



U.S. Federal Funding Opportunities For Research, Evaluation, and Dissemination

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Highlights –

This month's FFO highlights four funding opportunity announcements (FOA). The first is a [NIH funding opportunity](#) to support research on interventions to improve health in Native American (NA) populations. Applications are due by May 17, 2021. The second is a [U.S. Department of Education grant program](#) which provides financial support to institutions of higher education (IHEs) with the greatest unmet needs related to coronavirus. Applications are due by October 20, 2020. The third is a [NIH funding opportunity](#) for research centers to support integrated programs of high-impact, practice-based research with near-term potential to address NIMH (National Institute of Mental Health) suicide prevention priorities and help achieve the National Action Alliance for Suicide Prevention goals of reducing the rate of suicide in the US. Applications are due by October 15, 2020. The fourth is a [CDC funding opportunity](#) to support research that enhances knowledge about autism spectrum disorder (ASD), including risk factors for ASD and the expression of ASD, from childhood through early adulthood, and to obtain information that can be used to improve the health and functioning of individuals with ASD as they mature. Applications are due by November 10, 2020.

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CAREER DEVELOPMENT AND RECOGNITION

AHRQ: Mentored Research Scientist Career Development Award (K01)

PA-20-067

Application Submission Deadline: October 12, 2020

The primary purpose of the AHRQ Mentored Research Scientist Career Development Awards (K01) program is to help ensure that a diverse pool of highly trained scientists is available in appropriate scientific disciplines to address the Nation's health services research needs. This AHRQ program provides support and "protected time" to individuals with a research doctoral degree for an intensive, supervised research career development experience in health services research. The K01 award can be used both by individuals who propose to newly embark in health services research training and those who had a hiatus in their research careers because of illness or family circumstances. Applications are due by 5pm local time of applicant organization on October 12, 2020. [Read more information](#).

NIDA: AIDS-Science Track Award for Research Transition (R03 Clinical Trial Optional)

PA-18-916

Application Submission Deadline: January 7, 2021

This funding opportunity announcement (FOA) seeks to facilitate the entry of both newly independent and early career investigators to the area of drug use and use disorder research and HIV/AIDS. This FOA, AIDS-Science Track Award for Research Transition (A-START), encourages Small Research Grant (R03) applications to support research projects on drug misuse and/or use disorder and HIV/AIDS that can be carried out in a short period of time with limited resources. This FOA welcomes applications integrating drug misuse and/or use disorder and HIV/AIDS across all areas of research supported by NIDA. Applications are due by 5pm local time of applicant organization on January 7, 2021. [Read more information](#).

NIDA: Behavioral Science Track Award for Rapid Transition (B/Start)(R03 Clinical Trial Optional)

PAR-19-310

Application Submission Deadline: October 16, 2020

This Funding Opportunity from the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) will use a NIH Small Research Grant (R03) award mechanism to support studies that apply affective, cognitive and behavioral science approaches to research questions relevant to substance use disorders (SUD). With this R03 mechanism, NIDA aims to seed innovative affective, cognitive and behavioral hypotheses, models, and methods in preclinical and clinical SUD research. The B/START R03 is intended for recently-independent investigators with expertise in behavioral science as well as established investigators who are using behavioral science approaches to SUD for the first time. Studies supported by B/START are expected to produce a coherent set of preliminary findings that would inform the design of a more complete study and serve as preliminary data supporting feasibility or scientific rationale in an R01, R21 or similar application. Applications are due by 5pm local time of applicant organization on October 16, 2020. [Read more information](#).

NIDA: Imaging - Science Track Award for Research Transition (I/START) (R03 Clinical Trial Optional)

PAR-18-918

Application Submission Deadline: October 16, 2020

This funding opportunity announcement (FOA) encourages Small Research Grant (R03) applications to facilitate the entry of investigators to the area of neuroimaging, including both new investigators and established investigators seeking to adopt neuroimaging methodologies in their research programs, to enable the conduct of small "proof of concept" studies. The R03 is intended to support research projects that can be carried out in a short period of time with limited resources. Applications are due by 5pm local time of applicant organization on October 16, 2020. [Read more information](#).

NIDA: Mentored Clinical Scientist Development Program Award in Substance Use and Substance Use Disorder Research (K12 Clinical Trial Optional)

PAR-20-249

Application Submission Deadline: March 1, 2021

This funding opportunity announcement (FOA) encourages applications for institutional research career development (K12) programs that propose to support intensive supervised research and career development experiences for clinician scientists (Scholars) leading to research independence in the area of substance use and substance use disorder research. For this FOA, clinician scientists may include (but are not limited to) physicians, clinical psychologists, epidemiologists, doctoral level social workers, pharmacists, and behavioral scientists. Scholars are expected to be supported for 3-5 years on consecutive 12-month appointments. Candidates selected for support as scholars must hold a doctorate and commit a minimum of 9 person months (equivalent to 75% of full-time professional effort) to conducting clinical research and career development activities associated with the proposed program. Applications are due by March 1, 2021. [Read more information](#).

**NIDA: Substance Use/Substance Use Disorder Dissertation Research Award (R36 - Clinical Trials Optional)
PA-20-208**

Application Submission Deadline: October 16, 2020

The goal of this FOA is to support doctoral candidates from a variety of academic disciplines for up to two years for the completion of the doctoral dissertation research project. Research projects should align with NIDA funding priorities or within the NIDA Strategic Plan. This award will facilitate the entry of promising new investigators into the field of substance use/substance use disorder (SU(D) research, enhancing the pool of highly talented SU(D) researchers. Applications are particularly encouraged from those who can contribute to diversifying the research workforce as described in the Notice of NIH's Interest in Diversity. Applications are due by 5pm local time of applicant organization on October 16, 2020. [Read more information.](#)

NIDCR: Mentored Career Development Award to Promote Diversity in the Dental, Oral and Craniofacial Workforce (K01 Independent Basic Experimental Studies with Humans Required)

PAR-19-161

Application Submission Deadline: October 12, 2020

The purpose of this NIDCR Mentored Career Development Award is to enhance the diversity of the independently funded dental, oral and craniofacial research workforce by providing a mentored research experience for eligible postdoctoral fellows and early career faculty from diverse backgrounds, including those who are from groups underrepresented in the biomedical and behavioral sciences. This award provides salary and research support for a sustained period of protected time for intensive research career development under the guidance of an experienced mentor. This Funding Opportunity Announcement is for basic science experimental studies involving humans, referred to in NOT-OD-18-212 as "prospective basic science studies involving human participants." These studies fall within the NIH definition of a clinical trial and also meet the definition of basic research. Types of studies that should submit under this FOA include studies that prospectively assign human participants to conditions (i.e., experimentally manipulate independent variables) and that assess biomedical or behavioral outcomes in humans for the purpose of understanding the fundamental aspects of phenomena without specific application towards processes or products in mind. Applications are due by 5pm local time of applicant organization on October 12, 2020. [Read more information.](#)

NIDCD: Research Career Enhancement Award for Established Investigators (K18 Independent Basic Experimental Studies with Humans Required)

PAR-19-143

Application Submission Deadline: October 8, 2020

The purpose of the NIDCD Research Career Enhancement Award for Established Investigators (K18) program is to enable established, proven investigators to augment or redirect their research programs through the acquisition of new research skills to answer questions relevant to the hearing, balance, smell, taste, voice, speech and language sciences. This Funding Opportunity Announcement is for basic science experimental studies involving humans, referred to in [NOT-OD-18-212](#) as "prospective basic science studies involving human participants." These studies fall within the NIH definition of a clinical trial and also meet the definition of basic research. Types of studies that should submit under this FOA include studies that prospectively assign human participants to conditions (i.e., experimentally manipulate independent variables) and that assess biomedical or behavioral outcomes in humans for the purpose of understanding the fundamental aspects of phenomena without specific application towards processes or products in mind. Applications are due by 5pm local time of applicant organization on October 8, 2020. [Read more information.](#)

NIDCR: Mentored Career Development Award to Promote Diversity in the Dental, Oral and Craniofacial Workforce (K01 Independent Clinical Trial Not Allowed)

PAR-19-160

Application Submission Deadline: October 12, 2020

The purpose of this NIDCR Mentored Career Development Award is to enhance the diversity of the independently funded dental, oral and craniofacial research workforce by providing a mentored research experience for eligible postdoctoral fellows and early career faculty from diverse backgrounds, including those who are from groups underrepresented in the biomedical and behavioral sciences. This award provides salary and research support for a sustained period of protected time for intensive research career development under the guidance of an experienced mentor. 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. Applications are due by 5pm local time of applicant organization on October 12, 2020. [Read more information.](#)

NIGMS: Postdoctoral Research Associate Training (PRAT) Program (Fi2)

PAR-19-286

Application Submission Deadline October 2, 2020

The NIGMS Postdoctoral Research Associate Training (PRAT) Program's overarching goal is to provide high quality postdoctoral research training in the basic biomedical sciences to a diverse group of postdoctoral fellows in NIH Intramural research laboratories, and to prepare them for leadership positions in biomedical careers. Research projects proposed should focus on areas within the NIGMS mission, which include but are not limited to biological chemistry, biophysics, bioinformatics, cellular and molecular biology, computational biosciences, developmental biology, genetics, immunology, neuroscience, pharmacology, physiology, and technology development. In addition to the laboratory experience, the PRAT program provides a structured training environment with extensive career and professional development, mentoring, and networking opportunities planned and supported by the program. Applications are due by 5pm local time of applicant organization on October 2, 2020. [Read more information](#).

**new NIH: Advanced Laboratories for Accelerating the Reach and Impact of Treatments for Youth and Adults with Mental Illness (ALACRITY) Research Centers (P50 Clinical Trial Optional)
PAR-20-293**

Application Submission Deadline: March 17, 2021

This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) invites applications for centers to support transdisciplinary teams of clinical and mental health services researchers, behavioral scientists, social scientists, health information and communications technologists, health systems engineers, decision scientists, and mental health stakeholders (e.g., service users, family members, clinicians, payers) to engage in high-impact studies that will significantly advance clinical practice and generate knowledge that will fuel transformation of mental health care in the United States. Advanced Laboratories for Accelerating the Reach and Impact of Treatments for Youth and Adults with Mental Illness (ALACRITY) Research Centers will support the rapid development, testing, and refinement of novel and integrative approaches for (1) optimizing the effectiveness of therapeutic or preventive interventions for mental disorders within well-defined target populations; (2) organizing and delivering optimized mental health services within real world treatment settings; and (3) continuously improving the quality, impact, and durability of optimized interventions and service delivery within diverse care systems. The ALACRITY Centers program is intended to support research that maximizes synergies across various components of the mental health research ecosystem, including new discoveries in clinical research, transformative health care technologies, advances in information science, and new federal and state mechanisms for organizing mental health care. The Centers are intended for transdisciplinary projects that could not be achieved using standard research project grant mechanisms. The ALACRITY Centers program is also expected to facilitate widespread sharing of relevant data, methods, and resources that will accelerate clinical research and practice and to provide opportunities for graduate students, postdoctoral researchers, and early-career investigators to participate in transdisciplinary, T2 translational mental health research. Applications are due by March 17, 2021. [Read more information](#).

NIH: Blueprint Diversity Specialized Predoctoral to Postdoctoral Advancement in Neuroscience (D-SPAN) Award (F99/K00 Independent Clinical Trial Not Allowed)

RFA-NS-19-011

Application Submission Deadline: December 15, 2020

The purpose of the NIH Blueprint Diversity Specialized Predoctoral to Postdoctoral Advancement in Neuroscience (D-SPAN) Award is to support a defined pathway across career stages for outstanding graduate students from diverse backgrounds, including those from groups underrepresented in biomedical and behavioral sciences. This two-phase award will facilitate completion of the doctoral dissertation and transition of talented graduate students to strong neuroscience research postdoctoral positions, and will provide career development opportunities relevant to their long-term career goal of becoming independent neuroscience researchers. Applications are due by 5pm local time of applicant organization on December 15, 2020. [Read more information](#).

NIH: BRAIN Initiative Advanced Postdoctoral Career Transition Award to Promote Diversity (K99/R00 Independent Clinical Trial Not Allowed) (K99/R00 Independent Clinical Trial Required)

RFA-NS-19-043; RFA-NS-19-044

Application Submission Deadline: October 9, 2020

The purpose of the NIH BRAIN Initiative Advanced Postdoctoral Career Transition Award to Promote Diversity (K99/R00) program is to enhance workforce diversity in the neuroscience workforce and maintain a strong cohort of new and talented, NIH-supported, independent investigators from diverse backgrounds in [BRAIN Initiative research areas](#). This program is designed to facilitate a timely transition of outstanding postdoctoral researchers with a research and/or clinical doctorate degree from mentored, postdoctoral research positions to independent, tenure-track or equivalent faculty positions. The program will provide independent NIH research support during this transition in order to help awardees to launch competitive, independent research careers. Applications are due by October 9, 2020. [RFA-NS-19-043](#); [RFA-NS-19-044](#).

NIH: Independent Scientist Award (Parent K02 - Independent Clinical Trial Required) (Parent K02 Independent Basic Experimental Studies with Humans Required)

PA-20-171; PA-20-173

Application Submission Deadline: October 12, 2020

The purpose of the NIH Independent Scientist Award (K02) is to foster the development of outstanding scientists and enable them to expand their potential to make significant contributions to their field of research. The K02 award provides three to five years of salary support and "protected time" for newly independent scientists who can demonstrate the need for a period of intensive research focus as a means of enhancing their research careers. Each independent scientist career award program must be tailored to meet the individual needs of the candidate. The proposed project must be related to the programmatic interests of one or more of the participating NIH Institutes and Centers (i.e., NIA, NIAAA, NIDCR, NIDA, NIEHS, NINDS) based on their scientific missions. Applications are due by October 12, 2020. [PA-20-171](#); [PA-20-173](#).

NIH: Jointly Sponsored Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award Institutional Predoctoral Training Program in the Neurosciences (T32 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)

PAR-20-076

Application Submission Deadline: May 25, 2021

The Jointly Sponsored NIH Predoctoral Training Program in the Neurosciences (JSPTPN) is an institutional program that supports broad and fundamental research training in the neurosciences. In addition to a broad education in the neurosciences, a key component will be a curriculum that provides a strong foundation in experimental design, statistical methodology and quantitative reasoning. JSPTPN programs are intended to be 2 years in duration and students may only be appointed to this training grant during the first 2 years of their graduate research training. The primary objective is to prepare students to be outstanding scientists equipped to pursue careers in neuroscience. Letters of intent are due 30 days prior to the application due date. Applications are due by 5pm local time of applicant organization on May 21, 2021. [Read more information](#).

NIH: Mentored Clinical Scientist Research Career Development Award (Parent K08 Independent Basic Experimental Studies with Humans Required)

PA-20-201

Application Submission Deadline: October 12, 2020

The primary purpose of the NIH Mentored Clinical Scientist Research Career Development Awards (K08) program is to prepare qualified individuals for careers that have a significant impact on the health-related research needs of the Nation. This program represents the continuation of a long-standing NIH program that provides support and "protected time" to individuals with a clinical doctoral degree for an intensive, supervised research career development experience in the fields of biomedical and behavioral research, including translational research. This Parent Funding Opportunity Announcement is for basic science experimental studies involving humans, referred to in [NOT-OD-18-212](#) as "prospective basic science studies involving human participants." These studies fall within the NIH definition of a clinical trial and also meet the definition of basic research. Types of studies that should be submitted under this FOA include studies that prospectively assign human participants to conditions (i.e., experimentally manipulate independent variables) and that assess biomedical or behavioral outcomes in humans for the purpose of understanding the fundamental aspects of phenomena without specific application towards processes or products in mind. Applications are due by 5pm local time of applicant organization on October 12, 2020. [Read more information](#).

NIH: Mentored Research Scientist Development Award (Parent K01 - Independent Clinical Trial Required)

PA-20-176; PA-20-190

Application Submission Deadline: October 12, 2020

The purpose of the NIH Mentored Research Scientist Development Award (K01) is to provide support and "protected time" (three to five years) for an intensive, supervised career development experience in the biomedical, behavioral, or clinical sciences leading to research independence. Although all of the participating NIH Institutes and Centers (ICs) use this support mechanism to support career development experiences that lead to research independence, some ICs use the K01 award for individuals who propose to train in a new field or for individuals who have had a hiatus in their research career because of illness or pressing family circumstances. PA-20-176 is designed specifically for candidates proposing to serve as the lead investigator of an independent clinical trial, a clinical trial feasibility study, or a separate ancillary clinical trial, as part of their research and career development. PA-20-190 is designed specifically for applicants proposing research that does not involve leading an independent clinical trial, a clinical trial feasibility study, or a separate ancillary clinical trial. Applicants to PA-20-190 are permitted to propose research experience in a clinical trial led by a mentor or co-mentor. Applications are due by 5pm local time of applicant organization on October 12, 2020. Read more information: [PA-20-176](#); [PA-20-190](#)

NIH: Mentored Research Scientist Development Award (Parent K01 Independent Basic Experimental Studies with Humans Required)

PA-20-191

Application Submission Deadline: October 12, 2020

The purpose of the NIH Mentored Research Scientist Development Award (K01) is to provide support and “protected time” (three to five years) for an intensive, supervised career development experience in the biomedical, behavioral, or clinical sciences leading to research independence. Although all of the participating NIH Institutes and Centers (ICs) use this support mechanism to support career development experiences that lead to research independence, some ICs use the K01 award for individuals who propose to train in a new field or for individuals who have had a hiatus in their research career because of illness or pressing family circumstances. This Parent Funding Opportunity Announcement is for basic science experimental studies involving humans, referred to in [NOT-OD-18-212](#) as “prospective basic science studies involving human participants.” These studies fall within the NIH definition of a clinical trial and also meet the definition of basic research. Types of studies that should be submitted under this FOA include studies that prospectively assign human participants to conditions (i.e., experimentally manipulate independent variables) and that assess biomedical or behavioral outcomes in humans for the purpose of understanding the fundamental aspects of phenomena without specific application towards processes or products in mind. Applications are due by 5pm local time of applicant organization on October 12, 2020. [Read more information](#).

