



# Federal Funding Opportunities – April 2017

## Highlight –

This month's FFO highlights two doctoral dissertation grants from the Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation (OPRE) within the Administration for Children and Families. The purpose of these funding opportunities is to support doctoral dissertation research addressing issues related to Head Start and child care. Both funding announcements aim to support work that will inform policy decisions and solutions, particularly for underserved/ understudied populations, utilizing the most rigorous research methodology, and promoting mentor-student relationships that support students' independent lines of research. Completed applications are due by June 12, 2017. Click here for more information: [Child Care](#), [Head Start](#).

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## CAREER DEVELOPMENT AND RECOGNITION

### **NICHD: Research Education Programs (R25)**

**PAR-17-183**

**Application Submission Deadline: May 25, 2017**

The NIH Research Education Program (R25) supports research education activities in the mission areas of the NIH. The over-arching goal of this NICHD 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, which are encouraged to include hands-on research experiences. This FOA encourages applications to develop and conduct short-term research education programs to improve the knowledge and research skills of biomedical and behavioral scientists conducting research in areas relevant to the mission of NICHD, including reproductive, developmental, behavioral, social, and rehabilitative processes that determine the health and well-being of newborns, infants, children, adults, families, and populations. Letters of intent are due 30 days before the application deadline. Applications are due by 5pm local time of applicant organization on May 25, 2017. For more information, click [here](#).

### **NIH: Lasker Clinical Research Scholars Program Si2/R00**

**PAR-17-254**

**Application Submission Deadline: August 25, 2017**

This FOA encourages applications for the Lasker Clinical Research Scholars Program for the purpose of supporting the research activities during the early stage careers of independent clinical researchers. Completed applications are due by 5pm local time of applicant organization on August 25, 2017. Click [here](#) for more information.

### **NIH: Maximizing Access to Research Careers Undergraduate - Student Training in Academic Research (MARC U-STAR) (T34)**

**PAR-16-113**

**Application Submission Deadline: May 24, 2017**

The Maximizing Access to Research Careers (MARC) Undergraduate Student Training in Academic Research (U-STAR) program is designed to provide structured training programs to prepare high-achieving, underrepresented students for doctoral programs in biomedical research fields. Programmatic activities should include authentic research experiences, academic enhancements, skills development, and mentoring. The long-term goal of the program is to enhance the pool of underrepresented students earning baccalaureate and Ph.D. degrees in biomedical research fields and ultimately to contribute to the diversification of the nation's scientific workforce. Applications are due by May 24, 2017. Click [here](#) for more information.

### **NIH: Summer Research Education Experience Programs (R25)**

**PAR-15-184**

**Application Submission Deadline: March 23, 2018**

The NIH Research Education Program (R25) supports research education activities in the mission areas of the NIH. The over-arching goal of this R25 program is to support educational activities that foster a better understanding of biomedical, behavioral and clinical research and its implications. To accomplish the stated over-arching goal, this FOA will support creative educational activities with a primary focus on Research Experiences for high school, undergraduate and science teachers during the summer academic break. Letters of intent are due 30 days before applications are due on March 23, 2018 by 5:00 PM local time of applicant organization. Click [here](#) for more information.

### **NIMH: Biobehavioral Research Awards for Innovative New Scientists (NIMH BRAINS) (R01)**

**RFA-MH-18-200**

**Application Submission Deadline: June 20, 2017**

The NIMH Biobehavioral Research Awards for Innovative New Scientists (BRAINS) award is intended to support the research and research career advancement of outstanding, exceptionally productive scientists who are in the early, formative stages of their careers and who plan to make a long term career commitment to research in specific mission areas of the NIMH. This award seeks to assist these individuals in launching an innovative clinical, translational, basic or services research program that holds the potential to profoundly transform the understanding, diagnosis, treatment, or prevention of mental disorders. The NIMH BRAINS program will focus on the research priorities and gap areas identified in the NIMH Strategic Plan and the Research Domain Criteria (RDoC) project. Letters of intent are due 30 days prior to the application deadline. Applications are due by June 20, 2017. Click [here](#) for more information.

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

**Application Submission Deadline: December 8, 2017**

The Alliances for Graduate Education and the Professoriate (AGEP) program seeks to advance knowledge about models to improve pathways to the professoriate and success for historically underrepresented minority doctoral students, postdoctoral fellows and faculty, particularly African Americans, Hispanic Americans, American Indians, Alaska Natives, Native Hawaiians, and Native Pacific Islanders, in specific STEM disciplines and/or STEM education research fields. New and innovative models are encouraged, as are models that reproduce and/or replicate existing evidence-based alliances in significantly different disciplines, institutions, and participant cohorts. The AGEP program goal is to increase the number of historically underrepresented minority faculty, in specific STEM disciplines and STEM education research fields, by advancing knowledge about pathways to career success. The program objectives include: To support the development, implementation and study of innovative models of doctoral education, postdoctoral training, and faculty advancement for historically underrepresented minorities in specific STEM disciplines and/or STEM education research fields; and to advance knowledge about the underlying issues, policies and practices that have an impact on the participation, transitions and advancement of historically underrepresented minorities in the STEM academy. Completed applications are due by December 8, 2017. Click [here](#) for more information.

**NSF: SBE Postdoctoral Research Fellowships  
NSF 16-590**

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

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

**OPRE: Early Care and Education Research Scholars: Child Care Research Scholars  
HHS-2017-ACF-OPRE-YE-1208**

**Application Submission Deadline: June 12, 2017**

The Administration for Children and Families, Office of Policy, Research and Evaluation plans to solicit applications for Child Care Research Scholars grants to support dissertation research on child care policy issues. These grants are meant to build capacity in the research field to focus research on questions that have direct implications for child care policy decision-making and program administration, and to foster mentoring relationships between faculty members and high-quality doctoral students. Applications are due on June 12, 2017. Click [here](#) for more information.

**OPRE: Early Care and Education Research Scholars: Head Start Graduate Student Research Grants  
HHS-2017-ACF-OPRE-YR-1219**

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The Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation (OPRE) of the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) is soliciting applications for the Head Start Graduate Student Research Grants to support dissertation research by advanced graduate students who are working in partnership with Head Start programs and with faculty mentors. Competitive applicants will 1) demonstrate a collaborative partnership with their program partners, and 2) pursue research questions that directly inform local, state, or federal policy relevant to multiple early care and education practices. Applicants should consider pursuing data collection across contexts, including child care, pre-k, home-visiting programs, Head Start, Early Head Start, and/or others. Applicants are expected to demonstrate an established partnership with their early care and education program partners that should be apparent throughout the research plan, from development and refinement of the research questions through the proposed data collection, interpretation, and dissemination. Letters of intent are due by May 15, 2017. Completed applications are due by 11:59pm ET on June 12, 2017. Click [here](#) for more information.

**GENERAL FUNDING MECHANISMS**

**AHRQ: Small Research Grant Program (R03)****PA-15-147****Application Submission Deadline: June 16, 2017**

This FOA encourages Small Research Grant (R03) applications, and expresses the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) priority areas of interest for ongoing small research projects. The R03 grant mechanism supports different types of health services research 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. Completed applications are due on June 16, 2017 by 5:00 PM local time of applicant organization. Click [here](#) for more information.

