision-making. Letters of intent are due 30 days prior to the application deadline. Applications are due by April 24, 2019. Click [here](#) for more information.

**NIH: Mechanism for Time-Sensitive Drug Abuse Research (R21 Clinical Trial Optional) PAR-18-064****Application Submission Deadline: November 8, 2018**

This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) will support pilot, feasibility or exploratory research in 5 priority areas in substance use epidemiology and health services, including: 1) responses to sudden and severe emerging drug issues (e.g. the ability to look into a large and sudden spike in synthetic cannabinoid use/overdoses in a particular community); 2) responses to emerging marijuana trends and topics related to the shifting policy landscape; 3) responses to unexpected and time-sensitive prescription drug abuse research opportunities (e.g., new state or local efforts); 4) responses to unexpected and time-sensitive medical system issues (e.g. opportunities to understand addiction services in the evolving health care system); and 5) responses to unexpected and time-sensitive criminal or juvenile justice opportunities (e.g. new system and/or structural level changes) that relate to drug abuse and access and provision of health care service. 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 30 days prior to application deadline. Completed applications are due by November 8, 2018. Click [here](#) for more information.

**NIH: Mechanistic Investigations of Psychosocial Stress Effects on Opioid Use Patterns (R01- Clinical Trial Optional) (R21- Clinical Trial Optional)****PAS-18-624, PAS-18-625****Application Submission Deadline: October 5, 2018 (R01), October 16, 2018 (R21)**

This funding opportunity announcement (FOA) invites innovative research to characterize the consequences of psychosocial stress on affective/cognitive functioning and/or pain processing as it relates to opioid use disorder (OUD). This FOA encourages research that elucidates mechanisms of action and determinants of vulnerability and/or resilience by which psychosocial stress influence OUD trajectories. Research using basic or clinical approaches is appropriate.

Letters of intent are due 30 days prior to the application deadline. Completed applications are due by October 5, 2018 (R01) and October 16, 2018 (R21).

**NIH: Multi-Site Studies for System-Level Implementation of Substance Use Prevention and Treatment Services (R01, R34)**

**PAR-16-455, PAR-16-456**

**Application Submission Deadline: July 17, 2018**

As part of the Collaborative Research on Addiction at NIH (CRAN) initiative, NIDA, NIAAA, and NCI join to issue this FOA. The purpose of this FOA is to support the development and testing of interventions, models, and/or frameworks that examine system-level implementation of evidence-based interventions, guidelines, or principles to improve the delivery, uptake, quality, and sustainability of substance use prevention and treatment interventions and services. Letters of intent are due 30 days prior to the application due date. Applications are due by 5:00 PM local time of applicant organization on July 17, 2018. Click here for more information: [R01](#), [R34](#).

**NIH: NIDA Avant-Garde Award Program for HIV/AIDS and Drug Use Research (DP1)**

**RFA-DA-18-001**

**Application Submission Deadline: July 31, 2018**

The NIDA Avant-Garde Award Program for HIV/AIDS Research supports individual scientists of exceptional creativity who propose high-impact research that will open new areas of HIV/AIDS research relevant to drug abuse and/or lead to new avenues for prevention and treatment of HIV/AIDS among drug abusers. The term "avant-garde" is used to describe highly innovative approaches that have the potential to be transformative. The proposed research should reflect approaches and ideas that are substantially different from those already being pursued by the investigator or others and should support the NIH HIV/AIDS Research Priorities <https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-15-137.html>. The NIDA Avant-Garde award supports innovative, basic research that may lead to improved preventive interventions or therapies; creative, new strategies to prevent disease transmission; novel approaches to improve disease outcomes; and creative approaches to eradicating HIV or improving the lives of those living with HIV. Applications are due by 5pm local time of applicant organization on July 31, 2018. Click [here](#) for more information.

**NIH: Nutrition and Alcohol-Related Health Outcomes (R03) (R01) (R21)**

**PA-17-212, PA-17-211, PA-17-213**

**Application Submission Deadline: October 5, 2018 (R01), October 16, 2018 (R03, R21)**

This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) encourages applications that propose to examine associations between nutrition and alcohol-related health outcomes in humans and animal models. The goal of this FOA 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. Applications are due by 5pm local time of applicant organization on October 5, 2018 (R01), October 16, 2018 (R03, R21).

**NIH: Public Policy Effects on Alcohol-, Marijuana-, and Other Substance-Related Behaviors and Outcomes (R01) (R21) (R03)**

**PA-17-135, PA-17-132, PA-17-134**

**Application Submission Deadline: October 5, 2018; October 16, 2018**

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**NIH: Secondary Analyses of Existing Alcohol Research Data (R01)**

**PA-17-467**

**Application Submission Deadline: October 5, 2018**

This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) encourages the submission of investigator-initiated research grant applications to support the secondary analysis of existing data sets with the goal of enhancing our understanding of patterns of alcohol consumption, the epidemiology and etiology, including genetics, of alcohol-related problems. Research grants for the Secondary Analyses of Existing Alcohol Research Data are intended to provide support for studies that utilize currently available data sets to increase our understanding of the incidence, prevalence and etiology of alcohol related problems and disorders in the population, as well as the risk and protective factors associated with them. Research that employs analytic techniques which demonstrate or promote methodological advances in alcohol-related epidemiologic and Genetics/Genomics research is also of interest. Completed applications are due by October 5, 2018. Click [here](#) for more information.