NIH: Mid-Career Enhancement Awards to Integrate Basic Behavioral, Biomedical, and/or Social Scientific Processes (K18 No Independent Clinical Trials) (K18 Basic Experimental Studies with Humans Required)

PAR-20-211; PAR-20-226

Application Submission Deadline: March 17, 2021

This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) invites applications from investigators who strive to expand their research trajectories through the acquisition of new knowledge and skills in the areas of basic psychological processes, sociological processes, and/or biomedical pathways—expertise that is beyond and enhances their current areas of expertise. The program will support career development experiences and a small-scale research project that will provide experienced investigators with the scientific competencies required to conduct independent research projects that more thoroughly investigate interrelationships among behavioral, biological, endocrine, epigenetic, immune, inflammatory, neurological, psychological, and/or social processes. Completed applications are due by 5pm local time of applicant organization on March 17, 2021. Read more information: [PAR-20-211](#); [PAR-20-226](#).

NIH: Pathway to Independence Award (Parent K99/R00 Independent Clinical Trial Required)

PA-20-187; PA-20-188

Application Submission Deadline: October 12, 2020

The purpose of the NIH Pathway to Independence Award (K99/R00) program is to facilitate a timely transition of outstanding postdoctoral researchers with a research and/or clinical doctorate degree from mentored, postdoctoral research positions to independent, tenure-track or equivalent faculty positions. The program will provide independent NIH research support during this transition in order to help awardees to launch competitive, independent research careers. PA-20-187 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 clinical trial, as part of their research and career development. PA-20-188 is designed specifically for applicants proposing research that does not involve leading an independent clinical trial, a clinical trial feasibility study, or an ancillary clinical trial. Applicants to PA-20-188 are permitted to propose research experience in a clinical trial led by a mentor or co-mentor. Applications are due by 5pm local time of applicant organization on October 12, 2020. [Read more information](#).

NIH: Pathway to Independence Award (Parent K99/R00 Independent Basic Experimental Studies with Humans Required)

PA-20-189

Application Submission Deadline: October 12, 2020

The purpose of the NIH Pathway to Independence Award (K99/R00) program is to facilitate a timely transition of outstanding postdoctoral researchers with a research and/or clinical doctorate degree from mentored, postdoctoral research positions to independent, tenure-track or equivalent faculty positions. The program will provide independent NIH research support during this transition in order to help awardees to launch competitive, independent research careers. This Parent Funding Opportunity Announcement is for basic science experimental studies involving humans, referred to in [NOT-OD-18-212](#) as “prospective basic science studies involving human participants.” These studies fall within the NIH definition of a clinical trial and also meet the definition of basic research. Types of studies that should be submitted under this FOA include studies that prospectively assign human participants to conditions (i.e., experimentally manipulate independent variables) and that assess biomedical or behavioral outcomes in humans for the purpose of understanding the fundamental aspects of phenomena without specific application towards processes or products in mind. Applications are due by 5pm local time of applicant organization on October 12, 2020. [Read more information](#).

NIH: Research Enhancement Award Program (REAP) for Health Professional Schools and Graduate Schools (R15 Clinical Trial Not Allowed) (R15 Clinical Trial Required)

PAR-19-134; PAR-19-135

Application Submission Deadline: October 25, 2020

The purpose of the Research Enhancement Award Program (REAP) for Health Professional Schools and Graduate Schools is to stimulate basic and clinical research in educational institutions that provide baccalaureate or advanced degrees for a significant number of the Nation's research scientists, but that have not been major recipients of NIH support. REAP grants create opportunities for scientists and institutions otherwise unlikely to participate extensively in NIH research programs to contribute to the Nation's biomedical and behavioral research effort. REAP grants are intended to support small-scale research projects proposed by faculty members of eligible, domestic institutions, to expose undergraduate and/or graduate students at health professional schools or graduate schools to meritorious research projects, and to strengthen the research environment of the applicant institution. Applications are due by 5pm local time of applicant organization on October 25, 2020. Read more information: [PAR-19-134](#); [PAR-19-135](#).

NIH: Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award (NRSA) Individual Predoctoral Fellowship (Parent F31) PA-20-246

Application Submission Deadline: December 8, 2020

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 candidate's dissertation research project and is expected to clearly enhance the individual's potential to develop into a productive, independent research scientist. Applications are due by December 8, 2020. [Read more information](#).

NIH: Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award (NRSA) Individual Postdoctoral Fellowship (Parent F32) PA-20-242

Application Submission Deadline: December 8, 2020

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 candidates proposing research that does not involve leading an independent clinical trial, a clinical trial feasibility study, or an ancillary clinical trial, but does allow candidates to propose research experience in a clinical trial led by a sponsor or co-sponsor. Completed applications are due by December 8, 2020. [Read more information](#).

NIH: Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award (NRSA) Individual Senior Fellowship (Parent F33) PA-20-247

Application Submission Deadline: December 8, 2020

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 clinical trial, but does allow candidates to propose research experience in a clinical trial led by a sponsor or co-sponsor. Applications are due by December 8, 2020. [Read more information](#).

NIH: Science Education Partnership Award (SEPA) (R25 - Clinical Trial Not Allowed) PAR-20-153

Application Submission Deadline: July 13, 2021

The NIH Research Education Program (R25) supports research education activities in the mission areas of the NIH. The overarching goal of this 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. To accomplish the stated over-arching goal, this FOA will support creative educational activities with a primary focus on: Courses for Skills Development; Research Experiences; Mentoring Activities; Curriculum or Methods Development; and Outreach. Applications are due by July 13, 2021. [Read more information](#).

NIH: Research Supplements to Promote Diversity in Health-Related Research (Admin Supp - Clinical Trial Not Allowed)

PA-18-906

Application Submission Deadline: NIH Institutes and Centers (ICs) dependent

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) and the Center for Disease Control and Prevention hereby notify Program Director(s)/Principal Investigator(s) (PD(s)/PI(s)) holding specific types of research grants that funds are available for administrative supplements to improve the diversity of the research workforce by recruiting and supporting students, postdoctorates, and eligible investigators from diverse backgrounds, including those from groups that have been shown to be underrepresented in health-related research. This supplement opportunity is also available to PD(s)/PI(s) of research grants who are or become disabled and need additional support to accommodate their disability in order to continue to work on the research project. Administrative supplements must support work within the scope of the original project. 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 clinical trial. Applicants to this FOA are permitted to propose research experience in a clinical trial led by a mentor or co-mentor. The application deadline varies by IC. [See the specific deadlines](#) and [read more information](#).

NIMH: Biobehavioral Research Awards for Innovative New Scientists (NIMH BRAINS) (R01 Clinical Trial Optional) RFA-MH-20-525

Application Submission Deadline: June 20, 2021

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. Applications are due by 5pm on June 20, 2021. [Read more information](#).

NIMH: Mental Health Research Dissertation Grant to Enhance Workforce Diversity (R36 Independent Clinical Trial Not Allowed)

PAR-18-894

Application Submission Deadline: December 7, 2020

The purpose of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is to enhance the diversity of the mental health research workforce by providing dissertation awards in all research areas within the strategic priorities of the NIMH to individuals from groups underrepresented in biomedical, behavioral, clinical and social sciences research. This award supports the completion of the doctoral research project. Applications are due on December 7, 2020. [Read more information](#).

NSF: Alliances for Graduate Education and the Professoriate

NSF 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. Applications are due by the second Friday in December, annually. [Read more information](#).

NSF: EHR Core Research (ECR): Building Capacity in STEM Education Research (ECR: BCSER)

NSF 20-521

Application Submission Deadline: Fourth Friday in February, Annually

ECR's Building Capacity for STEM Education Research (ECR: BCSER) solicitation supports projects that build individuals' capacity to carry out high quality STEM education research that will enhance the nation's STEM education enterprise and broaden the pool of researchers that can conduct fundamental research in STEM learning and learning environments, broadening participation in STEM fields, and STEM workforce development. Specifically, ECR: BCSER

supports activities that enable early and mid-career researchers to acquire the requisite expertise and skills to conduct rigorous fundamental research in STEM education. ECR: BCSEER seeks to fund research career development activities on topics that are relevant to qualitative and quantitative research methods and design, including the collection and analysis of new qualitative or quantitative data, secondary analyses using extant datasets, or meta-analyses. Applications are due by 5pm local time of submitter on the fourth Friday in February, annually. [Read more information.](#)

NSF: Faculty Early Career Development Program (CAREER)

NSF 20-525

Application Submission Deadline: July 26, 2021

The Faculty Early Career Development (CAREER) Program is a Foundation-wide activity that offers the National Science Foundation's most prestigious awards in support of early-career faculty who have the potential to serve as academic role models in research and education and to lead advances in the mission of their department or organization. Activities pursued by early-career faculty should build a firm foundation for a lifetime of leadership in integrating education and research. NSF encourages submission of CAREER proposals from early-career faculty at all CAREER-eligible organizations and especially encourages women, members of underrepresented minority groups, and persons with disabilities to apply. Applications are due by 5pm local time of submitter on July 26, 2021. [Read 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. [Read more information.](#)

SCIENTIFIC WORKFORCE DIVERSITY

NIH: BRAIN Initiative Advanced Postdoctoral Career Transition Award to Promote Diversity (K99/R00 Independent Clinical Trial Not Allowed) (K99/R00 Independent Clinical Trial Required)

RFA-NS-19-043; RFA-NS-19-044

Application Submission Deadline: October 9, 2020

The purpose of the NIH BRAIN Initiative Advanced Postdoctoral Career Transition Award to Promote Diversity (K99/R00) program is to enhance workforce diversity in the neuroscience workforce and maintain a strong cohort of new and talented, NIH-supported, independent investigators from diverse backgrounds in [BRAIN Initiative research areas](#). This program is designed to facilitate a timely transition of outstanding postdoctoral researchers with a research and/or clinical doctorate degree from mentored, postdoctoral research positions to independent, tenure-track or equivalent faculty positions. The program will provide independent NIH research support during this transition in order to help awardees to launch competitive, independent research careers. Applications are due by October 9, 2020. [RFA-NS-19-043](#); [RFA-NS-19-044](#).

NIH: Enhancing Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math Educational Diversity (ESTEEMED) Research Education Experiences (R25)

PAR-20-223

Application Submission Deadline: June 24, 2021

The NIH Research Education Program (R25) supports research education activities in the mission areas of the NIH. The overarching goal of this R25 program is to support educational activities that encourage individuals from diverse backgrounds, including those from groups underrepresented in the biomedical and behavioral sciences, to pursue further studies or careers in research. To accomplish the stated over-arching goal, this FOA will support creative educational activities with a primary focus on Courses for Skills Development and Research Experiences for undergraduate freshmen and sophomores from diverse backgrounds, including those from groups underrepresented in bioengineering or STEM fields relevant to bioengineering, such as engineering or the physical/computational sciences, which play key roles in biomedical technologies and innovation. Completed applications are due by June 24, 2021. [Read more information.](#)

NIH: Neuroscience Development for Advancing the Careers of a Diverse Research Workforce (R25 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)

PAR-20-240

Application Submission Deadline: January 25, 2021

The NIH Research Education Program (R25) supports research education activities in the mission areas of the NIH. The overarching goal of this R25 program is to support educational activities that encourage individuals from diverse

backgrounds, including those from groups underrepresented in the biomedical and behavioral sciences, to pursue further studies or careers in research. To accomplish the stated over-arching goal, this FOA will support creative educational activities with a primary focus on: Research Experiences, Mentoring Activities, and Curriculum or Methods Development. Completed applications are due by January 25, 2021. [Read more information](#).

NIH: NIDCR Mentored Career Development Award to Promote Diversity in the Dental, Oral and Craniofacial Workforce (K01 Independent Basic Experimental Studies with Humans Required)

PAR-19-161

Application Submission Deadline: October 12, 2020

The purpose of this NIDCR Mentored Career Development Award is to enhance the diversity of the independently funded dental, oral and craniofacial research workforce by providing a mentored research experience for eligible postdoctoral fellows and early career faculty from diverse backgrounds, including those who are from groups underrepresented in the biomedical and behavioral sciences. This award provides salary and research support for a sustained period of protected time for intensive research career development under the guidance of an experienced mentor. This Funding Opportunity Announcement is for basic science experimental studies involving humans, referred to in NOT-OD-18-212 as “prospective basic science studies involving human participants.” These studies fall within the NIH definition of a clinical trial and also meet the definition of basic research. Types of studies that should submit under this FOA include studies that prospectively assign human participants to conditions (i.e., experimentally manipulate independent variables) and that assess biomedical or behavioral outcomes in humans for the purpose of understanding the fundamental aspects of phenomena without specific application towards processes or products in mind. Applications are due by 5pm local time of applicant organization on October 12, 2020. [Read more information](#).

NIH: NIDCR Mentored Career Development Award to Promote Diversity in the Dental, Oral and Craniofacial Workforce (K01 Independent Clinical Trial Not Allowed)

PAR-19-160

Application Submission Deadline: October 12, 2020

The purpose of this NIDCR Mentored Career Development Award is to enhance the diversity of the independently funded dental, oral and craniofacial research workforce by providing a mentored research experience for eligible postdoctoral fellows and early career faculty from diverse backgrounds, including those who are from groups underrepresented in the biomedical and behavioral sciences. This award provides salary and research support for a sustained period of protected time for intensive research career development under the guidance of an experienced mentor. 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. Applications are due by 5pm local time of applicant organization on October 12, 2020. [Read more information](#).

NIH: NIGMS Postdoctoral Research Associate Training (PRAT) Program (Fi2)

PAR-19-286

Application Submission Deadline October 2, 2020

The NIGMS Postdoctoral Research Associate Training (PRAT) Program's overarching goal is to provide high quality postdoctoral research training in the basic biomedical sciences to a diverse group of postdoctoral fellows in NIH Intramural research laboratories, and to prepare them for leadership positions in biomedical careers. Research projects proposed should focus on areas within the NIGMS mission, which include but are not limited to biological chemistry, biophysics, bioinformatics, cellular and molecular biology, computational biosciences, developmental biology, genetics, immunology, neuroscience, pharmacology, physiology, and technology development. In addition to the laboratory experience, the PRAT program provides a structured training environment with extensive career and professional development, mentoring, and networking opportunities planned and supported by the program. Applications are due by 5pm local time of applicant organization on October 2, 2020. [Read more information](#).

NIH: Research Supplements to Promote Diversity in Health-Related Research (Admin Supp - Clinical Trial Not Allowed)

PA-18-906

Application Submission Deadline: NIH Institutes and Centers (ICs) dependent

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) and the Center for Disease Control and Prevention hereby notify Program Director(s)/Principal Investigator(s) (PD(s)/PI(s)) holding specific types of research grants that funds are available for administrative supplements to improve the diversity of the research workforce by recruiting and supporting students, postdoctorates, and eligible investigators from diverse backgrounds, including those from groups that have been shown to be underrepresented in health-related research. This supplement opportunity is also available to PD(s)/PI(s) of research grants who are or become disabled and need additional support to accommodate their disability in order to continue to work on the research project. Administrative supplements must support work within the scope of the original project. 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 clinical trial. Applicants to this FOA are permitted to propose research experience in a clinical trial led by a mentor or co-mentor. The application deadline varies by IC. [See specific deadlines](#) and [read more information](#).

NIH: Research Supplements to Promote Diversity in Health-Related Research (Admin Supp - Clinical Trial Not Allowed)

PA-20-222

Application Submission Deadline: Varies by Awarding Institute or Center

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention hereby notify Program Director(s)/Principal Investigator(s) (PD(s)/PI(s)) holding specific types of research grants (listed in the full FOA) that funds are available for administrative supplements to enhance the diversity of the research workforce by recruiting and supporting students, post-doctorates, and eligible investigators from diverse backgrounds, including those from groups that have been shown to be underrepresented in health-related research. This supplement opportunity is also available to PD(s)/PI(s) of research grants who are or become disabled and need additional support to accommodate their disability in order to continue to work on the research project. Administrative supplements must support work within the scope of the original project. The application deadline varies by the awarding Institute or Center. [Read more information](#).