**NIH: Native American Research Centers for Health (NARCH) (S06)****PAR-16-297****Application Submission Deadline: June 24, 2017**

The purpose of this funding opportunity announcement (FOA) is to encourage grant applications for new or continued Native American Research Centers for Health (NARCH). The NARCH program supports opportunities for conducting research and career enhancement to meet the health needs of American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) communities and the scientists conducting research on the health needs of these communities. Completed applications are due by 5:00 PM local time of applicant organization on June 24, 2017. Click [here](#) for more information.

**NIH: Research Project Grant (R01)****PA-16-160****Application Submission Deadline: June 5, 2017**

The NIH Research Project Grant supports a discrete, specified, circumscribed project in areas representing the specific interests and competencies of the investigator(s). The proposed project must be related to the programmatic interests of one or more of the participating NIH Institutes and Centers (ICs) based on their scientific missions. Completed applications are due by 5:00 PM local time of applicant organization on June 5, 2017. Click [here](#) for more information.

**BY TOPIC****ADOLESCENCE****AUTISM****NIH: Research on Autism Spectrum Disorders (R01)****PA-16-388****Application Submission Deadline: June 5, 2017**

The purpose of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is to encourage research grant applications to support research designed to elucidate the etiology, epidemiology, diagnosis, treatment, and optimal means of service delivery in relation to Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD). Completed applications are due by 5:00 PM local time of applicant organization on June 5, 2017. Click [here](#) for more information.

**BEHAVIOR****NIH: Behavioral and Integrative Treatment Development Program (R34)****PA-16-073****Application Submission Deadline: June 16, 2017**

The purpose of this FOA is to encourage investigators to propose discrete well-defined projects that can be completed within three years. Projects of interest fall within the research domain of behavioral or integrated (e.g., behavioral and pharmacological) interventions targeting: (a) substance abuse; (b) prevention of acquisition or transmission of HIV infection among individuals in substance abuse treatment; (c) promotion of adherence to substance abuse treatment, HIV and addiction medications; and (d) chronic pain. Applications are due by 5:00 PM local time of applicant organization on June 16, 2017. Click [here](#) for more information.

**NIH: Behavioral or Social Intervention Clinical Trial Planning Grant (R34)****PAR-14-342****Application Submission Deadline: June 16, 2017**

The National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research (NIDCR) recognizes that behavioral and social factors play a role in many dental, oral and craniofacial (DOC) disorders and conditions, and that behavioral and social interventions have the potential to improve these conditions by targeting key behavioral and social factors. The NIDCR is committed to

supporting the development and testing of behavioral and social interventions to improve DOC health, and to supporting careful planning for these intervention studies. The purpose of this FOA is to provide support for planning well-designed, rigorously-conducted behavioral or social intervention studies relevant to DOC health. 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 June 16, 2017. Click [here](#) for more information.

**NIH: Behavioral Science Track Award for Rapid Transition (B/START) (R03)  
PAR-16-071**

**Application Submission Deadline: June 16, 2017**

This FOA will use an NIH Small Research Grant (R03) award mechanism and seeks to facilitate the entry of beginning investigators into the field of behavioral science research related to drug abuse. R03 projects will be supported for one year to allow gathering of pilot data with the intent that PDs/PIs become better positioned to seek additional support for independent research programs. To be appropriate for a B/Start award, research must be primarily focused on behavioral processes and research questions. Applications are due by 5:00 PM local time of applicant organization on June 16, 2017. Click [here](#) for more information.

**NIH: Self-Management for Health in Chronic Conditions (R01, R15, R21)  
PA-14-344 (R01); PA-14-345 (R15); PA-14-343 (R21)**

**Application Submission Deadline: June 5, 2017 (R01), June 16, 2017 (R21), June 25, 2017 (R15)**

The purpose of this initiative is to support research in self-management focused across conditions. A recent report from the Institute of Medicine (IOM) identifies the epidemic of chronic condition as the nation's leading health challenge and calls for cross-cutting, coordinated public health actions for "living well with chronic illness." This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) addresses that recommendation by describing an initiative that focuses on self-management as a mainstream science in order to reduce the burden of chronic illnesses/conditions. Self-management is the ability of the individual, in conjunction with family, community, and healthcare professionals, to manage symptoms, treatments, lifestyle changes, and psychosocial, cultural, and spiritual consequences associated with a chronic illness or condition. Applications are due by 5:00 PM local time of applicant organization on June 5, 2017 (R01), June 16, 2017 (R21), or June 25, 2017 (R15). Click here for more information: [R01](#), [R15](#), [R21](#).

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

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

**Application Submission Deadline: June 5, 2017 (R01) and May 1, 2017 (U01)**

The primary objective of this FOA is to stimulate innovative Convergent Neuroscience (CN) approaches to establish causal and/or probabilistic linkages across contiguous levels of analysis (e.g., gene, molecule, cell, circuit, system, behavior) in an explanatory model of psychopathology. In particular, applicants should focus on how specific constituent biological processes at one level of analysis contribute to quantifiable properties at other levels, either directly or as emergent phenomena. Although not required, it is preferable that applications link at least three levels of analysis and include an emphasis on genetics. The projects under this FOA will develop novel methods, theories, and approaches through a CN team framework, bringing together highly synergistic inter/transdisciplinary teams from neuroscience and the orthogonal fields of *the physical sciences* (e.g., data/computational science, physics, engineering, mathematics). Successful teams will combine, expand upon, or develop conceptual frameworks and theoretical approaches, and build explanatory computational models that connect contiguous levels of analysis. Such frameworks, theories, and computational explanatory models should be validated through experimental approaches to elucidate biological underpinnings of complex behavioral (including cognitive and affective) outcomes in psychopathology. Additionally, a goal of this program is to advance research in CN by creating a shared community framework of resources which may be used by the broader research community to further research. As such, a successful team will be expected to have a robust plan for sharing data and other resources. Letters of intent are due 30 days prior to the application due dates. Completed applications are due by 5pm local time of application organization on June 5, 2017 ([R01](#) and [Collaborative R01](#)) and May 1, 2017 ([U01](#) and [Collaborative U01](#)).

**NIH: Interaction of HIV and Neurodevelopment of Children in Resource-Limited Settings: Improving Assessments (R01) (R21)**

**RFA-HD-18-019**

**Application Submission Deadline: June 29, 2017**



The purpose of this funding opportunity is to invite applications for research focused on the development and/or improvement of tools and/or materials for the neurodevelopmental assessment of cognitive functioning of children and their implementation in resource-limited settings with high rates of HIV. Letters of intent are due 30 days prior to the application deadline. Applications are due by 5pm local time of applicant organization on June 29, 2017. Click here for more information: [R01](#), [R21](#).

**NIH: Promoting Research in Basic Neuroscience (R01)  
PAS-15-029**

**Application Submission Deadline: June 5, 2017**

The goal of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is to stimulate research addressing fundamental questions in basic neuroscience. Proposed projects can address any area of neuroscience within the missions of the participating institutes and should focus on understanding the structure and/or function of the normal nervous system. While fundamental basic research often generates insights relevant to disorders of the nervous system, this FOA is not intended to stimulate research that is explicitly disease-related. Completed applications are due by 5:00 PM local time of applicant organization on June 5, 2017. Click [here](#) for more information.

**NIH: Silvio O. Conte Centers for Basic Neuroscience or Translational Mental Health Research (P50)  
PAR-17-168**

**Application Submission Deadline: May 24, 2017**

This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) encourages applications for Silvio O. Conte Centers for Basic Neuroscience or Translational Mental Health Research. The institute seeks teams of researchers working at different levels of analysis and employing integrative, novel, and creative experimental approaches to address high-risk, high-impact questions in basic neuroscience research, or in translational research with the primary objectives of: (a) advancing the state of the science in basic brain and behavior research that will uncover and dissect the underlying mechanisms that will ultimately provide the foundation for understanding mental disorders; (b) supporting the integration and translation of basic and clinical neuroscience research on severe mental illnesses; and/or (c) advancing our understanding of the neurobehavioral developmental mechanisms and trajectories of psychopathology that begin in childhood and adolescence. The Conte Centers program is intended to support interdisciplinary basic neuroscience or translational research demonstrating an extraordinary level of synergy, integration, and potential for advancing the state of the field. This program is intended only for projects that could not be achieved using other, more standard grant mechanisms. The Conte Centers program also provides an opportunity to establish interdisciplinary basic neuroscience or translational research experiences for students and post doctorates. Letters of intent are due 30 days prior to the application deadline. Applications are due by May 24, 2017. Click [here](#) for more information.

## **CANCER**

**NIH: Early-life Factors and Cancer Development Later in life (R01, R03, R21)  
PA-15-126 (R01), PA-15-124 (R03), PA-15-125 (R21)**

**Application Submission Deadline: June 5, 2017 (R01, R03), June 16, 2017 (R21)**

The purpose of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is to stimulate research focused on the role of early-life factors in cancer development later in life. Given that current emerging evidence from limited research indicates a potentially important role for early-life events and exposures in cancer development, it is necessary to better understand 1) the early-life (maternal-paternal, in utero, birth and infancy, puberty and adolescence, and teenage and young adult years) factors that are associated with later cancer development; 2) how early-life factors mediate biological processes relevant to carcinogenesis; and 3) whether predictive markers for cancer risk based on what happens biologically at early-life can be measured and developed for use in cancer prevention strategies. Markers that predict malignancy or pre-malignant conditions would allow assessment of early-life exposures with relevant outcomes without having to wait 50 years for cancer development. Ultimately, a better mechanistic understanding of how early-life events and exposures contribute to the etiology of cancer later in life will allow for the development of effective interventions during pregnancy or early life that may have a profound impact on cancer prevention. Applications are due by 5:00 PM local time of the applicant organization on June 5, 2017 (R01, R03) or June 16, 2017 (R21). Click here for more information: [R01](#), [R03](#), [R21](#).

## **COGNITIVE DEVELOPMENT AND LEARNING SCIENCES**

**NSF: Developmental and Learning Sciences**

**Application Submission Deadline: January 15 and July 15 annually**

The National Science Foundation's Developmental and Learning Sciences program (DLS) supports fundamental

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

## ***DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES***

### ***DIVERSITY AND DISPARITIES***

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

##### **Application Submission Deadline: June 5, 2017**

The purpose of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is to support innovative research to understand uniquely associated factors (biological, behavioral, sociocultural, and environmental) that contribute to health disparities or health advantages among U.S. immigrant populations. Applications are due by 5:00 P.M. local time of applicant organization on June 5, 2017. Click [here](#) for more information.

#### **NIH: Addressing Health Disparities through Effective Interventions among Immigrant Populations (R01) PA-17-043**

##### **Application Submission Deadline: June 5, 2017**

The purpose of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is to support innovative research to develop and implement effective interventions to address health disparities among U.S. immigrant populations. Applications are due by 5:00 P.M. local time of applicant organization on June 5, 2017. Click [here](#) for more information.

#### **NIH: Interventions for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention in Native American Populations (R01) PAR-14-260**

##### **Application Submission Deadline: May 12, 2017**

The purpose of this funding opportunity announcement (FOA) is to develop, adapt, and test the effectiveness of health promotion and disease prevention interventions in Native American (NA) populations. NA populations are exposed to considerable risk factors that significantly increase their likelihood of chronic disease, substance abuse, mental illness, oral diseases, and HIV-infection. The intervention program should be culturally appropriate and promote the adoption of healthy lifestyles, improve behaviors and social conditions and/or improve environmental conditions related to chronic diseases, the consumption of tobacco, alcohol and other drugs, mental illness, oral disease, or HIV-infection. The intervention program should be designed so that it could be sustained within the entire community within existing resources, and, if successful, disseminated in other Native American communities. The long-term goal of this FOA is to reduce mortality and morbidity in NA communities. Letters of intent are due 30 days before the application due date. Applications are due May 12, 2016. Click [here](#) for more information.

#### **NIH: Research to Support the Reduction and Elimination of Mental Health Disparities (Admin Supp) PA-17-165**

##### **Application Submission Deadline: June 1, 2017**

The purpose of this FOA is to support Administrative Supplements to active NIMH grants to foster research across the NIMH Strategic Objectives that target the reduction and elimination of mental health disparities by race and ethnicity, geography, and socioeconomic status in the United States. This initiative aims to generate research within the scientific scope of the parent grant that identifies mechanisms underlying disparities or differences in mental health status and/or



enhances optimal delivery of mental health interventions among diverse groups. Applications are due by June 1, 2017. Click [here](#) for more information.

**NIH: Strategies to Increase Delivery of Guideline-Based Care to Populations with Health Disparities (R01)  
PAR-15-279**

**Application Submission Deadline: June 21, 2017**

This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) invites applications to conduct innovative and feasible studies to test strategies to accelerate the adoption of guideline-based recommendations into clinical practice among populations with health disparities. Applications that propose strategies with a focus on providers who care for clinical populations with excess burden of cardiovascular, lung, blood, and sleep diseases and disorders, in concert with the health care delivery systems in which they practice, are strongly encouraged. Applications that test systems, infrastructures, and strategies to implement guideline-based care for NHLBI disorders in clinical care settings are also of high programmatic interest. Letters of intent are due 30 days before the application, which is due June 21, 2017. More information is available [here](#).

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**Application Submission Deadline: December 8, 2017**

The Alliances for Graduate Education and the Professoriate (AGEP) program seeks to advance knowledge about models to improve pathways to the professoriate and success for historically underrepresented minority doctoral students, postdoctoral fellows and faculty, particularly African Americans, Hispanic Americans, American Indians, Alaska Natives, Native Hawaiians, and Native Pacific Islanders, in specific STEM disciplines and/or STEM education research fields. New and innovative models are encouraged, as are models that reproduce and/or replicate existing evidence-based alliances in significantly different disciplines, institutions, and participant cohorts. The AGEP program goal is to increase the number of historically underrepresented minority faculty, in specific STEM disciplines and STEM education research fields, by advancing knowledge about pathways to career success. The program objectives include: To support the development, implementation and study of innovative models of doctoral education, postdoctoral training, and faculty advancement for historically underrepresented minorities in specific STEM disciplines and/or STEM education research fields; and to advance knowledge about the underlying issues, policies and practices that have an impact on the participation, transitions and advancement of historically underrepresented minorities in the STEM academy. Completed applications are due by December 8, 2017. Click [here](#) for more information.