NIH: Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award (NRSA) Individual Predoctoral Fellowship to Promote Diversity in Health-Related Research (Parent F31-Diversity)

PA-20-251

Application Submission Deadline: December 8, 2020

The purpose of this Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award (NRSA) Individual Predoctoral Fellowship to Promote Diversity in Health-Related Research award is to enhance the diversity of the health-related research workforce by supporting the research training of predoctoral students from diverse backgrounds including those from groups that are underrepresented in the biomedical, behavioral, or clinical research workforce. Through this award program, promising predoctoral students will obtain individualized, mentored research training from outstanding faculty sponsors while conducting well-defined research projects in scientific health-related fields relevant to the missions of the participating NIH Institutes and Centers. The proposed mentored research training is expected to clearly enhance the individual's potential to develop into a productive, independent research scientist. Applications are due by December 8, 2020. [Read more information](#).

NIH: Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award (NRSA) Institutional Research Training Grant (Parent T32)

PA-20-142

Application Submission Deadline: January 25, 2021

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) will award Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award (NRSA) Institutional Research Training Grants (T32) to eligible, domestic institutions to enhance predoctoral and postdoctoral research training, including short-term research training, and help ensure that a diverse and highly trained workforce is available to meet the needs of the Nation's biomedical, behavioral, and clinical research agenda. Research training programs are expected to incorporate didactic, research, and career development elements to prepare trainees for careers that will have a significant impact on the health-related research needs of the Nation. Programs proposing only short-term predoctoral research training should not apply to this announcement, but rather to the Kirschstein-NRSA Short-Term Institutional Research Training Grant Program (T35) exclusively reserved for predoctoral, short-term research training. Applications are due by January 25, 2021. [Read more information](#).

NIH: Small Grants for New Investigators to Promote Diversity in Health-Related Research (R21 Clinical Trial Optional)

PAR-19-222

Application Submission Deadline: October 16, 2020

The purpose of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is to provide support for New Investigators: (1) from diverse backgrounds, including from groups nationally underrepresented in biomedical and behavioral research to conduct small research projects in the scientific mission areas of the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK) and the National Human Genome Research Institute (NHGRI) and (2) who at the time of award under this FOA will have/have had less than \$125,000 direct cost of combined research funding (excluding NIH training and NIH career awards). This R21 will support small research projects that can be carried out in a short period of time with limited resources and seeks to facilitate the transition to research independence of diverse New Investigators. The R21 grant mechanism supports different types of projects including pilot and feasibility studies; secondary analysis of existing data; small, self-contained research projects; development of research methodology; and development of new

research technology. Applications are due by 5pm local time of applicant organization on October 16, 2020. [Read more information](#).

NIMH: Mental Health Research Dissertation Grant to Enhance Workforce Diversity (R36 Independent Clinical Trial Not Allowed)

PAR-18-894

Application Submission Deadline: December 7, 2020

The purpose of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is to enhance the diversity of the mental health research workforce by providing dissertation awards in all research areas within the strategic priorities of the NIMH to individuals from groups underrepresented in biomedical, behavioral, clinical and social sciences research. This award supports the completion of the doctoral research project. Applications are due on December 7, 2020. [Read 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. Applications are due by the second Friday in December, annually. [Read more information](#).

GENERAL FUNDING MECHANISMS

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

PA-18-482

Application Submission Deadline: October 16, 2020

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, 2020. [Read more information](#).

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

PA-18-480

Application Submission Deadline: October 5, 2020

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, 2020. [Read more information](#).

NIDA: Program Project Grant Applications (P01 Clinical Trial Optional)

PAR-19-345

Application Submission Deadline: January 25, 2021

This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) announces the availability of support for collaborative research by multi-disciplinary teams which is of high priority to NIDA and leads to synergistic outcomes based on the synthesis of multiple research approaches. The NIDA Program Projects funding opportunity will support research in which the funding of three or more highly meritorious projects as a group enriches both the component projects and the overall program to offer significant scientific advantages over supporting the same projects as individual research grants (i.e., synergy). For the

duration of the award, each Program must consist of a minimum of three research projects focused on issues critical to advance the mission and goals of NIDA. Letters of intent are due 30 days prior to the application due date. Applications are due by January 25, 2021. [Read more information](#).

**NIH: Exploratory/Developmental Research Grant Program (Parent R21 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)
PA-20-195**

Application Submission Deadline: October 16, 2020

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, 2020. [Read more information](#).

NIH: Exploratory/Developmental Research Grant Program (Parent R21 Basic Experimental Studies with Humans Required)

PA-20-196 Application Submission Deadline: October 16, 2020

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. This Parent Funding Opportunity Announcement is for basic science experimental studies involving humans, referred to in [NOT-OD-18-212](#) as “prospective basic science studies involving human participants.” These studies fall within the NIH definition of a clinical trial and also meet the definition of basic research. Types of studies that should submit under this FOA include studies that prospectively assign human participants to conditions (i.e., experimentally manipulate independent variables) and that assess biomedical or behavioral outcomes in humans for the purpose of understanding the fundamental aspects of phenomena without specific application towards processes or products in mind. Applications are due by 5pm local time of applicant organization on October 16, 2020. [Read more information](#).

NIH: Limited Competition: Competitive Revision Awards for the Clinical and Translational Science Award (CTSA) Program (U54 Clinical Trial Optional)

PAR-19-337

Application Submission Deadline: September 27, 2021

The purpose of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is to solicit competitive revision (formerly known as competitive supplement) applications from awardees with active Clinical and Translational Science Award (CTSA) Program hub awards (UL1) to support the demonstration, and/or dissemination, and/or implementation of highly innovative and impactful translational science projects that address the goals of the CTSA Program and are beyond the original scope of the approved parent project. Under this competitive revision, only applications for revisions to the UL1 award are allowed. Revisions to the linked KL2 and/or the TL1 awards are not allowed. Letters of intent are due 30 days prior to the application due date. Applications are due by September 27, 2021. [Read more information](#).

**NIH: Small Research Grant Program (Parent R03 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)
PA-20-200**

Application Submission Deadline: October 16, 2020

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 applications proposing clinical trial(s). Applications are due by 5pm local time of applicant organization on October 16, 2020. [Read more information](#).

BY TOPIC

ADOLESCENTS AND YOUTH

**NEW CDC: Study to Explore Early Development (SEED) Follow up Studies
RFA-DD-21-001**

Application Submission Deadline: November 10, 2020

The purpose of this NOFO is to gain knowledge about autism spectrum disorder (ASD), including risk factors for ASD and the expression of ASD, from childhood through early adulthood, and to obtain information that can be used to improve the health and functioning of individuals with ASD as they mature. This will be completed through 1) analysis of existing data and biospecimens from preschool-aged children and their families who participated in the CDC funded study known as the Study to Explore Early Development (SEED), a multi-phase, multi-site, case-control study of children identified at age 2-5 years with ASD, other developmental disabilities (DD), and from the general population (POP); and 2) longitudinal follow-up of and research on previous SEED participants to obtain information through early adulthood on their health and functioning, service use and needs, and the impact of ASD on their families. Applications are due by November 10, 2020. [Read more information.](#)

NIDCR: Improving Oral Health and Reducing Disparities in Adolescents (R01 Clinical Trial Not Allowed) (R21 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)
PAR-20-058; PAR-20-059

Application Submission Deadline: October 5, 2020 (R01); October 16, 2020 (R21)

The purpose of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is to stimulate research to improve the oral health of adolescents in the United States, and to reduce observed oral health disparities and inequities in this population. This FOA defines “adolescents” as those individuals between the ages of 10 and 19. Applications are due by 5pm local time of applicant organization on October 5, 2020 (R01) and October 16, 2020 (R21). Read more information: [R01](#), [R21](#)

NIH: Accelerating the Pace of Child Health Research Using Existing Data from the Adolescent Brain Cognitive Development (ABCD) Study (R01-Clinical Trial Not Allowed) (R21-Clinical Trial Not Allowed)
PAR-19-162; PAR-19-163

Application Submission Deadline: October 5, 2020 (R01), October 16, 2020 (R21)

The Adolescent Brain Cognitive Development (ABCD) Study is collecting data on health and mental health, cognitive function, substance use, cultural and environmental factors, and brain structure and function from youth starting when they are 9-10 years-old and following them longitudinally to early adulthood. These data will be made available to the scientific community through the NIMH Data Archive. The purpose of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is to encourage applications proposing the analysis of this public use dataset to increase knowledge of adolescent health and development. More information about the ABCD Study may be found on the [ABCD Study web page](#). Applications are due by 5pm local time of applicant organization on October 5, 2020 (R01) and October 16, 2020 (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: January 7, 2021

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. Applications are due by January 7, 2021. Read more information: [R01](#), [R21](#), [R34](#).

NIH: End-of-Life and Palliative Needs of Adolescents and Young Adults (AYA) with Serious Illnesses (R01 Clinical Trial Optional) (R21 Clinical Trial Optional)
PAR-19-136; PAR-19-153

Application Submission Deadline: October 5, 2020 (R01), October 16, 2020 (R21)

The purpose of this funding opportunity announcement (FOA) is to foster research on the unique perspectives, needs, wishes, and decision-making processes of adolescents and young adults (AYA; defined by the World Health Organization and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as youth between 12–24 years of age) with serious, advanced illnesses; and research focused on specific end-of-life/palliative care (EOLPC) models that support the physical, psychological, spiritual, and social needs of AYA with serious illness, their families and caregivers. Applications for PAR-19-136 are due by 5pm local time of applicant organization on October 5, 2020 (R01) and October 16, 2020 (R21).

NIH: Research to Reduce Morbidity and Improve Care for Pediatric, and Adolescent and Young Adult (AYA) Cancer Survivors (R21 Clinical Trial Optional)
RFA-CA-20-028

Application Submission Deadline: October 1, 2020

Through this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA), the National Cancer Institute (NCI) invites applications describing research focused on improving care and health-related quality of life for childhood, and adolescent and young adult (AYA) cancer survivors. Specifically, this FOA solicits mechanistic, observational, and intervention applications that focus on six key domains: (1) disparities in survivor outcomes; (2) barriers to follow-up care (e.g. access, adherence); (3) impact of familial, socioeconomic, and other environmental factors on survivor outcomes; (4) indicators for long-term

follow-up needs related to risk for late effects, recurrence, and subsequent cancers; (5) risk factors and predictors of late/long-term effects of cancer treatment; and (6) development of targeted interventions to reduce the burden of cancer for pediatric/AYA survivors. Applications are due by October 1, 2020. [Read more information](#).

NIMH: Career Enhancement Award to Advance Autism Services Research for Adults and Transition-Age Youth (K18 Independent Clinical Trial Not Allowed) (K18 Clinical Trial Required)

RFA-MH-20-420; RFA-MH-20-421

Application Submission Deadline: October 15, 2020

This NIMH Research Career Enhancement Award (K18) program invites applications from experienced investigators seeking to redirect or expand their research programs through the acquisition of new skills and knowledge in the area of autism services research for adults and transition-age youth, which is beyond and complementary to their current areas of expertise. The program will support research training and career development experiences and a small-scale research project that will provide experienced investigators with the scientific competencies required to conduct research relevant to services for adults or transition-age youth with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD). Eligible candidates are independent investigators at any faculty rank or level. Applications are due by October 15, 2020. Read more information: [RFA-MH-20-420](#); [RFA-MH-20-421](#).

ADVERSE EXPERIENCES

NIH: End-of-Life and Palliative Needs of Adolescents and Young Adults (AYA) with Serious Illnesses (R01 Clinical Trial Optional) (R21 Clinical Trial Optional)

PAR-19-136; PAR-19-153

Application Submission Deadline: October 5, 2020 (R01), October 16, 2020 (R21)

The purpose of this funding opportunity announcement (FOA) is to foster research on the unique perspectives, needs, wishes, and decision-making processes of adolescents and young adults (AYA; defined by the World Health Organization and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as youth between 12–24 years of age) with serious, advanced illnesses; and research focused on specific end-of-life/palliative care (EOLPC) models that support the physical, psychological, spiritual, and social needs of AYA with serious illness, their families and caregivers. Applications for PAR-19-136 are due by 5pm local time of applicant organization on October 5, 2020 (R01) and October 16, 2020 (R21).

ARTS

NIH: Promoting Research on Music and Health: Phased Innovation Award for Music Interventions (R61/R33 Clinical Trial Optional)

PAR-20-266

Application Submission Deadline: October 2, 2020

The purpose of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is to promote innovative research on music and health with an emphasis on developing music interventions aimed at understanding their mechanisms of action and clinical applications for the treatment of many diseases, disorders, and conditions. Given the emphasis on innovation, little or no preliminary data are needed to apply under this FOA. Because of the need for a multidisciplinary approach, collaborations among basic researchers, translational science researchers, music intervention experts, other clinical researchers, music health professionals, and technology development researchers are encouraged. The FOA utilizes a phased R61/R33 funding mechanism to support mechanistic research and to evaluate the clinical relevance of music interventions. Applications are due by October 2, 2020. [Read more information](#).

BEHAVIOR

NIH: Exploratory/Developmental Research Grant Program (Parent R21 Basic Experimental Studies with Humans Required)

PA-20-196

Application Submission Deadline: October 16, 2020

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. This Parent Funding Opportunity Announcement is for basic science experimental studies involving humans, referred to in [NOT-OD-18-212](#) as “prospective basic science studies involving human participants.” These studies fall within the NIH definition of a clinical trial and also meet the definition of basic research. Types of studies that should submit under this FOA include studies that prospectively assign human participants to conditions (i.e., experimentally manipulate independent variables) and that

assess biomedical or behavioral outcomes in humans for the purpose of understanding the fundamental aspects of phenomena without specific application towards processes or products in mind. Applications are due by 5pm local time of applicant organization on October 16, 2020. [Read more information](#).

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, 2020

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, 2020. [Read 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, 2020

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. Applications are due by 5pm local time of applicant organization on October 16, 2020. [Read 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, 2020

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. Applications are due by 5:00pm local time of applicant organization on October 5, 2020. [Read more information](#).

NIH: Mentored Research Scientist Development Award (Parent K01 Independent Basic Experimental Studies with Humans Required)

PA-20-191**Application Submission Deadline: October 12, 2020**

The purpose of the NIH Mentored Research Scientist Development Award (K01) is to provide support and “protected time” (three to five years) for an intensive, supervised career development experience in the biomedical, behavioral, or clinical sciences leading to research independence. Although all of the participating NIH Institutes and Centers (ICs) use this support mechanism to support career development experiences that lead to research independence, some ICs use the K01 award for individuals who propose to train in a new field or for individuals who have had a hiatus in their research career because of illness or pressing family circumstances. This Parent Funding Opportunity Announcement is for basic science experimental studies involving humans, referred to in [NOT-OD-18-212](#) as “prospective basic science studies involving human participants.” These studies fall within the NIH definition of a clinical trial and also meet the definition of basic research. Types of studies that should be submitted under this FOA include studies that prospectively assign human participants to conditions (i.e., experimentally manipulate independent variables) and that assess biomedical or behavioral outcomes in humans for the purpose of understanding the fundamental aspects of phenomena without specific application towards processes or products in mind. Applications are due by 5pm local time of applicant organization on October 12, 2020. [Read more information](#).

NIH: Pathway to Independence Award (Parent K99/R00 Independent Basic Experimental Studies with Humans Required)**PA-20-189****Application Submission Deadline: October 12, 2020**

The purpose of the NIH Pathway to Independence Award (K99/R00) program is to facilitate a timely transition of outstanding postdoctoral researchers with a research and/or clinical doctorate degree from mentored, postdoctoral research positions to independent, tenure-track or equivalent faculty positions. The program will provide independent NIH research support during this transition in order to help awardees to launch competitive, independent research careers. This Parent Funding Opportunity Announcement is for basic science experimental studies involving humans, referred to in [NOT-OD-18-212](#) as “prospective basic science studies involving human participants.” These studies fall within the NIH definition of a clinical trial and also meet the definition of basic research. Types of studies that should be submitted under this FOA include studies that prospectively assign human participants to conditions (i.e., experimentally manipulate independent variables) and that assess biomedical or behavioral outcomes in humans for the purpose of understanding the fundamental aspects of phenomena without specific application towards processes or products in mind. Applications are due by 5pm local time of applicant organization on October 12, 2020. [Read more information](#).

NIH: Research on Biopsychosocial Factors of Social Connectedness and Isolation on Health, Well-being, Illness, and Recovery (R01 Basic Experimental Studies with Humans Required)**PAR-19-384****Application Submission Deadline: March 17, 2021**

This funding opportunity announcement (FOA) invites research projects that seek to explain the underlying mechanisms, processes, and trajectories of social relationships and how these factors affect outcomes in human health, illness, recovery, and overall well-being. Types of projects submitted under this FOA include studies that prospectively assign human participants to conditions (i.e., experimentally manipulate independent variables) and that assess biomedical and/or behavioral outcomes in humans to understand fundamental aspects of phenomena related to social connectedness and isolatedness. NIH considers such studies as “prospective basic science studies involving human participants” that meet the NIH definition of basic research and fall within the NIH definition of a clinical trials (see, e.g., NOT-OD-19-024). Types of studies that should submit under this FOA include studies that prospectively assign human participants to conditions (i.e., experimentally manipulate independent variables) and that assess biomedical or behavioral outcomes in humans for the purpose of understanding the fundamental aspects of phenomena without specific application towards processes or products in mind. Applications are due by 5pm local time of applicant organization on March 17, 2021. [Read more information](#).