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**NIH: Maternal Nutrition and Pre-pregnancy Obesity: Effects on Mothers, Infants and Children (R01)  
PA-15-100**

**Application Submission Deadline: June 5, 2017**

This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) encourages applications to improve health outcomes for women, infants and children, by stimulating interdisciplinary research focused on maternal nutrition and pre-pregnancy obesity. Maternal health significantly impacts not only the mother but also the intrauterine environment, and subsequently fetal development

and the health of the newborn. Completed applications are due by 5:00 PM local time of applicant organization on June 5, 2017. Click [here](#) for more information.

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## **EDUCATION**

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PAR-17-183**

**Application Submission Deadline: May 25, 2017**

The NIH Research Education Program (R25) supports research education activities in the mission areas of the NIH. The over-arching goal of this NICHD 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, which are encouraged to include hands-on research experiences. This FOA encourages applications to develop and conduct short-term research education programs to improve the knowledge and research skills of biomedical and behavioral scientists conducting research in areas relevant to the mission of NICHD, including reproductive, developmental, behavioral, social, and rehabilitative processes that determine the health and well-being of newborns, infants, children, adults, families, and populations. Letters of intent are due 30 days before the application deadline. Applications are due by 5pm local time of applicant organization on May 25, 2017. For more information, click [here](#).

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

**Application Submission Deadline: July 21, 2017**

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 nations biomedical, behavioral and clinical research needs. Letters of intent are due 30 days prior to the application submission deadline on July 21, 2016. Click [here](#) for more information.

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

**Application Submission Deadline: December 8, 2017**

The Alliances for Graduate Education and the Professoriate (AGEP) program seeks to advance knowledge about models to improve pathways to the professoriate and success for historically underrepresented minority doctoral students,

postdoctoral fellows and faculty, particularly African Americans, Hispanic Americans, American Indians, Alaska Natives, Native Hawaiians, and Native Pacific Islanders, in specific STEM disciplines and/or STEM education research fields. New and innovative models are encouraged, as are models that reproduce and/or replicate existing evidence-based alliances in significantly different disciplines, institutions, and participant cohorts. The AGEP program goal is to increase the number of historically underrepresented minority faculty, in specific STEM disciplines and STEM education research fields, by advancing knowledge about pathways to career success. The program objectives include: To support the development, implementation and study of innovative models of doctoral education, postdoctoral training, and faculty advancement for historically underrepresented minorities in specific STEM disciplines and/or STEM education research fields; and to advance knowledge about the underlying issues, policies and practices that have an impact on the participation, transitions and advancement of historically underrepresented minorities in the STEM academy. Completed applications are due by December 8, 2017. Click [here](#) for more information.

**OJJDP: Changing Minds: Professional Development and Public Education to Address Children Exposed to Violence and Childhood Trauma**

**OJJDP-2017-11000**

**Application Submission Deadline: May 2, 2017**

To extend and continue the important work done to date in educating the public and in professional development on children exposed to violence, OJJDP invites applications to provide training, technical assistance, and resources to state, local, and tribal professionals who work with at-risk children and justice-involved youth in three discrete categories of funding: Category 1: Master Trainings/Training of Trainers on CEV and childhood trauma for educators and educational administrators in public school and correctional and alternative education settings based on the Changing Minds K-12 training institute; Category 2: Master Trainings/Training of Trainers on CEV and childhood trauma for law enforcement based on the Enhancing Law Enforcement Response to Children Exposed to Violence curriculum and toolkit; and Category 3: Changing Minds Public Awareness Campaign expansion and enhancement - phase 2. Completed applications are due by May 2, 2017. Click [here](#) for more information.

***FOSTER YOUTH***

**ACF: National Training and Development Initiative for Foster/Adoptive Parents**

**HHS-2017-ACF-ACYF-CO-1266**

**Application Submission Deadline: June 1, 2017**

The purpose of this funding opportunity announcement (FOA) is to award one cooperative agreement to an organization to develop a state-of-the-art foster/adoptive parent training program to include intensive preparation and development components that reflect the capacities required of successful foster/adoptive parents. This is intended to be a product that could be utilized free of charge by all states, tribes, and territories and consistently applied wherever implemented. Development of this program would include research on the common characteristics of foster/adoptive families that have succeeded in terms of well-being and stability. Common characteristics of families that are more likely to foster and/or adopt harder to place children/youth and are successful and remain committed to the relationship will be identified and integrated into the program. The program would be inclusive of developmental, training, and capacity needs of individuals/families that are interested in becoming foster parents, as well as those who would be interested in fostering with the intention to adopt. Many basic concepts would be in common for foster and adoptive parents, however, there would be particular focus for foster parents on working with birth parents around reunification efforts and for adoptive parents there would be particular focus on the common adoption issues pertinent to all types of adoption, i.e., child welfare, private domestic, and international. Applications are due by 11:59pm ET on June 1, 2017. Click [here](#) for more information.

***HEALTH***

**CDC: Assuring Comprehensive Prevention and Treatment for Families Affected by HIV to Eliminate Perinatal HIV Transmission in the United States**

**CDC-RFA-PS17-1712**

**Application Submission Deadline: June 12, 2017**

The Elimination of Mother-to-Child HIV Transmission Stakeholders Group (SG) was convened by CDC to support and facilitate the operation of CDC's Framework to Eliminate Mother-to-Child HIV Transmission. The EMCT-SG considers ideas regarding perinatal HIV transmission; whether originating within EMCT-SG or elsewhere; and influences the field through activities conducted by its members and by influencing the activities of the institutions represented by its membership. This funding will expand the scope of the previous SG by supporting more and different activities and creating a network of professionals with roles in perinatal HIV prevention. The new SG will address priorities for National HIV/AIDS Strategy 2020 Research and Programmatic Agenda for Mental Health and Substance Use, i.e., screening, integrated care and prevention services, and addressing the special needs of key populations. Grantee activities will include the following: Work with CDC to update CDC's Framework for the Elimination of Mother-to-Child HIV Transmission to reflect current HIV epidemiology and the structures in which HIV prevention and care are delivered. Convene a new group of stakeholders representing a broader network of public health professionals and clinical care providers who will implement the updated framework. Develop and disseminate strategies for jurisdictions to describe their progress in-- and/or maintenance of-- elimination of perinatal HIV transmission. Develop and disseminate best practice models for integration of obstetric/gynecologic care, HIV care, mental health and substance abuse treatment services. Develop educational and best-practice-sharing networks of the perinatal HIV prevention workforce including clinical care providers and public health professionals. Completed applications are due by 5pm ET on June 12, 2017. Click [here](#) for more information.

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

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

**Application Submission Deadline: June 5, 2017, June 16, 2017**

The purpose of this funding opportunity announcement (FOA) is to stimulate investigations including translational, epidemiologic and clinical studies and trials that improve the understanding, prevention and clinical outcomes of non-HIV infections transmitted from women to their offspring during pregnancy, labor and delivery, and breastfeeding. NICHD is committed to supporting research that will increase scientific understanding of and treatments for high-priority perinatal infections. Applications are due by 5:00 PM local time of applicant organization on [June 5, 2017 \(R01\)](#); [June 16, 2017 \(R21\)](#).