NIH: Research on Biopsychosocial Factors of Social Connectedness and Isolation on Health, Well-being, Illness, and Recovery (R01 Clinical Trials Not Allowed)**PAR-19-373****Application Submission Deadline: March 17, 2021**

This funding opportunity announcement (FOA) solicits research projects that seek to model the underlying mechanisms, processes, and trajectories of social relationships and how these factors affect outcomes in health, illness, recovery, and overall well-being. Both animal and human subjects research projects are welcome. Researchers proposing basic science experimental studies involving human participants should consider this FOA’s companion for basic experimental studies with humans. Applications are due by 5pm local time of applicant organization on March 17, 2021. [Read more information](#).

**NIH: Research Project Grant (Parent R01 Basic Experimental Studies with Humans Required)
PA-20-184**

Application Submission Deadline: October 5, 2020

The NIH Research Project Grant supports a discrete, specified, circumscribed project in areas representing the specific interests and competencies of the investigator(s). This Parent Funding Opportunity Announcement is for basic science experimental studies involving humans, referred to in [NOT-OD-18-212](#) as “prospective basic science studies involving human participants.” These studies fall within the NIH definition of a clinical trial and also meet the definition of basic research. Types of studies that should submit under this FOA include studies that prospectively assign human participants to conditions (i.e., experimentally manipulate independent variables) and that assess biomedical or behavioral outcomes in humans for the purpose of understanding the fundamental aspects of phenomena without specific application towards processes or products in mind. 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. Applications are due by 5pm local time of applicant organization on October 5, 2020. [Read more information](#).

BRAIN FUNCTION AND DEVELOPMENT; NEUROBIOLOGY

**NIDA: Imaging - Science Track Award for Research Transition (I/START) (R03 Clinical Trial Optional)
PAR-18-918**

Application Submission Deadline: October 16, 2020

This funding opportunity announcement (FOA) encourages Small Research Grant (R03) applications to facilitate the entry of investigators to the area of neuroimaging, including both new investigators and established investigators seeking to adopt neuroimaging methodologies in their research programs, to enable the conduct of small “proof of concept” studies. The R03 is intended to support research projects that can be carried out in a short period of time with limited resources. Applications are due by 5pm local time of applicant organization on October 16, 2020. [Read more information](#).

**NEW NIH: Blueprint for Neuroscience Research: Functional Neural Circuits of Interoception (R01, Clinical Trial Not Allowed)
RFA-AT-21-003**

Application Submission Deadline: December 18, 2020

The NIH Blueprint for Neuroscience Research is a collaborative framework through which 14 NIH Institutes, Centers and Offices jointly support neuroscience related research, with the aim of accelerating discoveries and reducing the burden of nervous system disorders (for further information, see <http://neuroscienceblueprint.nih.gov/>). The goal of this FOA is to enhance our fundamental understanding of interoception with a specific focus on dissecting and determining the function of neural circuits that connects peripheral organs/tissues with the central nervous system (CNS) via peripheral ganglia. For this FOA, interoception science includes studies of the processes by which an organism senses, interprets, integrates, and regulates signals originating from within itself. This FOA encourages projects that combine diverse expertise and use innovative approaches to delineate interoceptive mechanisms at the molecular, cellular, circuitry, functional, and/or behavioral levels. Outcomes of this research will lay a critical foundation for future translational and clinical research on interoception as well as its roles in nervous system disorders. Studies of interoceptive neural circuits exclusively within the CNS may be more appropriate for The BRAIN Initiative funding opportunities. Applications in response to this FOA should budget for an annual investigator meeting organized by the NIH Blueprint for Neuroscience Research. Human subject research is not allowed for this FOA. Applications are due by December 18, 2020. [Read more information](#).

**NIH: BRAIN Initiative Advanced Postdoctoral Career Transition Award to Promote Diversity (K99/R00 Independent Clinical Trial Not Allowed) (K99/R00 Independent Clinical Trial Required)
RFA-NS-19-043; RFA-NS-19-044**

Application Submission Deadline: October 9, 2020

The purpose of the NIH BRAIN Initiative Advanced Postdoctoral Career Transition Award to Promote Diversity (K99/R00) program is to enhance workforce diversity in the neuroscience workforce and maintain a strong cohort of new and talented, NIH-supported, independent investigators from diverse backgrounds in [BRAIN Initiative research areas](#). This program is designed to facilitate a timely transition of outstanding postdoctoral researchers with a research and/or clinical doctorate degree from mentored, postdoctoral research positions to independent, tenure-track or equivalent faculty positions. The program will provide independent NIH research support during this transition in order to help awardees to launch competitive, independent research careers. Applications are due by October 9, 2020. [RFA-NS-19-043](#); [RFA-NS-19-044](#).

**NIH: BRAIN Initiative: Development of Next Generation Human Brain Imaging Tools and Technologies (U01 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)
RFA-EB-19-002**

Application Submission Deadline: September 3, 2021

This funding opportunity announcement (FOA), in support of the NIH Brain Research through Advancing Innovative Neurotechnologies (BRAIN) Initiative, aims to support full development of entirely new or next generation noninvasive human brain imaging tools and methods that will lead to transformative advances in our understanding of the human brain. The FOA seeks innovative applications that are ready for full-scale development of breakthrough technologies with the intention of delivering working tools. This FOA represents the second stage of the tool/technology development effort that started with [RFA-MH-14-217](#) and [RFA-MH-15-200](#). Letters of intent are due 30 days prior to the application due date. Applications are due by 5pm local time of applicant organization on September 3, 2021. [Read more information](#).

**NIH: BRAIN Initiative: Integration and Analysis of BRAIN Initiative Data (R01 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)
RFA-MH-19-147****Application Submission Deadline: March 4, 2021**

This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) solicits applications to develop informatics tools for analyzing, visualizing, and integrating data related to the [BRAIN Initiative](#) or to enhance our understanding of the brain. Letters of intent are due 30 days prior to the application deadline. Applications are due by 5pm local time of applicant organization on March 4, 2021. [Read more information](#).

**NIH: BRAIN Initiative: Non-Invasive Neuromodulation - New Tools and Techniques for Spatiotemporal Precision (R01 Clinical Trial Optional)
RFA-MH-20-310****Application Submission Deadline: October 15, 2020**

This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) solicits grant applications in two related but distinct areas. The first area is in the development and testing of novel tools and methods of neuromodulation that go beyond the existing forms of neural stimulation. The second distinct area that this FOA seeks to encourage is the optimization of existing stimulation methods. Applications are due by 5pm local time of applicant organization on October 15, 2020. [Read more information](#).

**NIH: BRAIN Initiative: Proof of Concept Development of Early Stage Next Generation Human Brain Imaging (R01 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)
RFA-EB-20-001****Application Submission Deadline: September 3, 2021**

This funding opportunity announcement (FOA), in support of the NIH Brain Research through Advancing Innovative Neurotechnologies (BRAIN) Initiative, aims to support early stage development of entirely new noninvasive imaging methods or unusually bold approaches for existing noninvasive imaging methods that will lead to transformative advances in our understanding of the function and connectivity of the human brain. The FOA solicits small-scale projects to prove exceptionally innovative, original and/or unconventional concepts. Applications are due by September 3, 2021. [Read more information](#).

**NIH: BRAIN Initiative: Research on the Ethical Implications of Advancements in Neurotechnology and Brain Science (R01 Clinical Trial Optional)
RFA-MH-19-400****Application Submission Deadline: October 9, 2020**

This funding opportunity announcement (FOA), in support of the NIH Brain Research through Advancing Innovative Neurotechnologies (BRAIN) Initiative, is one of several FOAs aimed at supporting transformative discoveries that will lead to breakthroughs in understanding human brain function. Guided by the long-term scientific plan, "[BRAIN 2025: A Scientific Vision](#)," this FOA specifically seeks to support efforts addressing core ethical issues associated with research focused on the human brain and resulting from emerging technologies and advancements supported by the BRAIN Initiative. Letters of intent are due 30 days prior to the application due date. Applications are due by October 9, 2020. [Read more information](#).

**NIH: BRAIN Initiative: Research Opportunities Using Invasive Neural Recording and Stimulating Technologies in the Human Brain (U01 Clinical Trial Required)
RFA-NS-19-001****Application Submission Deadline: October 19, 2020**

Invasive surgical procedures provide the unique ability to record and stimulate neurons within precisely localized brain structures in humans. Human studies using invasive technology are often constrained by a limited number of patients and resources available to implement complex experimental protocols and are rarely aggregated in a manner that addresses research questions with appropriate statistical power. Therefore, this RFA seeks applications to assemble diverse, integrated, multi-disciplinary teams that cross boundaries of interdisciplinary collaboration to overcome these fundamental barriers and to investigate high-impact questions in human neuroscience. Projects should maximize opportunities to conduct innovative in vivo neuroscience research made available by direct access to brain recording and stimulating from

invasive surgical procedures. Projects should employ approaches guided by specified theoretical constructs and quantitative, mechanistic models where appropriate. Letter of Intent due 30 days before application deadline. Applications are due by 5pm local time of applicant organization on October 19, 2020. [Read more information](#).

NIH: BRAIN Initiative: Research Resource Grants for Technology Integration and Dissemination (U24 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)

RFA-NS-19-006

Application Submission Deadline: November 27, 2020

This funding opportunity announcement (FOA) supports efforts to disseminate resources and to integrate them into neuroscience research practice. Projects should be highly relevant to specific goals of the BRAIN Initiative, goals that are described in the planning document "[BRAIN 2025: A Scientific Vision](#)." They should engage in one or more of the following activities: distribution of tools and reagents; user training on the usage of new technologies or techniques; providing access to existing technology platforms and specialized facilities; minor improvements to increase the scale/efficiency of resource production and delivery; minor adaptations to meet the needs of a user community. Applications strictly focused on technology or software development, rather than dissemination of an existing resource, are not responsive to this FOA. Refinements to microscopes or tools necessary to customize them to the experimental needs of the end users is allowed. Projects should address compelling needs of neuroscience researchers working toward the goals of the BRAIN 2025 report that are otherwise unavailable or impractical in their current form. Letters of intent are due 30 days prior to the application due date. Complete applications are due by November 27, 2020. [Read more information](#).

NIH: BRAIN Initiative: Team-Research BRAIN Circuit Programs – TeamBCP (U19 Clinical Trial Required) (U19 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)

RFA-NS-19-002; RFA-NS-19-003

Application Submission Deadline: October 30, 2020

This RFA will support integrated, interdisciplinary research teams from prior BRAIN technology and/or integrated approaches teams, and/or new projects from the research community that focus on examining circuit functions related to behavior, using advanced and innovative technologies. The goal will be to support programs with a team science approach that can realize meaningful outcomes within 5-plus years. Awards will be made for 5 years, with a possibility of one renewal. Projects will incorporate overarching principles of circuit function in the context of specific neural systems underlying sensation, perception, emotion, motivation, cognition, decision-making, motor control, communication, or homeostasis. Programs should employ multi-component teams of research expertise – including neurobiologists, statisticians, physicists, mathematicians, engineers, computer scientists, and data scientists, as appropriate - that seek to cross boundaries of interdisciplinary collaboration. Applications are due by 5pm local time of applicant organization on October 30, 2020. Read more information: [RFA-NS-19-002](#); [RFA-NS-19-003](#).

NIH: Jointly Sponsored Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award Institutional Predoctoral Training Program in the Neurosciences (T32 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)

PAR-20-076

Application Submission Deadline: May 25, 2021

The Jointly Sponsored NIH Predoctoral Training Program in the Neurosciences (JSPTPN) is an institutional program that supports broad and fundamental research training in the neurosciences. In addition to a broad education in the neurosciences, a key component will be a curriculum that provides a strong foundation in experimental design, statistical methodology and quantitative reasoning. JSPTPN programs are intended to be 2 years in duration and students may only be appointed to this training grant during the first 2 years of their graduate research training. The primary objective is to prepare students to be outstanding scientists equipped to pursue careers in neuroscience. Letters of intent are due 30 days prior to the application due date. Applications are due by 5pm local time of applicant organization on May 25, 2021. [Read more information](#).

NIH: NIGMS Postdoctoral Research Associate Training (PRAT) Program (Fi2)

PAR-19-286

Application Submission Deadline October 2, 2020

The NIGMS Postdoctoral Research Associate Training (PRAT) Program's overarching goal is to provide high quality postdoctoral research training in the basic biomedical sciences to a diverse group of postdoctoral fellows in NIH Intramural research laboratories, and to prepare them for leadership positions in biomedical careers. Research projects proposed should focus on areas within the NIGMS mission, which include but are not limited to biological chemistry, biophysics, bioinformatics, cellular and molecular biology, computational biosciences, developmental biology, genetics, immunology, neuroscience, pharmacology, physiology, and technology development. In addition to the laboratory experience, the PRAT program provides a structured training environment with extensive career and professional

development, mentoring, and networking opportunities planned and supported by the program. Applications are due by 5pm local time of applicant organization on October 2, 2020. [Read more information](#).

NIMH: Neuromodulation/Neurostimulation Device Development for Mental Health Applications (R21 Clinical Trial Optional) (R01 Clinical Trial Optional)

PAR-18-941; PAR-18-942

Application Submission Deadline: October 5, 2020 (R01), October 16, 2020 (R21)

The purpose of this funding opportunity announcement (FOA) is to encourage applications seeking to develop the next generation of brain stimulation devices for treating mental health disorders. Applications are sought that will either 1) develop novel brain stimulation devices or 2) significantly enhance, by means of hardware/software improvements, the effectiveness of brain stimulation devices that are currently U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA)-approved or cleared. Novel devices should move beyond existing electrical/magnetic stimulation and develop new stimulation techniques capable of increased spatiotemporal precision as well as multi-focal, closed-loop approaches. Applications seeking to develop new capabilities should focus on significant enhancement of the spatial resolution, depth of delivery, and/or precision of the device. Incremental changes to existing devices (e.g., software updates) are not within the scope of this announcement. Applications should be submitted by multi-disciplinary teams with diverse expertise including systems neuroscience, engineering, clinical, and regulatory affairs. Applications to this FOA may propose hypothesis-driven research, but should propose design-directed, developmental, or discovery-driven technology research using integrative approaches. Complete applications are due by 5pm local time of applicant organization on October 5, 2020 for [R01](#) and by October 16, 2020 for [R21](#).

COGNITIVE DEVELOPMENT AND LEARNING SCIENCES

NIH: Accelerating the Pace of Child Health Research Using Existing Data from the Adolescent Brain Cognitive Development (ABCD) Study (R01-Clinical Trial Not Allowed) (R21-Clinical Trial Not Allowed)

PAR-19-162; PAR-19-163

Application Submission Deadline: October 5, 2020 (R01), October 16, 2020 (R21)

The Adolescent Brain Cognitive Development (ABCD) Study is collecting data on health and mental health, cognitive function, substance use, cultural and environmental factors, and brain structure and function from youth starting when they are 9-10 years-old and following them longitudinally to early adulthood. These data will be made available to the scientific community through the NIMH Data Archive. The purpose of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is to encourage applications proposing the analysis of this public use dataset to increase knowledge of adolescent health and development. More information about the ABCD Study may be found on the [ABCD Study web page](#). Applications are due by 5pm local time of applicant organization on October 5, 2020 ([R01](#)) and October 16, 2020 ([R21](#)).