**NICHD: Biomedical and Behavioral Research Innovations to Ensure Equity in Maternal and Child Health (R15)**

**PAR-15-319**

**Application Submission Deadline: July 7, 2017**

*The Eunice Kennedy Shriver* National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD) seeks to increase the diversity of the pool of researchers involved in health equity research related to NICHD mission areas including: preterm birth; infant mortality; sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS); maternal mortality; reproductive health; uterine fibroid tumors; childhood, adolescent, and/or adult obesity; violence prevention; perinatal HBV and HIV/AIDS prevention; HIV/AIDS prevention; asthma; intellectual and developmental disabilities; pediatric injury prevention; and medical rehabilitation. The goal of the Biomedical and Behavioral Research Innovations To Ensure Equity (BRITE) in maternal and child health program is to stimulate maternal and child health equity research within institutions eligible for the Academic Research Enhancement Award (AREA) R15 program. Letters of intent are due 30 days before the application deadline on July 7, 2016. Click [here](#) for more information.

**NICHD: Research Education Programs (R25)**

**PAR-17-183**

**Application Submission Deadline: May 25, 2017**

The NIH Research Education Program (R25) supports research education activities in the mission areas of the NIH. The over-arching goal of this NICHD 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, which are encouraged to include hands-on research experiences. This FOA encourages applications to develop and conduct short-term research education programs to improve the knowledge and research skills of biomedical and behavioral scientists conducting research in areas relevant to the mission of NICHD, including reproductive, developmental, behavioral, social, and rehabilitative processes that determine the health and well-being of newborns, infants, children, adults, families, and populations. Letters of intent are due 30 days before the application deadline. Applications are due by 5pm local time of applicant organization on May 25, 2017. For more information, click [here](#).

**NIDA: AIDS-Science Track Award for Research Transition (R03)**

**PA-15-290**

**Application Submission Deadline: May 7, 2017**

This funding opportunity announcement (FOA) seeks to facilitate the entry of both newly independent and early career investigators to the area of drug abuse research on 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 abuse and HIV/AIDS that can be carried out in a short period of time with limited resources. Applications under this FOA are welcomed from all areas of HIV/AIDS research that NIDA supports. Applications are due by 5:00 PM local time of applicant organization on May 7, 2017. Click [here](#) for more information.

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

**PA-17-041**

**Application Submission Deadline: June 5, 2017**

The purpose of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is to support innovative research to understand uniquely associated factors (biological, behavioral, sociocultural, and environmental) that contribute to health disparities or health advantages among U.S. immigrant populations. Applications are due by 5:00 P.M. local time of applicant organization on June 5, 2017. Click [here](#) for more information.

**NIH: Addressing Health Disparities through Effective Interventions among Immigrant Populations (R01)**

**PA-17-043**

**Application Submission Deadline: June 5, 2017**

The purpose of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is to support innovative research to develop and implement effective interventions to address health disparities among U.S. immigrant populations. Applications are due by 5:00 P.M. local time of applicant organization on June 5, 2017. Click [here](#) for more information.

**NIH: Arts-Based Approaches in Palliative Care for Symptom Management (R01)**

**PAR-14-294**

**Application Submission Deadline: June 5, 2017**

The purpose of this funding opportunity announcement (FOA) is to support mechanistic clinical studies aimed at understanding the impact of arts-based approaches in palliative care for symptom management. This FOA is intended to support mechanistic clinical studies to provide an evidence base for the use of the arts in palliative care for symptom management. The objective is to understand the biological, physiological, neurological, psychological, and/or sociological mechanisms by which the arts exert their effects on symptom management during and throughout the palliative care continuum. The goal is for the research supported under this FOA to develop an evidence-base that could be used as a basis for the uptake of arts-based therapies in palliative care settings, among individuals across the lifespan, with a wide variety of serious chronic conditions and their accompanying symptoms. Applications are due by 5:00 PM local time on June 5, 2017. Click [here](#) for more information.

**NIH: Behavioral or Social Intervention Clinical Trial Planning Grant (R34)**

**PAR-14-342**

**Application Submission Deadline: June 16, 2017**

The National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research (NIDCR) recognizes that behavioral and social factors play a role in many dental, oral and craniofacial (DOC) disorders and conditions, and that behavioral and social interventions have the potential to improve these conditions by targeting key behavioral and social factors. The NIDCR is committed to supporting the development and testing of behavioral and social interventions to improve DOC health, and to supporting careful planning for these intervention studies. The purpose of this FOA is to provide support for planning well-designed, rigorously-conducted behavioral or social intervention studies relevant to DOC health. 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 June 16, 2017. Click [here](#) for more information.

**NIH: Chronic Condition Self-Management in Children and Adolescents (R21) (R01)**

**PA-17-116, PA-17-115**

**Application Submission Deadline: R21: June 16, 2017, R01: June 5, 2017**

The purpose of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is to encourage exploratory/developmental research to improve self-management and quality of life in children and adolescents with chronic conditions. Managing a chronic condition is an unremitting responsibility for children and their families. Children with a chronic condition and their families have a long-term responsibility for self-management. This FOA encourages research that takes into consideration various factors that influence self-management such as individual differences, biological and psychological factors, family/caregivers and sociocultural context, family-community dynamics, healthcare system factors, technological



advances, and the role of the environment. Applications are due by [June 16, 2017 \(R21\)](#) and [June 5, 2017 \(R01\)](#). Click here for more information: [R21](#), [R01](#).

**NIH: Interventions for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention in Native American Populations (R01)  
PAR-14-260**

**Application Submission Deadline: May 12, 2017**

The purpose of this funding opportunity announcement (FOA) is to develop, adapt, and test the effectiveness of health promotion and disease prevention interventions in Native American (NA) populations. NA populations are exposed to considerable risk factors that significantly increase their likelihood of chronic disease, substance abuse, mental illness, oral diseases, and HIV-infection. The intervention program should be culturally appropriate and promote the adoption of healthy lifestyles, improve behaviors and social conditions and/or improve environmental conditions related to chronic diseases, the consumption of tobacco, alcohol and other drugs, mental illness, oral disease, or HIV-infection. The intervention program should be designed so that it could be sustained within the entire community within existing resources, and, if successful, disseminated in other Native American communities. The long-term goal of this FOA is to reduce mortality and morbidity in NA communities. Letters of intent are due 30 days before the application due date. Applications are due [May 12, 2017](#). Click [here](#) for more information.

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

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

**Application Submission Deadline: June 5, 2017 (R01), June 16, 2017 (R03, R21)**

This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) encourages applications that propose to examine associations between nutrition and alcohol-related health outcomes in humans and animal models. The goal of this FOA is to stimulate a broad range of research on the role of nutrition in the development, prevention, and treatment of a variety of alcohol-related health outcomes including alcohol use disorder and chronic disease. Applications are due by 5pm local time of applicant organization on [June 5, 2017 \(R01\)](#), [June 16, 2017 \(R03, R21\)](#).