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 22, 2021

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. Applications are due by February 22, 2021. [Read 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). [Read more information.](#)

COVID-19

ED: CARES Act: Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund

Application Submission Deadline: September 30, 2020

The U.S. Department of Education is providing emergency relief funding provided by the CARES Act. Emergency relief funding is available to the following individuals and entities: Students, Institutions of Higher Education, Historically Black Colleges and Universities, American Indian Tribally Controlled Colleges and Universities, Minority Serving Institutions, Strengthening Institutions Program, and Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education. Applications must be submitted by September 30, 2020. [Read more information on eligibility requirements and the specific funding opportunity numbers.](#)

NEW ED: Institutional Resilience and Expanded Postsecondary Opportunity Grants Program

Application Submission Deadline: October 20, 2020

The U.S. Department of Education is offering relief funding under the CARES Act. The purpose of the IREPO Grants, offered under section 18004(a)(3) of the CARES Act and the Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education (FIPSE), is to provide financial support to institutions of higher education (IHEs) with the greatest unmet needs related to coronavirus to enable them to resume operations, serve the needs of students, reduce disease transmission, and develop more resilient instructional delivery models, such as distance learning, to continue educating students who cannot or choose not to attend classroom-based instruction due to coronavirus. Applications are due by October 20, 2020. [Read more information.](#)

NIDA: Notice of Special Interest regarding the Availability of Administrative Supplements and Urgent Competitive Revisions for Research on the 2019 Novel Coronavirus

NOT-DA-20-047

Application Submission Deadline: Applications Accepted on Rolling Basis until March 31, 2021

The National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) is issuing this Notice of Special Interest (NOSI) to highlight the urgent need for research on the 2019 Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV, also known as COVID-19). NIDA is especially interested in research collecting and examining data on the risks and outcomes for COVID-19 infection in individuals suffering from substance use disorders. As people across the U.S. and the rest of the world prepare for what could be a pandemic of the 2019 novel coronavirus, or COVID-19, the research community should be alert to the possibility that it could affect some populations with substance use disorders or HIV particularly hard. Among the research priority areas, NIDA is encouraging research using ongoing studies to understand the broad impacts of COVID-19 (e.g., school closures, food insecurity, anxiety, social isolation, family loss) on neurodevelopment, substance use, substance use disorders, and access to addiction treatment. Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis until March 31, 2021. [Read more information.](#)

NEW NIH: Digital Healthcare Interventions to Address the Secondary Health Effects Related to Social, Behavioral, and Economic Impact of COVID-19 (R01 - Clinical Trial Optional)

PAR-20-243

Application Submission Deadline: December 2, 2020

This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) aims to support research to strengthen the healthcare response to Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) caused by the Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) and future public health emergencies, including pandemics. While research related to the direct clinical effects of COVID-19 are supported by other funding opportunities, the purpose of this funding opportunity is to focus on the role and impact of digital health interventions [e.g., mobile health (mhealth), telemedicine and telehealth, health information technology (IT), and wearable devices] to address access, reach, delivery, effectiveness, scalability and sustainability of health assessments and interventions for secondary effects (e.g., behavioral health or self-management of chronic conditions) that are utilized during and following the pandemic, particularly in populations who experience health disparities and vulnerable populations. Applications are due by December 2, 2020. [Read more information.](#)

NIH: Community Interventions to Address the Consequences of the COVID-19 Pandemic among Health Disparity and Vulnerable Populations (R01- Clinical Trial Optional)

PAR-20-237

Application Submission Deadline: December 1, 2020

This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) encourages applications to implement and evaluate community interventions testing 1) the impacts of mitigation strategies to prevent COVID-19 transmission in NIH-designated health disparity populations and other vulnerable groups; and 2) already implemented, new, or adapted interventions to address the adverse psychosocial, behavioral, and socioeconomic consequences of the pandemic on the health of these groups. Completed applications are due by 5pm local time of applicant organization on December 1, 2020. [Read more information.](#)

NIH: Notice of Special Interest regarding the Availability of Administrative Supplements and Urgent Competitive Revisions for Research on the 2019 Novel Coronavirus and the Behavioral and Social Sciences

NOT-OD-20-097

Application Submission Deadline: Varies by awarding NIH Institute/Center

This Notice of Special Interest (NOSI) highlights the urgent need for social, behavioral, economic, health communication, and epidemiologic research relevant to the 2019 Novel Coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2) and COVID-19. This NOSI encourages urgent competitive supplements and administrative supplements to existing longitudinal studies that address key social and behavioral questions related to the COVID-19 pandemic, including adherence to and transmission mitigation from various containment and mitigation efforts; social, behavioral, and economic impacts from these containment and mitigation efforts; and downstream health impacts resulting from these social, behavioral, and economic impacts, including differences in risk and resiliency based on gender, race and ethnicity, socioeconomic status, and other social determinants of health. NICHD has particular interest in COVID-19-related research on vulnerable populations falling within the NICHD scientific mission area, including pregnant and post-partum women, infants, children, and adolescents; individuals with physical and/or intellectual disabilities; and children who are homeless or in foster care. Application due dates vary by awarding NIH Institute/Center. [Read more information.](#)

NIMH: Notice of Special Interest regarding the Availability of Administrative Supplements and Urgent Competitive Revisions for Mental Health Research on the 2019 Novel Coronavirus

NOT-MH-20-047

Application Submission Deadline: Applications Accepted on Rolling Basis until April 15, 2021

NIMH is issuing this Notice of Special Interest (NOSI) to highlight interest in research to strengthen the mental health response to Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) caused by the Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) and to future public health emergencies, including pandemics. NIMH is especially interested in research to provide an evidence base for how a disrupted workforce may adequately respond/adapt to and maintain services or provide additional care for new or increasing mental health needs, as well as to learn about the effects of the virus and public health measures to prevent spread of COVID-19 that may have an impact on mental health. Research addressing the intersection of COVID-19, mental health, and HIV treatment and prevention are also of interest to NIMH. Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis through April 15, 2021. [Read more information.](#)

NIMHD: Notice of Special Interest (NOSI): Competitive and Administrative Supplements for the Impact of COVID-19 Outbreak on Minority Health and Health Disparities

NOT-MD-20-019

Application Submission Deadline: Applications Accepted on Rolling Basis until May 1, 2021

The National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities (NIMHD) is issuing this Notice of Special Interest (NOSI) to highlight the urgent need for research on the impact of the novel Coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2) pandemic causing COVID-19 disease outbreaks and the resulting disruptions on individual and social wellbeing, health services use, and health outcomes for NIH-designated health disparity populations. This NOSI is soliciting research in health disparity populations that seeks to understand: 1) how state and local policies and initiatives mitigate or exacerbate disparities in health services use and health outcomes; 2) the role that community-level protective and resilience factors and interventions have in mitigating the effects of the sector disruptions that the COVID-19 outbreak causes; and 3) how behavioral and/or biological mechanisms may contribute to COVID-19 manifestations. Outcomes of interest include, but are not limited to, the COVID-19 incidence, prevalence, and mortality rates in defined populations; substance abuse and mental health effects; impact on chronic conditions; effects on severe maternal morbidity and mortality; and influence on access, utilization, and quality of health care (including needed medical care, medical treatments, and access to prescription drugs). Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis through May 1, 2021. [Read more information.](#)

NSF: Request for SBIR/STTR Phase I Proposals Addressing COVID-19

NSF 20-065

Application Submission Deadline: Rolling Basis

The Division of Innovation and Industrial Partnerships (IIP) of the Engineering Directorate at the National Science Foundation invites U.S.-based small businesses to submit Phase I proposals focused on the development and deployment of new technologies, products, processes, and services with the potential to positively impact the nation's and world's ability to respond to the COVID-19 crisis. Areas of research that might be considered include, but are not limited to: artificial intelligence, digital health, diagnostics, distributed ledger, environmental technologies, medical devices, pharmaceutical technologies, disinfection and sterilization, and filtration and separations. Interested proposers are invited to submit to the NSF Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) and Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) Phase I Program. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis. [Read more information.](#)

DATA SHARING AND TRANSLATION

NICHD: Archiving and Documenting Child Health and Human Development Data Sets (R03 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)

PAR-20-064

Application Submission Deadline: October 16, 2020

The purpose of this funding opportunity announcement (FOA) is to support the archiving and documentation of existing data sets within the scientific mission of the *Eunice Kennedy Shriver* National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD) in order to enable secondary analysis of these data by the scientific community. The highest priority is to archive original data collected with NICHD funding. 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, 2020. [Read more information.](#)

NIH: Ethical Issues in Translational Science Research (R01 Clinical Trial Optional)

RFA-TR-20-001

Application Submission Deadline: October 6, 2020

The purpose of this Funding Opportunity Announcement is to support research to address ethical issues in translational science research. Collaboration between bioethicists, legal scholars, social scientists, and translational research scientists is encouraged. The focus is to develop knowledge to inform the ethical development, modification, or application of novel findings, technologies, and approaches to improve human health, including their impact on individuals, families, communities, and society. Applications are due by October 6, 2020. [Read more information.](#)

DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

New CDC: Study to Explore Early Development (SEED) Follow up Studies

RFA-DD-21-001

Application Submission Deadline: November 10, 2020

The purpose of this NOFO is to gain knowledge about autism spectrum disorder (ASD), including risk factors for ASD and the expression of ASD, from childhood through early adulthood, and to obtain information that can be used to improve the health and functioning of individuals with ASD as they mature. This will be completed through 1) analysis of existing data and biospecimens from preschool-aged children and their families who participated in the CDC funded study known as the Study to Explore Early Development (SEED), a multi-phase, multi-site, case-control study of children identified at age 2-5 years with ASD, other developmental disabilities (DD), and from the general population (POP); and 2) longitudinal follow-up of and research on previous SEED participants to obtain information through early adulthood on their health and functioning, service use and needs, and the impact of ASD on their families. Applications are due by November 10, 2020. [Read more information.](#)

NIH: Clinical Trials Development for Co-Occurring Conditions in Individuals with Down syndrome: Phased Awards for INCLUDE (R61/R33 Clinical Trial Required)

RFA-OD-20-003

Application Submission Deadline: November 3, 2020

This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) encourages Exploratory/Developmental Phased Innovation (R61/R33) grant applications to support development of clinical trials to treat critical and co-occurring health conditions in individuals with Down syndrome. The proposed research aims should be milestone-driven. The total project period for an application submitted in response to this FOA may not exceed five years. This FOA provides support for up to two years (R61 phase) for preliminary/developmental/planning studies, followed by possible transition to clinical trial support (R33) of up to three years, although the total duration of the award may not exceed five years. This FOA requires measurable R61 milestones. Letters of intent are due 30 days prior to the application due date. Applications are due by 5pm local time of applicant organization on November 3, 2020. [Read more information.](#)

NIH: Human-Animal Interaction (HAI) Research (R01 Clinical Trial Optional) (R03 Clinical Trial Optional) (R21 Clinical Trial Optional)

PAR-20-031; PAR-20-032; PAR-20-033

Application Submission Deadline: November 30, 2020

This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) invites grant applications for research to examine 1) the impact of Human-Animal Interactions (HAI) on typical and atypical child development and health; 2) the evaluation of animal-assisted intervention for children and adults with disabilities or in need of rehabilitative services; 3) the effects of animals on public health, including cost effectiveness of involving animals in reducing and preventing disease. Applications are due by November 30, 2020. More information: [R01](#); [R03](#); [R21](#).

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, 2020

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. Applications are due by 5:00pm local time of applicant organization on October 5, 2020. [Read more information](#).

NIH: INvestigation of Co-occurring conditions across the Lifespan to Understand Down syndrome (INCLUDE) Clinical Trial Readiness (R21 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)

RFA-OD-20-004

Application Submission Deadline: November 3, 2020

This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) invites researchers to submit applications for support of clinical projects that address critical needs for clinical trial readiness in Down syndrome. This initiative seeks applications that are intended to facilitate Down syndrome research by enabling efficient and effective movement of candidate therapeutics or diagnostics towards clinical trials for Down syndrome and its co-occurring conditions, and to increase their likelihood of success through development and testing of biomarkers and clinical outcome assessment measures, development and testing of novel trial methods and recruitment strategies, or by defining the presentation and course of the co-occurring conditions in individuals with Down syndrome to enable the design of future clinical trials. Letters of intent are due 30 days prior to the application due date. Applications are due by 5pm local time of applicant organization on November 3, 2020. [Read more information](#).

NIH: Transformative Research Award for the INCLUDE (Investigation of Co-occurring Conditions across the Lifespan to Understand Down syndrome) Project (R01 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)

RFA-OD-20-005

Application Submission Deadline: November 3, 2020

The NIH INvestigation of Co-occurring conditions across the Lifespan to Understand Down syndrome (INCLUDE) Project is soliciting Transformative Research Award applications to support individual scientists or groups of scientists proposing groundbreaking, exceptionally innovative, original, and/or unconventional research with the potential to create new scientific paradigms, establish entirely new and improved clinical approaches, or develop transformative technologies. Applications from individuals with diverse backgrounds and in any topic relevant to Down syndrome-related research or co-occurring conditions are welcome. No preliminary data are required. Projects must clearly demonstrate, based on the strength of the logic, a compelling potential to produce a major impact in research related to Down syndrome. Letters of intent are due 30 days prior to the application due date. Applications are due by 5pm local time of applicant organization on November 3, 2020. [Read more information](#).

NIMH: Career Enhancement Award to Advance Autism Services Research for Adults and Transition-Age Youth (K18 Independent Clinical Trial Not Allowed) (K18 Clinical Trial Required)

RFA-MH-20-420; RFA-MH-20-421

Application Submission Deadline: October 15, 2020

This NIMH Research Career Enhancement Award (K18) program invites applications from experienced investigators seeking to redirect or expand their research programs through the acquisition of new skills and knowledge in the area of autism services research for adults and transition-age youth, which is beyond and complementary to their current areas of expertise. The program will support research training and career development experiences and a small-scale research project that will provide experienced investigators with the scientific competencies required to conduct research relevant to services for adults or transition-age youth with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD). Eligible candidates are independent

investigators at any faculty rank or level. Applications are due by October 15, 2020. Read more information: [RFA-MH-20-420](#); [RFA-MH-20-421](#).

EDUCATION

ED: CARES Act: Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund

Application Submission Deadline: September 30, 2020

The U.S. Department of Education is providing emergency relief funding provided by the CARES Act. Emergency relief funding is available to the following individuals and entities: Students, Institutions of Higher Education, Historically Black Colleges and Universities, American Indian Tribally Controlled Colleges and Universities, Minority Serving Institutions, Strengthening Institutions Program, and Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education. Applications must be submitted by September 30, 2020. [Read more information on eligibility requirements and the specific funding opportunity numbers.](#)

NEW ED: Institutional Resilience and Expanded Postsecondary Opportunity Grants Program

Application Submission Deadline: October 20, 2020

The U.S. Department of Education is offering relief funding under the CARES Act. The purpose of the IREPO Grants, offered under section 18004(a)(3) of the CARES Act and the Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education (FIPSE), is to provide financial support to institutions of higher education (IHEs) with the greatest unmet needs related to coronavirus to enable them to resume operations, serve the needs of students, reduce disease transmission, and develop more resilient instructional delivery models, such as distance learning, to continue educating students who cannot or choose not to attend classroom-based instruction due to coronavirus. Applications are due by October 20, 2020. [Read more information.](#)

NSF: EHR Core Research (ECR): Building Capacity in STEM Education Research (ECR: BCSER)

NSF 20-521

Application Submission Deadline: Fourth Friday in February, Annually

ECR's Building Capacity for STEM Education Research (ECR: BCSER) solicitation supports projects that build individuals' capacity to carry out high quality STEM education research that will enhance the nation's STEM education enterprise and broaden the pool of researchers that can conduct fundamental research in STEM learning and learning environments, broadening participation in STEM fields, and STEM workforce development. Specifically, ECR: BCSER supports activities that enable early and mid-career researchers to acquire the requisite expertise and skills to conduct rigorous fundamental research in STEM education. ECR: BCSER seeks to fund research career development activities on topics that are relevant to qualitative and quantitative research methods and design, including the collection and analysis of new qualitative or quantitative data, secondary analyses using extant datasets, or meta-analyses. Applications are due by 5pm local time of submitter on the fourth Friday in February, annually. [Read 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. Applications are due by the second Friday in December, annually. [Read more information.](#)

HEALTH

AHRQ: Health Services Research Projects (R01)

PA-18-795

Application Submission Deadline: October 5, 2020

The Research Project Grant (R01) is an award made by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) to an institution/organization to support a discrete, specified health services research project. The project will be performed by the named investigator and study team. The R01 research plan proposed by the applicant institution/organization must be related to the mission and priority research interests of AHRQ. The AHRQ mission is to produce evidence to make health care safer, higher quality, more accessible, equitable and affordable, and to work with HHS and other partners to make sure that the evidence is understood and used. Within the mission, AHRQ's specific priority areas of focus are: 1) Research to improve health care patient safety; 2) Design, implementation, dissemination and spread, and evaluation of interventions to improve patient safety; 3) Establishment of strategies to sustain patient safety improvements such as culture, incident/event reporting, measurement, monitoring, and surveillance. Applications are due by 5pm local time of the applicant organization on October 5, 2020. [Read more information](#).

NCI: Stimulating Innovations in Behavioral Intervention Research for Cancer Prevention and Control (R21 Clinical Trial Optional)

PAR-19-309

Application Submission Deadline: October 16, 2020

The purpose of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is to provide support for the development of innovative interventions that improve cancer-related health behaviors across diverse racial/ethnic populations. Specifically, this FOA is intended to stimulate research aimed at 1) testing new theories and conceptual frameworks; 2) developing and evaluating novel strategies to improve cancer-related health behaviors; 3) investigating multi-level and multi-behavioral approaches; and 4) utilizing innovative research designs, methodologies, and technologies. The cancer-related health behaviors to be targeted are diet, obesity, physical activity and sedentary behavior, smoking, sleep and circadian dysfunction, alcohol use, and/or adherence to cancer-related medical regimens. Research can involve several stages of the cancer continuum and any phase of the translational spectrum. 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, 2020. [Read more information](#).