**NIH: Self-Management for Health in Chronic Conditions (R21)**

**PA-14-343**

**Application Submission Deadline: June 16, 2017**

The purpose of this initiative is to support research in self-management focused across conditions. A recent report from the Institute of Medicine (IOM) identifies the epidemic of chronic condition as the nation's leading health challenge and calls for cross-cutting, coordinated public health actions for "living well with chronic illness." This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) addresses that recommendation by describing an initiative that focuses on self-management as a mainstream science in order to reduce the burden of chronic illnesses/conditions. Self-management is the ability of the individual, in conjunction with family, community, and healthcare professionals, to manage symptoms, treatments, lifestyle changes, and psychosocial, cultural, and spiritual consequences associated with a chronic illness or condition. Applications are due by 5:00 PM local time of applicant organization on [June 16, 2017](#). Click [here](#) for more information.

**NIH: Systems Science and Health in the Behavioral and Social Sciences (R01, R21)**

**PAR-15-048**

**Application Submission Deadline: R01: June 5, 2017; R21: June 16, 2017**

This FOA is intended to increase the breadth and scope of topics that can be addressed with systems science methodologies. This FOA calls for research projects that are applied and/or basic in nature (including methodological and measurement development), have a human behavioral and/or social science focus, and employ methodologies suited to addressing the complexity inherent in behavioral and social phenomena, referred to as systems science methodologies. Additionally, this FOA seeks to promote interdisciplinary collaboration among health researchers and experts in computational approaches to further the development of modeling- and simulation-based systems science methodologies and their application to important public health challenges. Letters of intent are due 30 days prior to the application due date. Completed applications are due by 5:00pm local time of applicant organization on R01: [June 5, 2017](#); R21: [June 16, 2017](#). Click [here](#) for more information.

**NIH: The Health of Sexual and Gender Minority (SGM) Populations (R01, R03, R15, R21)**

**PA-15-261 (R01); PA-15-262 (R03); PA-15-260 (R15)**

**Application Submission Deadlines: June 5, 2017 (R01), June 16, 2017 (R03, R21), June 25, 2017 (R15)**

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) is committed to supporting research that will increase scientific understanding of the health status of diverse population groups and thereby improve the effectiveness of health interventions and services for individuals within those groups. Priority is placed on understudied populations with distinctive health risk profiles. This funding opportunity announcement (FOA) focuses on sexual and gender minority (SGM) populations, including lesbian,



gay, bisexual, transgender, and intersex populations. Basic, social, behavioral, clinical, and services research relevant to the missions of the sponsoring Institutes and Centers may be proposed. Letters of intent are due 30 days before respective application deadlines: [June 5, 2017](#) (R01), [June 16, 2017](#) (R03, R21), and [June 25, 2017](#) (R15). Additional information is available for each grant: [R01](#), [R03](#), [R15](#), and [R21](#).

**NIH: Tobacco Centers of Regulatory Science for Research Relevant to the Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act (U54)**

**RFA-OD-17-003**

**Application Submission Deadline: July 19, 2017**

The purpose of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is to invite applications for Tobacco Centers of Regulatory Science (TCORS) to support biomedical and behavioral research that will provide scientific data to inform regulation of tobacco products to protect public health. Research Projects must address the research priorities related to the regulatory authority of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Center for Tobacco Products (CTP). The awards under this FOA will be administered by NIH using funds that have been made available through FDA CTP and the Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act (P.L. 111-31). Research results from this FOA are expected to generate findings and data that are directly relevant in informing the FDA's regulation of the manufacture, distribution, and marketing of tobacco products to protect public health. Letters of intent are due 60 days prior to the application due date. Applications are due by 5pm local time of applicant organization on [July 19, 2017](#). Click [here](#) for more information.

***HIV/AIDS***

**CDC: Assuring Comprehensive Prevention and Treatment for Families Affected by HIV to Eliminate Perinatal HIV Transmission in the United States**

**CDC-RFA-PS17-1712**

**Application Submission Deadline: June 12, 2017**

The Elimination of Mother-to-Child HIV Transmission Stakeholders Group (SG) was convened by CDC to support and facilitate the operation of CDC's Framework to Eliminate Mother-to-Child HIV Transmission. The EMCT-SG considers ideas regarding perinatal HIV transmission; whether originating within EMCT-SG or elsewhere; and influences the field through activities conducted by its members and by influencing the activities of the institutions represented by its membership. This funding will expand the scope of the previous SG by supporting more and different activities and creating a network of professionals with roles in perinatal HIV prevention. The new SG will address priorities for National HIV/AIDS Strategy 2020 Research and Programmatic Agenda for Mental Health and Substance Use, i.e., screening, integrated care and prevention services, and addressing the special needs of key populations. Grantee activities will include the following: Work with CDC to update CDC's Framework for the Elimination of Mother-to-Child HIV Transmission to reflect current HIV epidemiology and the structures in which HIV prevention and care are delivered. Convene a new group of stakeholders representing a broader network of public health professionals and clinical care providers who will implement the updated framework. Develop and disseminate strategies for jurisdictions to describe their progress in-- and/or maintenance of-- elimination of perinatal HIV transmission. Develop and disseminate best practice models for integration of obstetric/gynecologic care, HIV care, mental health and substance abuse treatment services. Develop educational and best-practice-sharing networks of the perinatal HIV prevention workforce including clinical care providers and public health professionals. Completed applications are due by 5pm ET on [June 12, 2017](#). Click [here](#) for more information.

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

**RFA-DA-18-002**

**Application Submission Deadline: August 22, 2017**

This FOA supports highly innovative R01 applications on HIV/AIDS and drug abuse and complements the Avant-Garde Award Program for HIV/AIDS and Drug Use Research and the Avenir Award Program for Research on Substance Abuse and HIV/AIDS. The Avant-Garde award supports individuals who conduct high-risk, high-reward research and does not require a detailed research plan. The Avenir award is similar to the Avant-Garde award but focuses on support for early stage investigators. Applications submitted under this FOA are required to have a detailed research plan and preliminary

data. This FOA focuses on innovative research projects that have the potential to open new areas of HIV/AIDS research and/or lead to new avenues for prevention and treatment of HIV/AIDS among substance abusers. The nexus with drug abuse should be clearly described. This FOA is open to both individual researchers and research teams and is not limited to any one area of research on HIV and substance use, but all studies must focus on NIH HIV/AIDS Research Priorities (see <https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-15-137.html>). Letters of intent are due by July 22, 2017. Applications are due by 5pm local time of applicant organization by August 22, 2017. Click [here](#) for more information.

**NIH: Ethical, Legal and Policy Issues in HIV Research with Key Populations (R01; R21)  
PAR-15-327**

**Application Submission Deadline: September 7, 2017**

This Funding Opportunity Announcement encourages applications to analyze and address ethical, legal, or policy challenges specific to work with key populations in HIV research or health care. Proposed projects should be focused on ethical, legal or policy challenges in relation to research studies or program implementation for HIV or associated comorbidities, affecting one or more of the following key populations: (1) men who have sex with men; (2) people who inject drugs; (3) people in prisons and other closed settings; (4) sex workers; (5) transgender people or (6) adolescent girls and young women at high risk of HIV acquisition or who are living with HIV. This FOA encourages both empirical and conceptual research projects addressing these topics. Applications are due 5:00 PM local time of applicant organization on September 7, 2017. R01: Click [here](#) for more information. R21: Click [here](#) for more information.