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

PA-20-146

Application Submission Deadline: October 16, 2020

The NIDA Small Research Grant Program supports small clinical trials that can be carried out in a short period of time with limited resources. This program supports different types of projects including pilot, feasibility, or small clinical trials with medications, behavioral interventions, immunotherapies, therapeutic devices, therapeutic digital applications, health services, prevention interventions, biomarkers, and development of research methodology. This Funding Opportunity Announcement requires that a clinical trial be proposed. The proposed project must be related to the programmatic interests of NIDA. Applications are due by October 16, 2020. [Read more information](#).

NIDCR: Improving Oral Health and Reducing Disparities in Adolescents (R01 Clinical Trial Not Allowed) (R21 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)

PAR-20-058; PAR-20-059

Application Submission Deadline: October 5, 2020 (R01); October 16, 2020 (R21)

The purpose of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is to stimulate research to improve the oral health of adolescents in the United States, and to reduce observed oral health disparities and inequities in this population. This FOA defines "adolescents" as those individuals between the ages of 10 and 19. Applications are due by 5pm local time of applicant organization on October 5, 2020 (R01) and October 16, 2020 (R21). Read more information: [R01](#), [R21](#).

New NIH: Tobacco Control Policies to Promote Health Equity (R21 Clinical Trial Optional)

PAR-20-302; PAR-20-303

Application Submission Deadline: November 12, 2020

The purpose of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is to support observational or intervention research focused on reducing disparities in tobacco use and secondhand smoke (SHS) exposure in the U.S. Specifically, this FOA aims to stimulate scientific inquiry focused on innovative state and local level tobacco prevention and control policies. The long-term goal of this FOA is to reduce disparities in tobacco-related cancers, and in doing so, to promote health equity among all populations. Applicants submitting applications related to health economics are encouraged to consult NOT-OD-16-025 to ensure that the research projects align with NIH mission priorities in health economics research. Applications are due by November 12, 2020. Read more information: [PAR-20-303](#); [PAR-20-302](#).

New NIH: Digital Healthcare Interventions to Address the Secondary Health Effects Related to Social, Behavioral, and Economic Impact of COVID-19 (R01 - Clinical Trial Optional)

PAR-20-243

Application Submission Deadline: December 2, 2020

This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) aims to support research to strengthen the healthcare response to Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) caused by the Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) and future public health emergencies, including pandemics. While research related to the direct clinical effects of COVID-19 are supported by other funding opportunities, the purpose of this funding opportunity is to focus on the role and impact of digital health interventions [e.g., mobile health (mhealth), telemedicine and telehealth, health information technology (IT), and wearable devices] to address access, reach, delivery, effectiveness, scalability and sustainability of health assessments and interventions for secondary effects (e.g., behavioral health or self-management of chronic conditions) that are utilized during and following the pandemic, particularly in populations who experience health disparities and vulnerable populations. Applications are due by December 2, 2020. [Read more information](#).

new NIH: Social and Behavioral Intervention Research to Address Modifiable Risk Factors for Cancer in Rural Populations (R01 Clinical Trial Required)
RFA-CA-20-051

Application Submission Deadline: March 15, 2021

The purpose of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is to solicit applications to develop, adapt, and test individual-, community- or multilevel interventions to address modifiable risk factors for cancer in rural populations. Applications should focus on primary prevention and assess and address one or more of the social and behavioral risk factors that contribute to cancer disparities in rural populations: tobacco use; diet, physical activity and weight; alcohol use; UV exposure; and HPV vaccination. Applications should also assess and address myriad social determinants of health, cultural factors, and health care and technology access barriers that may contribute to rural cancer disparities. This FOA also encourages implementation science research, to incorporate efficacious cancer control interventions in a coordinated way, into broader, sustainable health programs that are designed to reach rural populations and allow local customization and adaptation. Applications are due by March 15, 2021. [Read 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 13, 2020

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. Applications are due by November 13, 2020. Read more information : [R21](#), [R01](#).

NIH: Collaborative Centers in Children's Environmental Health Research and Translation (P2C Clinical Trial Optional)
RFA-ES-20-001

Application Submission Deadline: November 23, 2020

To accelerate the movement of research findings to action, National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS) invites grant applications from institutions/organizations that propose to build a Collaborative Center in Children's Environmental Health Research and Translation (CEHRT Center). Centers are charged with developing effective strategies to translate key children's environmental health (CEH) research findings to relevant stakeholders in the community, academia and practice. The overall goal of this FOA is the creation of a national network of children's environmental health translation centers. Through external collaboration with the children's environmental health community, Centers will protect and improve children's health by developing and testing new scientific questions and public health interventions/strategies with an eye towards translation; and mentoring a pipeline of new investigators interested in translational CEH. Completed applications are due by 5pm local time of applicant organization on November 23, 2020. [Read more information](#).

NIH: Community Interventions to Address the Consequences of the COVID-19 Pandemic among Health Disparity and Vulnerable Populations (R01- Clinical Trial Optional)
PAR-20-237

This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) encourages applications to implement and evaluate community interventions testing 1) the impacts of mitigation strategies to prevent COVID-19 transmission in NIH-designated health disparity populations and other vulnerable groups; and 2) already implemented, new, or adapted interventions to address the adverse psychosocial, behavioral, and socioeconomic consequences of the pandemic on the health of these groups. Completed applications are due by 5pm local time of applicant organization on December 1, 2020. [Read more information](#).

NIH: Community Partnerships to Advance Research (CPAR) (R01 Clinical Trial Optional), (R21 Clinical Trial Optional)

PA-18-377, PA-18-381

Application Submission Deadline: October 5, 2020 (R01), October 16, 2020 (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. Applications are due by October 5, 2020 ([R01](#)) and October 16, 2020 ([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: January 7, 2021

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. Applications are due by January 7, 2021. Read more information: [R01](#), [R21](#), [R34](#).

NIH: Human-Animal Interaction (HAI) Research (R01 Clinical Trial Optional) (R03 Clinical Trial Optional) (R21 Clinical Trial Optional)

PAR-20-031; PAR-20-032; PAR-20-033

Application Submission Deadline: November 30, 2020

This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) invites grant applications for research to examine 1) the impact of Human-Animal Interactions (HAI) on typical and atypical child development and health; 2) the evaluation of animal-assisted intervention for children and adults with disabilities or in need of rehabilitative services; 3) the effects of animals on public health, including cost effectiveness of involving animals in reducing and preventing disease. Applications are due by November 30, 2020. Read more information: [R01](#); [R03](#); [R21](#).

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, 2020

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. Applications are due by October 5, 2020. [Read more information](#).

NIH: Research to Reduce Morbidity and Improve Care for Pediatric, and Adolescent and Young Adult (AYA) Cancer Survivors (R21 Clinical Trial Optional)

RFA-CA-20-028

Application Submission Deadline: October 1, 2020

Through this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA), the National Cancer Institute (NCI) invites applications describing research focused on improving care and health-related quality of life for childhood, and adolescent and young adult (AYA) cancer survivors. Specifically, this FOA solicits mechanistic, observational, and intervention applications that focus on six key domains: (1) disparities in survivor outcomes; (2) barriers to follow-up care (e.g. access, adherence); (3) impact of familial, socioeconomic, and other environmental factors on survivor outcomes; (4) indicators for long-term follow-up needs related to risk for late effects, recurrence, and subsequent cancers; (5) risk factors and predictors of late/long-term effects of cancer treatment; and (6) development of targeted interventions to reduce the burden of cancer for pediatric/AYA survivors. Applications are due by October 1, 2020. [Read more information](#).

NIH: Research on Biopsychosocial Factors of Social Connectedness and Isolation on Health, Wellbeing, Illness, and Recovery (R01 Basic Experimental Studies with Humans Required)

PAR-19-384

Application Submission Deadline: March 17, 2021

This funding opportunity announcement (FOA) invites research projects that seek to explain the underlying mechanisms, processes, and trajectories of social relationships and how these factors affect outcomes in human health, illness, recovery, and overall wellbeing. Types of projects submitted under this FOA include studies that prospectively assign human participants to conditions (i.e., experimentally manipulate independent variables) and that assess biomedical and/or behavioral outcomes in humans to understand fundamental aspects of phenomena related to social connectedness and isolatedness. NIH considers such studies as “prospective basic science studies involving human participants” that meet the NIH definition of basic research and fall within the NIH definition of a clinical trials (see, e.g., NOT-OD-19-024) Types of studies that should submit under this FOA include studies that prospectively assign human participants to conditions (i.e., experimentally manipulate independent variables) and that assess biomedical or behavioral outcomes in humans for the purpose of understanding the fundamental aspects of phenomena without specific application towards processes or products in mind. Applications are due by 5pm local time of applicant organization on March 17, 2021. [Read more information](#).

NIH: Research on Biopsychosocial Factors of Social Connectedness and Isolation on Health, Wellbeing, Illness, and Recovery (R01 Clinical Trials Not Allowed)

PAR-19-373

Application Submission Deadline: March 17, 2021

This funding opportunity announcement (FOA) solicits research projects that seek to model the underlying mechanisms, processes, and trajectories of social relationships and how these factors affect outcomes in health, illness, recovery, and overall wellbeing. Both animal and human subjects research projects are welcome. Researchers proposing basic science experimental studies involving human participants should consider this FOA's companion for basic experimental studies with humans. Applications are due by 5pm local time of applicant organization on March 17, 2021. [Read more information](#).

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, 2020 (R01), October 16, 2020 (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. Applications are due by October 5, 2020 ([R01](#)) or October 16, 2020 ([R21](#)).

NIMH: Practice-Based Research for Implementing Scalable Evidence-Based Prevention Interventions in Primary Care Settings (R01 Clinical Trial Optional) (R34 Clinical Trial Required)

RFA-MH-20-505; RFA-MH-20-506

Application Submission Deadline: October 15, 2020

The purpose of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is to encourage practice-based research aimed at refining and pilot testing developmentally-focused, theory-based efficacious prevention interventions that may impact mental health outcomes, including suicide behaviors and serious mental illness. The research should test prevention approaches that are both scalable and sustainable for implementation in pediatric-serving primary care settings, with an emphasis on populations experiencing mental health disparities. Applications are due by 5pm local time of applicant organization on October 15, 2020. Read more information: [R01](#), [R34](#).

NIMHD: Exploratory/Developmental Research Grant Program (R21 - Clinical Trial Optional)

PAR-20-150

Application Submission Deadline: October 16, 2020

NIMHD invites applications to support short-term exploratory or developmental research projects that have the potential to break new ground in the fields of minority health and/or health disparities or extend previous discoveries toward new directions or applications that can directly contribute to improving minority health and/or reducing health disparities in the U.S. Applications are due by October 16, 2020. [Read more information](#).

[HIV/AIDS](#)

NIDA: AIDS-Science Track Award for Research Transition (R03 Clinical Trial Optional)

PA-18-916

Application Submission Deadline: January 7, 2020

This funding opportunity announcement (FOA) seeks to facilitate the entry of both newly independent and early career investigators to the area of drug use and use disorder research and HIV/AIDS. This FOA, AIDS-Science Track Award for Research Transition (A-START), encourages Small Research Grant (R03) applications to support research projects on drug misuse and/or use disorder and HIV/AIDS that can be carried out in a short period of time with limited resources. This FOA welcomes applications integrating drug misuse and/or use disorder and HIV/AIDS across all areas of research supported by NIDA. Applications are due by 5pm local time of applicant organization on December 7, 2020. [Read more information](#).

new CDC: Minority HIV Research Initiative (MARI) to Support Epidemiologic and Implementation Science Research in Racial/Ethnic Minority Communities Disproportionately Affected by HIV and Build Research Capacity Among Historically Underrepresented Researchers
RFA-PS-21-001

Application Submission Deadline: October 14, 2020

The purpose of this Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) is to support promising epidemiologic and implementation science research in racial/ethnic minority communities disproportionately affected by HIV while strengthening the capacity for conducting such research among investigators working in these communities. The NOFO supports Centers for Disease and Control and Prevention's (CDC's) goals to promote health and reduce disease and disability by funding research that has the potential to result in high public health impact. Applications are due by October 14, 2020. [Read more information](#).

NIH: Accelerating the Pace of Drug Abuse Research Using Existing Data (R01 Clinical Trial Optional)
PAR-19-368

Application Submission Deadline: October 5, 2020

The purpose of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is to invite applications proposing innovative analysis of existing social science, behavioral, administrative, and neuroimaging data to study the etiology and epidemiology of substance using behaviors (defined as alcohol, tobacco, prescription and other substances) and related disorders, prevention of substance use and HIV, and health service utilization. This FOA encourages the analyses of public use and other extant community-based or clinical datasets to their full potential in order to increase our knowledge of etiology, trajectories of substance using behaviors and their consequences including morbidity and mortality, risk and resilience in the development of psychopathology, strategies to guide the development, testing, implementation, and delivery of high quality, effective and efficient services for the prevention and treatment of substance use disorder and HIV. Applications are due by October 5, 2020. [Read 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: January 7, 2021

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. Applications are due by January 7, 2021. Read 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: October 5, 2020 (R01), October 16, 2020 (R21)

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. Applications are due by 5pm local time of application organization on October 5, 2020 ([R01](#)) and October 16, 2020 ([R21](#)).

NIDA: HIV/AIDS High Priority Drug Abuse Research (R01 Clinical Trial Optional)
PAS-18-915

Application Submission Deadline: January 7, 2021

The goal of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is to stimulate high priority research relevant to drug misuse and HIV/AIDS. Central to the NIH high priority areas of research are principles such as engaging people at risk into

screening and preventive services as well as linking and re-linking people living with HIV (PLWH) into care with the goal of achieving durable viral suppression and addressing HIV comorbidities. Basic and clinical research that moves the field toward a cure and development of vaccines are high priority areas of research. Complete applications are due by 5pm local time of applicant organization on January 7, 2021. [Read more information](#).

NIMH: Innovations in HIV Prevention, Testing, Adherence and Retention to Optimize HIV Prevention and Care Continuum Outcomes (R01 Clinical Trial Optional) (R21 Clinical Trial Optional)

PA-20-144; PA-20-145

Application Submission Deadline: December 7, 2020

This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) seeks innovative research to optimize HIV prevention and care which is aligned with NIMH Division of AIDS Research (DAR) priorities. Applications may include formative basic behavioral and social science to better understand a step or steps in the HIV prevention or care continuum, and/or the initial development and pilot testing of innovative intervention approaches. Applicants are encouraged to read current Notices of Special Interests (NOSIs) from NIMH DAR for further information about the Division's research priorities. Applications are due by 5pm local time of applicant organization on December 7, 2020. [PA-20-144](#); [PA-20-145](#).

MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH

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, 2020

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. Applications are due by 5pm local time of applicant organization on October 5, 2020. [Read more information](#).

MENTAL HEALTH AND ILLNESS

NEW NIH: Practice-Based Suicide Prevention Research Centers (P50 Clinical Trial Optional)

PAR-20-286

Application Submission Deadline: October 19, 2020

This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) invites applications for research centers to support integrated programs of high-impact, practice-based research with near-term potential to address NIMH suicide prevention priorities and help achieve the National Action Alliance for Suicide Prevention goals of reducing the rate of suicide in the US. The Centers are intended to support transdisciplinary teams of clinical and mental health services researchers, behavioral/social scientists, health information and communications technologists, health systems engineers, decision scientists, and mental health stakeholders (e.g., service users, family members, clinicians, payers) engaged in transdisciplinary programs of research that could not be achieved using standard research project grant mechanisms. Research Centers will support the rapid development, refinement, and testing of effective and scalable approaches for intervening at key intercepts in the chain of care: for identifying high-risk individuals, for promoting continuity across key care transitions (e.g., following identification in the emergency department or discharge from inpatient care), and for intervening (including prevention strategies and treatment for acute risk). Applications are due by October 19, 2020. [Read more information](#).

NEW NIH: Advanced Laboratories for Accelerating the Reach and Impact of Treatments for Youth and Adults with Mental Illness (ALACRITY) Research Centers (P50 Clinical Trial Optional)

PAR-20-293

Application Submission Deadline: March 17, 2021

This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) invites applications for centers to support transdisciplinary teams of clinical and mental health services researchers, behavioral scientists, social scientists, health information and communications technologists, health systems engineers, decision scientists, and mental health stakeholders (e.g., service users, family members, clinicians, payers) to engage in high-impact studies that will significantly advance clinical practice and generate knowledge that will fuel transformation of mental health care in the United States. Advanced Laboratories for Accelerating the Reach and Impact of Treatments for Youth and Adults with Mental Illness (ALACRITY) Research Centers will support the rapid development, testing, and refinement of novel and integrative approaches for (1) optimizing the effectiveness of therapeutic or preventive interventions for mental disorders within well-defined target populations; (2) organizing and delivering optimized mental health services within real world treatment settings; and (3) continuously improving the quality, impact, and durability of optimized interventions and service delivery

within diverse care systems. The ALACRITY Centers program is intended to support research that maximizes synergies across various components of the mental health research ecosystem, including new discoveries in clinical research, transformative health care technologies, advances in information science, and new federal and state mechanisms for organizing mental health care. The Centers are intended for transdisciplinary projects that could not be achieved using standard research project grant mechanisms. The ALACRITY Centers program is also expected to facilitate widespread sharing of relevant data, methods, and resources that will accelerate clinical research and practice and to provide opportunities for graduate students, postdoctoral researchers, and early-career investigators to participate in transdisciplinary, T2 translational mental health research. Applications are due by March 17, 2021. [Read 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, 2020

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. Applications are due by 5:00pm local time of applicant organization on October 5, 2020. [Read 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, 2020

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, 2020. [Read more information.](#)

NIH: Pilot Effectiveness Trials for Treatment, Preventive and Services Interventions (R34- Clinical Trial Required)

RFA-MH-18-706

Application Submission Deadline: October 15, 2020

The purpose of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is to encourage pilot research consistent with NIMH's priorities for: 1) effectiveness research on preventive and therapeutic interventions with previously demonstrated efficacy, for use with broader target populations or for use in community practice settings, and 2) research on the development and preliminary testing of innovative services interventions. Applications should provide resources for evaluating the feasibility, tolerability, acceptability and safety of approaches to improve mental health/functional outcomes, to modify risk factors, or to improve service delivery, and for obtaining the preliminary data needed as a pre-requisite to a larger-scale intervention trial (e.g., comparative effectiveness study, practical trial) or large-scale services study. 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 15, 2020. [Read 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, 2020

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, 2020. [Read more information](#).