**NIH: Functional Wellness in HIV: Maximizing the Treatment Cascade (R01)  
PA-15-133**

**Application Submission Deadline: June 5, 2017**

This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) seeks to promote the development of HIV interventions that target opportunities to improve the delivery of healthcare across the continuum of care for persons infected with HIV. Completed applications are due by 5:00 of local applicant time on June 5, 2017. Click [here](#) for more information.

**NIH: Harnessing Big Data to Halt HIV (R01)  
PA-15-273**

**Application Submission Deadline: June 5, 2017**

The purpose of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is to promote research that transforms understanding of HIV transmission, the HIV care continuum, and HIV comorbidities using Big Data Science (BDS). These approaches should include projects to assemble big data sources, conduct robust and reproducible analyses, and create meaningful visualization of big data. Applications are due June 5, 2017, by 5:00 PM local time of applicant organization. Click [here](#) for more information.

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

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

**Application Submission Deadline: June 6, 2017; June 16, 2017**

This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) encourages applications focused on 1) advancing understanding of mechanisms by which mental health affects HIV prevention and treatment in order to identify modifiable intervention targets; and 2) developing and testing expanded interventions to improve both mental health and HIV outcomes along the entire HIV care continuum (from HIV testing to viral suppression). PA-17-136 uses the R01 grant mechanism while PA-17-137 uses the R21 mechanism. High risk/high payoff projects that lack preliminary data or utilize existing data may be most appropriate for the R21 mechanism, while applicants with preliminary data and/or include longitudinal analysis may wish to apply using the R01 mechanism. Applications are due by June 6, 2017 ([R01](#)) and June 16, 2017 ([R21](#)).

**NIH: Interaction of HIV and Neurodevelopment of Children in Resource-Limited Settings: Improving Assessments (R01) (R21)**

**RFA-HD-18-019**

**Application Submission Deadline: June 29, 2017**

The purpose of this funding opportunity is to invite applications on research focused on the development and/or improvement of tools and/or materials for the neurodevelopmental assessment of cognitive functioning of children and their implementation in resource-limited settings with high rates of HIV. Letters of intent are due 30 days prior to the application deadline. Applications are due by 5pm local time of applicant organization on June 29, 2017. Click here for more information: [R01](#), [R21](#).

**NIH: HIV/AIDS High Priority Drug Abuse Research (R01)  
PAS-16-018**

**Application Submission Deadline: June 5, 2017**

The National Institutes of Health has recently announced the HIV/AIDS research priorities for the next three to five years <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-15-137.html>. The goal of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is to stimulate high priority research relevant to drug abuse and HIV/AIDS. Because drug abusers are frequently vulnerable and marginalized, optimization of the seek, test, treat, and retain (STTR) paradigm for diverse domestic and international settings is critically important for reducing health disparities in HIV incidence and treatment outcomes in drug using populations. STTR seeks out high-risk, hard-to-reach individuals, tests them for HIV, links them to HIV treatment and other services, and works to retain them in care so that they can achieve durable viral suppression. Populations of interest include urban and non-urban drug users, including those transitioning to injection drug use and populations where HIV is heavily concentrated such as men who have sex with men (MSM), especially young, minority MSM. Innovative strategies are encouraged to improve each step of the STTR paradigm. Applications are due by 5:00 PM local time of applicant organization on June 5, 2017. Click [here](#) for more information.

**NIH: NIDA Avant-Garde Award Program for HIV/AIDS and Drug Use Research (DP1)  
RFA-DA-18-001**

**Application Submission Deadline: July 31, 2017**

The NIDA Avant-Garde Award Program for HIV/AIDS Research supports individual scientists of exceptional creativity who propose high-impact research that will open new areas of HIV/AIDS research relevant to drug abuse and/or lead to new avenues for prevention and treatment of HIV/AIDS among drug abusers. The term “avant-garde” is used to describe highly innovative approaches that have the potential to be transformative. The proposed research should reflect approaches and ideas that are substantially different from those already being pursued by the investigator or others and should support the NIH HIV/AIDS Research Priorities <https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-15-137.html>. The NIDA Avant-Garde award supports innovative, basic research that may lead to improved preventive interventions or therapies; creative, new strategies to prevent disease transmission; novel approaches to improve disease outcomes; and creative approaches to eradicating HIV or improving the lives of those living with HIV. Applications are due by 5pm local time of applicant organization on July 31, 2017. Click [here](#) for more information.

**NIMH: Developmental AIDS Research Center on Mental Health and HIV/AIDS (P30)  
PAR-15-196**

**Application Submission Deadline: September 14, 2017**

The National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) Division of AIDS Research (DAR) encourages applications for Center Core grants (P30) to support Developmental AIDS Research Centers (D-ARC). The D-ARC is intended to provide infrastructural support that facilitates the development of high impact science in HIV/AIDS and mental health that is relevant to the NIMH mission. This FOA intends to support innovative, interdisciplinary research in several areas, including basic, neurological (i.e., neuro-AIDS), behavioral and social, integrated biobehavioral, applied, clinical, translational, and implementation science. Letters of intent are due 30 days prior to the application due date. Completed applications are due September 14, 2017. Click [here](#) for more information.

**NIMH: Research Education Mentoring Program for HIV/AIDS Researchers (R25)  
PAR-15-145**

**Application Submission Deadline: September 7, 2017**

The NIH Research Education Program (R25) supports research education activities in the mission areas of the NIH. The over-arching goal of this NIMH 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 and advance the priorities outlined in the Office of AIDS Research (OAR) Annual Strategic Plan and the research program priorities of the NIMH Division of AIDS Research (DAR). To accomplish the stated over-arching goal, this FOA will support creative educational activities with a primary focus on Mentoring Activities and Research Experiences that either capitalize on existing networks of collaborating investigators or develop institute-based research education programs. Mentoring activities are expected to be primary and the cornerstone of proposed programs though all programs must also provide research experiences. Research Education Programs are expected to enhance the professional development of the participants and foster a career trajectory towards independent research in the mental health of HIV/AIDS. Letters on intent are due 30 days prior to the application submission date on September 7, 2017. Click [here](#) for more information.

**INTERNATIONAL**

**NIH: International Research Collaboration on Alcohol and Alcoholism (U01)  
PAR-14-268**

**Application Submission Deadline: June 5, 2017**

This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) invites applications for the purpose of fostering international collaborations between alcohol research investigators within the United States and investigators located at non-United States laboratories and performance sites for the mutual advancement of our understanding of alcohol problems and of clinical and public health approaches to their solutions. The program is intended to provide funds for research activities to be undertaken jointly between the U.S. and non-U.S. laboratory that expands the research direction of both the U.S. and non-U.S. laboratories in a collaborative manner. Letters of intent are due 30 days prior to the application due date. Applications are due by 5:00 PM local time on June 5, 2017. Click [here](#) for more information.