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

Application Submission Deadline: October 16, 2020

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. Applications are due by October 16, 2020. [Read more information](#).

**NIMH: Mental Health Research Dissertation Grant to Enhance Workforce Diversity (R36 Independent Clinical Trial Not Allowed)
PAR-18-894**

Application Submission Deadline: December 7, 2020

The purpose of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is to enhance the diversity of the mental health research workforce by providing dissertation awards in all research areas within the strategic priorities of the NIMH to individuals from groups underrepresented in biomedical, behavioral, clinical and social sciences research. This award supports the completion of the doctoral research project. Applications are due on December 7, 2020. [Read more information](#).

**NIMH: Neuromodulation/Neurostimulation Device Development for Mental Health Applications (R21 Clinical Trial Optional) (R01 Clinical Trial Optional)
PAR-18-941; PAR-18-942**

Application Submission Deadline: October 5, 2020 (R01), October 16, 2020 (R21)

The purpose of this funding opportunity announcement (FOA) is to encourage applications seeking to develop the next generation of brain stimulation devices for treating mental health disorders. Applications are sought that will either 1) develop novel brain stimulation devices or 2) significantly enhance, by means of hardware/software improvements, the effectiveness of brain stimulation devices that are currently U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA)-approved or cleared. Novel devices should move beyond existing electrical/magnetic stimulation and develop new stimulation techniques capable of increased spatiotemporal precision as well as multi-focal, closed-loop approaches. Applications seeking to develop new capabilities should focus on significant enhancement of the spatial resolution, depth of delivery, and/or precision of the device. Incremental changes to existing devices (e.g., software updates) are not within the scope of this announcement. Applications should be submitted by multi-disciplinary teams with diverse expertise including systems neuroscience, engineering, clinical, and regulatory affairs. Applications to this FOA may propose hypothesis-driven research, but should propose design-directed, developmental, or discovery-driven technology research using integrative approaches. Applications are due by 5pm local time of applicant organization on October 5, 2020 for [R01](#) and by October 16, 2020 for [R21](#).

**NIMH: Pilot Effectiveness Trials for Treatment, Preventive and Services Interventions (R34- Clinical Trial Required)
RFA-MH-18-706**

Application Submission Deadline: October 15, 2020

The purpose of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is to encourage pilot research consistent with the National Institute of Mental Health's (NIMH) priorities. Applications should provide resources for evaluating the feasibility, tolerability, acceptability and safety of approaches to improve mental health/functional outcomes, to modify risk factors, or to improve service delivery, and for obtaining the preliminary data needed as a pre-requisite to a larger-scale intervention

trial (e.g., comparative effectiveness study, practical trial) or large-scale services study. In this pilot phase of effectiveness research, NIMH places highest priority on approaches that can be justified in terms of their potential to substantially impact practice and public health and approaches that are empirically grounded. Adaptations or augmentations of efficacious interventions should only be undertaken if there is an empirical rationale for the adaptation target and for the corresponding mechanism by which the adapted intervention or augmentation is expected to substantially enhance outcomes. This FOA is intended to support pilot effectiveness trials that are designed to explicitly address whether the intervention engages the target(s)/mechanism(s) presumed to underlie the intervention effects. Applications are due by 5pm local time of applicant organization on October 15, 2020. [Read more information](#).

**NIMH: Post-Acute Interventions for the Treatment of Anorexia Nervosa (R34 Clinical Trial Required)
RFA-MH-20-500**

Application Submission Deadline: October 19, 2020

NIMH seeks applications for pilot projects to evaluate the preliminary effectiveness of interventions targeting sustained and enhanced treatment response following acute treatment for anorexia nervosa (AN). An emphasis is placed on trials that go beyond seeking incremental gains in intervention effects, and instead take a theory-driven, empirical approach to developing and testing interventions that will have a significant impact on weight restoration and psychological symptoms associated with AN. Consistent with an effectiveness framework, studies should take a deployment-focused approach to intervention development and testing, acknowledging that many patients will receive post-acute treatment from community providers unaffiliated with specialty eating disorder centers. Applications are due by October 19, 2020. [Read more information](#).

NIMH: Practice-Based Research for Implementing Scalable Evidence-Based Prevention Interventions in Primary Care Settings (R01 Clinical Trial Optional) (R34 Clinical Trial Required)

RFA-MH-20-505; RFA-MH-20-506

Application Submission Deadline: October 15, 2020

The purpose of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is to encourage practice-based research aimed at refining and pilot testing developmentally-focused, theory-based efficacious prevention interventions that may impact mental health outcomes, including suicide behaviors and serious mental illness. The research should test prevention approaches that are both scalable and sustainable for implementation in pediatric-serving primary care settings, with an emphasis on populations experiencing mental health disparities. Applications are due by 5pm local time of applicant organization on October 15, 2020. Read more information: [R01](#), [R34](#).

METHODOLOGY AND MEASUREMENT

NIH: BRAIN Initiative: Research Resource Grants for Technology Integration and Dissemination (U24 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)

RFA-NS-19-006

Application Submission Deadline: November 27, 2020

This funding opportunity announcement (FOA) supports efforts to disseminate resources and to integrate them into neuroscience research practice. Projects should be highly relevant to specific goals of the BRAIN Initiative, goals that are described in the planning document "[BRAIN 2025: A Scientific Vision](#)." They should engage in one or more of the following activities: distribution of tools and reagents; user training on the usage of new technologies or techniques; providing access to existing technology platforms and specialized facilities; minor improvements to increase the scale/efficiency of resource production and delivery; minor adaptations to meet the needs of a user community. Applications strictly focused on technology or software development, rather than dissemination of an existing resource, are not responsive to this FOA. Refinements to microscopes or tools necessary to customize them to the experimental needs of the end users is allowed. Projects should address compelling needs of neuroscience researchers working toward the goals of the BRAIN 2025 report that are otherwise unavailable or impractical in their current form. Letters of intent are due 30 days prior to the application due date. Complete applications are due by November 27, 2020. [Read more information](#).

NIH: BRAIN Initiative: Research on the Ethical Implications of Advancements in Neurotechnology and Brain Science (R01 Clinical Trial Optional)

RFA-MH-19-400

Application Submission Deadline: October 9, 2020

This funding opportunity announcement (FOA), in support of the NIH Brain Research through Advancing Innovative Neurotechnologies (BRAIN) Initiative, is one of several FOAs aimed at supporting transformative discoveries that will lead to breakthroughs in understanding human brain function. Guided by the long-term scientific plan, "[BRAIN 2025: A Scientific Vision](#)," this FOA specifically seeks to support efforts addressing core ethical issues associated with research focused on the human brain and resulting from emerging technologies and advancements supported by the BRAIN

Initiative. Letters of intent are due 30 days prior to the application due date. Applications are due by [October 9, 2020](#). [Read more information](#).

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, 2020 (R01), October 16, 2020 (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. Applications are due by [October 5, 2020 \(R01\)](#) and [October 16, 2020 \(R21\)](#).

NUTRITION

NIH: Diet and Physical Activity Assessment Methodology (R01) (R21)

PA-18-856, PAR-18-857

Application Submission Deadline: October 5, 2020 (R01), October 16, 2020 (R21)

This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) encourages innovative research to enhance the quality of measurements of dietary intake and physical activity. Applications submitted to this FOA may include development of: novel assessment approaches; better methods to evaluate instruments; assessment tools for culturally diverse populations or various age groups, including children and older adults; improved technology or applications of existing technology; statistical methods/modeling to improve assessment and/or to correct for measurement errors or biases; methods to investigate the multidimensionality of diet and physical activity behavior through pattern analysis; or integrated measurement of diet and physical activity along with the environmental context of such behaviors. Applications are due by 5pm local time of applicant organization on [October 5, 2020 \(R01\)](#), [October 16, 2020 \(R21\)](#).

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

PAR-18-854

Application Submission Deadline: October 14, 2020

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. Applications are due by 5:00 PM local time of applicant organization on [October 14, 2020](#). [Read more information](#).

PUBLIC HEALTH

NEW NIH: NLM Information Resource Grants to Reduce Health Disparities (G08 Clinical Trial Not Allowed).

PAR-20-283

Application Submission Deadline: October 23, 2020

This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) solicits resource grant applications for projects that will bring useful, usable health information to health disparity populations and their health care providers. Access to useful, usable, understandable health information is an important factor when making health decisions. Proposed projects should exploit the capabilities of computer and information technology and health sciences libraries to bring health-related information to consumers and their health care providers. Because this FOA focuses on providing health information to health disparity populations, institutions with demonstrated commitment to the needs of health disparity communities (including Tribal Colleges and Universities (TCU), Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU), Hispanic-Serving Institutions (HSI)

and other Minority-Serving Institutions (MSI)) are encouraged to apply. Applications are due by October 23, 2020. [Read more information.](#)

New NIH: Tobacco Control Policies to Promote Health Equity (R21 Clinical Trial Optional)

PAR-20-302; PAR-20-303

Application Submission Deadline: November 12, 2020

The purpose of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is to support observational or intervention research focused on reducing disparities in tobacco use and secondhand smoke (SHS) exposure in the U.S. Specifically, this FOA aims to stimulate scientific inquiry focused on innovative state and local level tobacco prevention and control policies. The long-term goal of this FOA is to reduce disparities in tobacco-related cancers, and in doing so, to promote health equity among all populations. Applicants submitting applications related to health economics are encouraged to consult NOT-OD-16-025 to ensure that the research projects align with NIH mission priorities in health economics research. Applications are due by November 12, 2020. Read more information: [PAR-20-303](#); [PAR-20-302](#).

New NIH: Digital Healthcare Interventions to Address the Secondary Health Effects Related to Social, Behavioral, and Economic Impact of COVID-19 (R01 - Clinical Trial Optional)

PAR-20-243

Application Submission Deadline: December 2, 2020

This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) aims to support research to strengthen the healthcare response to Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) caused by the Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) and future public health emergencies, including pandemics. While research related to the direct clinical effects of COVID-19 are supported by other funding opportunities, the purpose of this funding opportunity is to focus on the role and impact of digital health interventions [e.g., mobile health (mhealth), telemedicine and telehealth, health information technology (IT), and wearable devices] to address access, reach, delivery, effectiveness, scalability and sustainability of health assessments and interventions for secondary effects (e.g., behavioral health or self-management of chronic conditions) that are utilized during and following the pandemic, particularly in populations who experience health disparities and vulnerable populations. Applications are due by December 2, 2020. [Read more information.](#)

New NIH: Social and Behavioral Intervention Research to Address Modifiable Risk Factors for Cancer in Rural Populations (R01 Clinical Trial Required)

RFA-CA-20-051

Application Submission Deadline: March 15, 2021

The purpose of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is to solicit applications to develop, adapt, and test individual-, community- or multilevel interventions to address modifiable risk factors for cancer in rural populations. Applications should focus on primary prevention and assess and address one or more of the social and behavioral risk factors that contribute to cancer disparities in rural populations: tobacco use; diet, physical activity and weight; alcohol use; UV exposure; and HPV vaccination. Applications should also assess and address myriad social determinants of health, cultural factors, and health care and technology access barriers that may contribute to rural cancer disparities. This FOA also encourages implementation science research, to incorporate efficacious cancer control interventions in a coordinated way, into broader, sustainable health programs that are designed to reach rural populations and allow local customization and adaptation. Applications are due by March 15, 2021. [Read more information.](#)

New NIH: Intervention Research to Improve Native American Health (R01 Clinical Trial Optional)

PAR-20-238

Application Submission Deadline: May 17, 2021

The purpose of this funding opportunity announcement (FOA) is to support research on interventions to improve health in Native American (NA) populations. This includes 1) etiologic research, where there is a significant gap in knowledge, that will directly inform intervention development or adaptations, 2) research that develops, adapts, or tests the efficacy or effectiveness of health promotion and disease prevention interventions, 3) research that tests culturally informed treatment or recovery interventions and 4) where a sufficient body of knowledge on intervention efficacy exists, research on dissemination and implementation that develops and tests strategies to overcome barriers to the adoption, integration, scale-up, and sustainability of effective interventions. Existing data suggest that significant acute and chronic disease inequities exist for NA populations. Concurrently, NA populations experience unique sociopolitical, historical, and environmental stressors and risks that may exacerbate health conditions and/or impact the effectiveness of existing solutions to address the conditions. They also possess unique strengths and resiliencies that can mitigate stressors or inform intervention strategies. Through this initiative, intervention and related research is sought to build upon community knowledge, resources, and resilience to test science-based, culturally appropriate solutions to reduce morbidity and mortality through identification and remediation of precursors to diseases and disorders and through culturally informed treatment. Interventions should be designed with a consideration for sustainability within the communities where they are

tested, and have the flexibility to be readily adapted, disseminated, and scaled up to other communities where culturally appropriate. For the purposes of this FOA, Native Americans include the following populations: Alaska Natives, American Indians (whose ancestral lands fall at least partially within the U.S. mainland border), and Native Hawaiians. The term 'Native Hawaiian' means any individual any of whose ancestors were natives, prior to 1778, of the area which now comprises the State of Hawaii. Applications are due by May 17, 2021. [Read more information](#).

NEW NIH: Research to Improve Native American Health (R21 Clinical Trials Optional)

PAR-20-214

Application Submission Deadline: May 17, 2021

The purpose of this funding opportunity announcement (FOA) is to support developmental/exploratory studies in preparation for health promotion, disease prevention, treatment, or treatment services research to improve health in Native American (NA) populations. Applications may include 1) etiologic research, where there is a significant gap in knowledge, that will directly inform intervention development or adaptations, 2) research to develop and pilot test new or adapted interventions for feasibility, acceptability, and scalability, 3) research to test the short-term efficacy of interventions, 4) where a sufficient body of knowledge on intervention efficacy exists, research on strategies to overcome barriers to the adoption, integration, scale-up, and sustainability of effective interventions. Existing data suggest that significant acute and chronic disease inequities exist for NA populations. Concurrently, NA populations experience unique sociopolitical, historical, and environmental stressors and risks that may exacerbate health conditions and/or impact the effectiveness of existing solutions to address the conditions. They also possess unique strengths and resiliencies that can mitigate stressors or inform intervention strategies. Through this announcement, culturally informed exploratory/developmental research is sought that builds upon community knowledge, resources, and resilience to provide foundational knowledge for future science-based, culturally appropriate solutions to reduce morbidity and mortality through identification and remediation of precursors to diseases and disorders and through culturally informed treatment. For the purposes of this FOA, Native Americans include the following populations: Alaska Natives, American Indians (whose ancestral lands fall at least partially within the U.S. mainland border), and Native Hawaiians. The term 'Native Hawaiian' means any individual any of whose ancestors were natives, prior to 1778, of the area which now comprises the State of Hawaii. Applications are due by May 17, 2021. [Read 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 13, 2020

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. Applications are due by November 13, 2020. Read more information : [R21](#), [R01](#).

NIH: Human-Animal Interaction (HAI) Research (R01 Clinical Trial Optional) (R03 Clinical Trial Optional) (R21 Clinical Trial Optional)

PAR-20-031; PAR-20-032; PAR-20-033

Application Submission Deadline: November 30, 2020

This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) invites grant applications for research to examine 1) the impact of Human-Animal Interactions (HAI) on typical and atypical child development and health; 2) the evaluation of animal-assisted intervention for children and adults with disabilities or in need of rehabilitative services; 3) the effects of animals on public health, including cost effectiveness of involving animals in reducing and preventing disease. Applications are due by November 20, 2020. Read more information: [R01](#); [R03](#); [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, 2020 (R01), October 16, 2020 (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. Applications are due by October 5, 2020 ([R01](#)) or October 16, 2020 ([R21](#)).

NIH: Research to Action: Assessing and Addressing Community Exposures to Environmental Contaminants (R01 Clinical Trial Optional)

RFA-ES-20-002

Application Submission Deadline: December 4, 2020

This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) encourages multidisciplinary projects to investigate the potential health risks of environmental exposures of concern to a community and to implement an environmental public health action plan based on research findings. Projects supported under this program are expected to employ community-engaged research methods to not only conduct research but also to seamlessly translate research findings into public health action. This announcement reflects NIEHS goals in bi-directional communications and in supporting research to address environmental health disparities and environmental justice concerns. The Research to Action program is part of the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS) "[Partnerships for Environmental Public Health](#)" (PEPH) network. Applications are due by 5pm local time of applicant organization on December 4, 2020. [Read more information](#).

NIMH: Pilot Effectiveness Trials for Treatment, Preventive and Services Interventions (R34- Clinical Trial Required)

RFA-MH-18-706

Application Submission Deadline: October 15, 2020

The purpose of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is to encourage pilot research consistent with the National Institute of Mental Health's (NIMH) priorities. Applications should provide resources for evaluating the feasibility, tolerability, acceptability and safety of approaches to improve mental health/functional outcomes, to modify risk factors, or to improve service delivery, and for obtaining the preliminary data needed as a pre-requisite to a larger-scale intervention trial (e.g., comparative effectiveness study, practical trial) or large-scale services study. In this pilot phase of effectiveness research, NIMH places highest priority on approaches that can be justified in terms of their potential to substantially impact practice and public health and approaches that are empirically grounded. Adaptations or augmentations of efficacious interventions should only be undertaken if there is an empirical rationale for the adaptation target and for the corresponding mechanism by which the adapted intervention or augmentation is expected to substantially enhance outcomes. This FOA is intended to support pilot effectiveness trials that are designed to explicitly address whether the intervention engages the target(s)/mechanism(s) presumed to underlie the intervention effects. Applications are due by 5pm local time of applicant organization on October 15, 2020. [Read more information](#).

NIMH: Practice-Based Research for Implementing Scalable Evidence-Based Prevention Interventions in Primary Care Settings (R01 Clinical Trial Optional) (R34 Clinical Trial Required)

RFA-MH-20-505; RFA-MH-20-506

Application Submission Deadline: October 10, 2020

The purpose of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is to encourage practice-based research aimed at refining and pilot testing developmentally-focused, theory-based efficacious prevention interventions that may impact mental health outcomes, including suicide behaviors and serious mental illness. The research should test prevention approaches that are both scalable and sustainable for implementation in pediatric-serving primary care settings, with an emphasis on populations experiencing mental health disparities. Applications are due by 5pm local time of applicant organization on October 10, 2020. Read more information: [R01](#), [R34](#).

RACIAL AND ETHNIC MINORITIES

NEW CDC: Minority HIV Research Initiative (MARI) to Support Epidemiologic and Implementation Science Research in Racial/Ethnic Minority Communities Disproportionately Affected by HIV and Build Research Capacity Among Historically Underrepresented Researchers

RFA-PS-21-001

Application Submission Deadline: October 14, 2020

The purpose of this Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) is to support promising epidemiologic and implementation science research in racial/ethnic minority communities disproportionately affected by HIV while strengthening the capacity for conducting such research among investigators working in these communities. The NOFO supports Centers for Disease and Control and Prevention's (CDC's) goals to promote health and reduce disease and disability by funding research that has the potential to result in high public health impact. Applications are due by October 14, 2020. [Read more information](#).

NEW NIH: NLM Information Resource Grants to Reduce Health Disparities (G08 Clinical Trial Not Allowed).

PAR-20-283

Application Submission Deadline: October 23, 2020

This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) solicits resource grant applications for projects that will bring useful, usable health information to health disparity populations and their health care providers. Access to useful, usable, understandable health information is an important factor when making health decisions. Proposed projects should exploit the capabilities of computer and information technology and health sciences libraries to bring health-related information to consumers and their health care providers.

Because this FOA focuses on providing health information to health disparity populations, institutions with demonstrated commitment to the needs of health disparity communities (including Tribal Colleges and Universities (TCU), Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU), Hispanic-Serving Institutions (HSI) and other Minority-Serving Institutions (MSI)) are encouraged to apply. Applications are due by October 23, 2020. [Read more information.](#)

new NIH: Intervention Research to Improve Native American Health (R01 Clinical Trial Optional)

PAR-20-238

Application Submission Deadline: May 17, 2021

The purpose of this funding opportunity announcement (FOA) is to support research on interventions to improve health in Native American (NA) populations. This includes 1) etiologic research, where there is a significant gap in knowledge, that will directly inform intervention development or adaptations, 2) research that develops, adapts, or tests the efficacy or effectiveness of health promotion and disease prevention interventions, 3) research that tests culturally informed treatment or recovery interventions and 4) where a sufficient body of knowledge on intervention efficacy exists, research on dissemination and implementation that develops and tests strategies to overcome barriers to the adoption, integration, scale-up, and sustainability of effective interventions. Existing data suggest that significant acute and chronic disease inequities exist for NA populations. Concurrently, NA populations experience unique sociopolitical, historical, and environmental stressors and risks that may exacerbate health conditions and/or impact the effectiveness of existing solutions to address the conditions. They also possess unique strengths and resiliencies that can mitigate stressors or inform intervention strategies. Through this initiative, intervention and related research is sought to build upon community knowledge, resources, and resilience to test science-based, culturally appropriate solutions to reduce morbidity and mortality through identification and remediation of precursors to diseases and disorders and through culturally informed treatment. Interventions should be designed with a consideration for sustainability within the communities where they are tested, and have the flexibility to be readily adapted, disseminated, and scaled up to other communities where culturally appropriate. For the purposes of this FOA, Native Americans include the following populations: Alaska Natives, American Indians (whose ancestral lands fall at least partially within the U.S. mainland border), and Native Hawaiians. The term 'Native Hawaiian' means any individual any of whose ancestors were natives, prior to 1778, of the area which now comprises the State of Hawaii. Applications are due by May 17, 2021. [Read more information.](#)

new NIH: Research to Improve Native American Health (R21 Clinical Trials Optional)

PAR-20-214

Application Submission Deadline: May 17, 2021

The purpose of this funding opportunity announcement (FOA) is to support developmental/exploratory studies in preparation for health promotion, disease prevention, treatment, or treatment services research to improve health in Native American (NA) populations. Applications may include 1) etiologic research, where there is a significant gap in knowledge, that will directly inform intervention development or adaptations, 2) research to develop and pilot test new or adapted interventions for feasibility, acceptability, and scalability, 3) research to test the short-term efficacy of interventions, 4) where a sufficient body of knowledge on intervention efficacy exists, research on strategies to overcome barriers to the adoption, integration, scale-up, and sustainability of effective interventions. Existing data suggest that significant acute and chronic disease inequities exist for NA populations. Concurrently, NA populations experience unique sociopolitical, historical, and environmental stressors and risks that may exacerbate health conditions and/or impact the effectiveness of existing solutions to address the conditions. They also possess unique strengths and resiliencies that can mitigate stressors or inform intervention strategies. Through this announcement, culturally informed exploratory/developmental research is sought that builds upon community knowledge, resources, and resilience to provide foundational knowledge for future science-based, culturally appropriate solutions to reduce morbidity and mortality through identification and remediation of precursors to diseases and disorders and through culturally informed treatment. For the purposes of this FOA, Native Americans include the following populations: Alaska Natives, American Indians (whose ancestral lands fall at least partially within the U.S. mainland border), and Native Hawaiians. The term 'Native Hawaiian' means any individual any of whose ancestors were natives, prior to 1778, of the area which now comprises the State of Hawaii. Applications are due by May 17, 2021. [Read 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 13, 2020

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. Applications are due by November 13, 2020. Read more information : [R21](#), [R01](#).

NIH: Research Supplements to Promote Diversity in Health-Related Research (Admin Supp - Clinical Trial Not Allowed)

PA-18-906

Application Submission Deadline: NIH Institutes and Centers (ICs) dependent

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) and the Center for Disease Control and Prevention hereby notify Program Director(s)/Principal Investigator(s) (PD(s)/PI(s)) holding specific types of research grants that funds are available for administrative supplements to improve the diversity of the research workforce by recruiting and supporting students, postdoctorates, and eligible investigators from diverse backgrounds, including those from groups that have been shown to be underrepresented in health-related research. This supplement opportunity is also available to PD(s)/PI(s) of research grants who are or become disabled and need additional support to accommodate their disability in order to continue to work on the research project. Administrative supplements must support work within the scope of the original project. 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 clinical trial. Applicants to this FOA are permitted to propose research experience in a clinical trial led by a mentor or co-mentor. The application deadline varies by IC. [See specific deadlines](#) and [read 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. Applications are due by the second Friday in December, annually. [Read more information](#).

**NIMHD: Exploratory/Developmental Research Grant Program (R21 - Clinical Trial Optional)
PAR-20-150**

Application Submission Deadline: October 16, 2020

NIMHD invites applications to support short-term exploratory or developmental research projects that have the potential to break new ground in the fields of minority health and/or health disparities or extend previous discoveries toward new directions or applications that can directly contribute to improving minority health and/or reducing health disparities in the U.S. Applications are due by October 16, 2020. [Read more information](#).

SEXUAL AND GENDER IDENTITY EXPRESSION

**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, 2020 (R01), October 16, 2020 (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. Applications are due by October 5, 2020 (R01) or October 16, 2020 (R21).

SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY

NSF: Social Psychology

NSF 98-1332

Application Submission Deadline: January 15 and July 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 and July 15 annually. [Read more information](#).

SOCIOLOGY

NSF: National Science Foundation Sociology Program

PD-98-1331

Application Submission Deadline: January 15 and August 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 January 15 and August 15 annually. [Read more information](#).

SUBSTANCE USE AND ABUSE

NIDA: Behavioral Science Track Award for Rapid Transition (B/Start)(R03 Clinical Trial Optional)

PAR-19-310

Application Submission Deadline: October 16, 2020

This Funding Opportunity from the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) will use a NIH Small Research Grant (R03) award mechanism to support studies that apply affective, cognitive and behavioral science approaches to research questions relevant to substance use disorders (SUD). With this R03 mechanism, NIDA aims to seed innovative affective, cognitive and behavioral hypotheses, models, and methods in preclinical and clinical SUD research. The B/START R03 is intended for recently-independent investigators with expertise in behavioral science as well as established investigators who are using behavioral science approaches to SUD for the first time. Studies supported by B/START are expected to produce a coherent set of preliminary findings that would inform the design of a more complete study and serve as preliminary data supporting feasibility or scientific rationale in an R01, R21 or similar application. Applications are due by 5pm local time of applicant organization on October 16, 2020. [Read more information](#).

NIDA: Mentored Clinical Scientist Development Program Award in Substance Use and Substance Use Disorder Research (K12 Clinical Trial Optional)

PAR-20-249

Application Submission Deadline: March 1, 2021

This funding opportunity announcement (FOA) encourages applications for institutional research career development (K12) programs that propose to support intensive supervised research and career development experiences for clinician scientists (Scholars) leading to research independence in the area of substance use and substance use disorder research. For this FOA, clinician scientists may include (but are not limited to) physicians, clinical psychologists, epidemiologists, doctoral level social workers, pharmacists, and behavioral scientists. Scholars are expected to be supported for 3-5 years on consecutive 12-month appointments. Candidates selected for support as scholars must hold a doctorate and commit a minimum of 9 person months (equivalent to 75% of full-time professional effort) to conducting clinical research and career development activities associated with the proposed program. Applications are due by March 1, 2021. [Read more information](#).

NIDA: Research Center of Excellence Grant Program (P50 Clinical Trial Optional)**PAR-19-259****Application Submission Deadline: September 25, 2021**

This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is to provide support for research Centers that (1) conduct drug abuse and addiction research in any area of NIDA's mission, (2) have outstanding innovative science, (3) are multidisciplinary, thematically integrated, synergistic, and (4) serve as national resource(s) to provide educational and outreach activities to drug abuse research communities, educational organizations, the general public, and policy makers in the NIDA research fields. It is expected that a Center will transform knowledge in the sciences it is studying. Incremental work should not be the focus of Center activities; rather, new and creative directions are required. The P50 Center of Excellence is expected to foster the career development and mentoring of new investigators who would be given meaningful roles to play in the Center projects. A goal of this program is to create NIDA Centers that are national community resources for furthering drug abuse research by sharing their findings, their data, and their resources as appropriate for researchers to use and build upon and to advance research in this field. Letters of intent are due 30 days prior to the application due date. Applications are due by September 25, 2021. [Read more information](#).

NIDA: Research Education Program for Clinical Researchers and Clinicians (R25 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)**PAR-19-258****Application Submission Deadline: August 10, 2021**

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. This FOA is intended to support research education activities that enhance the knowledge of substance use (SU) and substance use disorder (SUD) research. The program is intended for those in clinically focused careers and/or those training for careers as clinicians/health service providers, clinical researchers, or optimally a combination of the two. This mechanism may not be used to support non-research-related clinical training. To accomplish the stated over-arching goal, this FOA will support creative educational activities with a primary focus on Courses for Skills Development and Research Experiences. The proposed research education programs must include both courses for skills development and research experiences with primary emphasis on research experiences. Proposed courses should be developed in conjunction with and support research experiences to enhance skills development. Letters of intent are due 30 days prior to the application due date. Applications are due by August 10, 2021. [Read more information](#).

NIDA: Small Research Grant Program (R03 Clinical Trial Required)**PA-20-146****Application Submission Deadline: October 16, 2020**

The NIDA Small Research Grant Program supports small clinical trials that can be carried out in a short period of time with limited resources. This program supports different types of projects including pilot, feasibility, or small clinical trials with medications, behavioral interventions, immunotherapies, therapeutic devices, therapeutic digital applications, health services, prevention interventions, biomarkers, and development of research methodology. This Funding Opportunity Announcement requires that a clinical trial be proposed. The proposed project must be related to the programmatic interests of NIDA. Applications are due by October 16, 2020. [Read more information](#).

NIDA: Substance Use/Substance Use Disorder Dissertation Research Award (R36 - Clinical Trials Optional)**PA-20-208****Application Submission Deadline: October 16, 2020**

The goal of this FOA is to support doctoral candidates from a variety of academic disciplines for up to two years for the completion of the doctoral dissertation research project. Research projects should align with NIDA funding priorities or within the NIDA Strategic Plan. This award will facilitate the entry of promising new investigators into the field of substance use/substance use disorder (SU(D) research, enhancing the pool of highly talented SU(D) researchers. Applications are particularly encouraged from those who can contribute to diversifying the research workforce as described in the Notice of NIH's Interest in Diversity. Applications are due by 5pm local time of applicant organization on October 16, 2020. [Read more information](#).

NIH: Accelerating the Pace of Drug Abuse Research Using Existing Data (R01 Clinical Trial Optional)**PAR-19-368****Application Submission Deadline: October 5, 2020**

The purpose of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is to invite applications proposing innovative analysis of existing social science, behavioral, administrative, and neuroimaging data to study the etiology and epidemiology of substance using behaviors (defined as alcohol, tobacco, prescription and other substances) and related disorders, prevention of substance use and HIV, and health service utilization. This FOA encourages the analyses of public use and other extant community-based or clinical datasets to their full potential in order to increase our knowledge of etiology,

trajectories of substance using behaviors and their consequences including morbidity and mortality, risk and resilience in the development of psychopathology, strategies to guide the development, testing, implementation, and delivery of high quality, effective and efficient services for the prevention and treatment of substance use disorder and HIV. Applications are due by October 5, 2020. [Read 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 13, 2020

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NIH: Alcohol and Other Drug Interactions: Unintentional Injuries and Overdoses: Epidemiology and Prevention (R01 - Clinical Trial Optional), (R03 - Clinical Trial Optional), (R21 - Clinical Trial Optional)

PA-18-861, PA-18-862, PA-18-863

Application Submission Deadline: October 5, 2020 (R01), October 16, 2020 (R03, R21)

The purpose of this funding announcement (FOA) issued by the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA) of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) is to encourage research grant applications that explore whether and how alcohol and other illicit drugs or illicitly used prescription drugs interact to contribute to unintentional injuries and poisonings and how to prevent and/or reduce simultaneous use of alcohol or drugs singly or in combination. Applications are due by 5pm local time of applicant organization by October 5, 2020 ([R01](#)) and October 16, 2020 ([R03](#), [R21](#)).

NIH: Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems (ENDS): Population, Clinical and Applied Prevention Research (R01 – Clinical Trial Optional) (R21 – Clinical Trial Optional)

PAR-18-847, PAR-18-848

Application Submission Deadline: October 15, 2020 (R01); October 26, 2020 (R21)

The purpose of this funding opportunity announcement is to support studies on electronic nicotine delivery systems (ENDS) that examine population-based, clinical and applied prevention of disease, including etiology of use, epidemiology of use, potential risks, benefits and impacts on other tobacco use behavior among different populations. Applications are due by 5pm local time of applicant organization by October 15, 2020 ([R01](#)) and October 26, 2020 ([R21](#)). Read more information: [R01](#), [R21](#).

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

PAR-18-222, PAR-18-223

Application Submission Deadline: November 13, 2020

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 November 13, 2020. Read more information: [R01](#), [R34](#).