## **JUVENILE JUSTICE**

**NIH: Detecting and Preventing Suicide Behavior, Ideation and Self-Harm in Youth in Contact with the Juvenile Justice System (R01)**

**PAR-16-299**

**Application Submission Deadline: June 5, 2017**

This initiative supports research to test the effectiveness of combined strategies to both detect and intervene to reduce the risk of suicide behavior, suicide ideation, and non-suicidal self-harm (NSSI) by youth in contact with the juvenile justice system. Opportunities for detection and prevention start at early points of contact (e.g., police interaction, the intake interview) and continue through many juvenile justice settings (e.g., pre-trial detention, juvenile or family court activities, court disposition, placement and on-going care in either residential or multiple community settings.) This FOA invites intervention strategies that are designed to be delivered in typical service settings using typically available personnel and resources, to enhance the implementation of interventions that prove effective, enhance their future uptake in diverse settings, and thereby reduce risk of suicide and self-harm in this population. Letters of intent are due 30 days prior to the completed application. Completed applications are due by 5:00 PM local time of applicant organization on June 5, 2017. Click [here](#) for more information.

**NIH: Pilot Studies to Detect and Prevent Suicide Behavior, Ideation and Self-Harm in Youth in Contact with the Juvenile Justice System (R34)**

**PAR-16-298**

**Application Submission Deadline: June 16, 2017**

This initiative supports research to test the effectiveness of combined strategies to both detect and intervene to reduce the risk of suicide behavior, suicide ideation, and non-suicidal self-harm (NSSI) by youth in contact with the juvenile justice system. This FOA invites intervention strategies that are designed to be delivered in typical service settings using typically available personnel and resources, to enhance the implementation of interventions that prove effective, enhance their future uptake in diverse settings, and thereby reduce risk of suicide and self-harm in this population. This FOA is published in parallel to a companion FOA also targeting detection and intervention to reduce suicidality in youth in contact with the juvenile justice system, PAR-16-299, which uses the R01 funding mechanism. Letters of intent are due 30 days prior to the completed application. Completed applications are due on June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017 by 5:00 PM local time of applicant organization. Click [here](#) for more information.

## **MENTAL HEALTH AND ILLNESS**

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

**PAR-16-354**

**Application Submission Deadline: May 17, 2017**

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. Letters of intent are due 30 days prior to the application submission deadline on May 17, 2017. Click [here](#) for more information.

**NIH: Detecting and Preventing Suicide Behavior, Ideation and Self-Harm in Youth in Contact with the Juvenile Justice System (R01)**

**PAR-16-299****Application Submission Deadline: June 5, 2017**

This initiative supports research to test the effectiveness of combined strategies to both detect and intervene to reduce the risk of suicide behavior, suicide ideation, and non-suicidal self-harm (NSSI) by youth in contact with the juvenile justice system. Opportunities for detection and prevention start at early points of contact (e.g., police interaction, the intake interview) and continue through many juvenile justice settings (e.g., pre-trial detention, juvenile or family court activities, court disposition, placement and on-going care in either residential or multiple community settings.) This FOA invites intervention strategies that are designed to be delivered in typical service settings using typically available personnel and resources, to enhance the implementation of interventions that prove effective, enhance their future uptake in diverse settings, and thereby reduce risk of suicide and self-harm in this population. Letters of intent are due 30 days prior to the completed application. Completed applications are due by 5:00 PM local time of applicant organization on June 5, 2017. Click [here](#) for more information.

**NIH: Innovations in Mechanisms and Interventions to Address Mental Health in HIV Prevention and Care Continuum (R01), (R21)****PA-17-136, PA-17-137****Application Submission Deadline: June 6, 2017; June 16, 2017**

This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) encourages applications focused on 1) advancing understanding of mechanisms by which mental health affects HIV prevention and treatment in order to identify modifiable intervention targets; and 2) developing and testing expanded interventions to improve both mental health and HIV outcomes along the entire HIV care continuum (from HIV testing to viral suppression). PA-17-136 uses the R01 grant mechanism while PA-17-137 uses the R21 mechanism. High risk/high payoff projects that lack preliminary data or utilize existing data may be most appropriate for the R21 mechanism, while applicants with preliminary data and/or include longitudinal analysis may wish to apply using the R01 mechanism. Applications are due by June 6, 2017 ([R01](#)) and June 16, 2017 ([R21](#)).

**NIH: Pilot Studies to Detect and Prevent Suicide Behavior, Ideation and Self-Harm in Youth in Contact with the Juvenile Justice System (R34)****PAR-16-298****Application Submission Deadline: June 16, 2017**

This initiative supports research to test the effectiveness of combined strategies to both detect and intervene to reduce the risk of suicide behavior, suicide ideation, and non-suicidal self-harm (NSSI) by youth in contact with the juvenile justice system. This FOA invites intervention strategies that are designed to be delivered in typical service settings using typically available personnel and resources, to enhance the implementation of interventions that prove effective, enhance their future uptake in diverse settings, and thereby reduce risk of suicide and self-harm in this population. This FOA is published in parallel to a companion FOA also targeting detection and intervention to reduce suicidality in youth in contact with the juvenile justice system, PAR-16-299, which uses the R01 funding mechanism. Letters of intent are due 30 days prior to the completed application. Completed applications are due on June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017 by 5:00 PM local time of applicant organization. Click [here](#) for more information.

**NIH: Research to Support the Reduction and Elimination of Mental Health Disparities (Admin Supp)****PA-17-165****Application Submission Deadline: June 1, 2017**

The purpose of this FOA is to support Administrative Supplements to active NIMH grants to foster research across the NIMH Strategic Objectives that target the reduction and elimination of mental health disparities by race and ethnicity, geography, and socioeconomic status in the United States. This initiative aims to generate research within the scientific scope of the parent grant that identifies mechanisms underlying disparities or differences in mental health status and/or enhances optimal delivery of mental health interventions among diverse groups. Applications are due by June 1, 2017. Click [here](#) for more information.

**NIH: Secondary Data Analyses to Explore NIMH Research Domain Criteria (R03)****PAR-17-158****Application Submission Deadline: June 16, 2017**

This FOA seeks applications which propose secondary analyses of existing clinical research datasets to investigate constructs identified in the NIMH's Research Domain Criteria (RDoC) initiative and to test novel hypotheses using the RDoC framework. Applications are due by 5pm local time of applicant organization by June 16, 2017. Click [here](#) for more information.

**NIH: Silvio O. Conte Centers for Basic Neuroscience or Translational Mental Health Research (P50)****PAR-17-168****Application Submission Deadline: May 24, 2017**



This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) encourages applications for Silvio O. Conte Centers for Basic Neuroscience or Translational Mental Health Research. The institute seeks teams of researchers working at different levels of analysis and employing integrative, novel, and creative experimental approaches to address high-risk, high-impact questions in basic neuroscience research, or in translational research with the primary objectives of: (a) advancing the state of the science in basic brain and behavior research that will uncover and dissect the underlying mechanisms that will ultimately provide the foundation for understanding mental disorders; (b) supporting the integration and translation of basic and clinical neuroscience research on severe mental illnesses; and/or (c) advancing our understanding of the neurobehavioral developmental mechanisms and trajectories of psychopathology that begin in childhood and adolescence. The Conte Centers program is intended to support interdisciplinary basic neuroscience or translational research demonstrating an extraordinary level of synergy, integration, and potential for advancing the state of the field. This program is intended only for projects that could not be achieved using other, more standard grant mechanisms. The Conte Centers program also provides an opportunity to establish interdisciplinary basic neuroscience or translational research experiences for students and post doctorates. Letters of intent are due 30 days prior to the application deadline. Applications are due by May 24, 2017. Click [here](#) for more information.

**NIMH: Biobehavioral Research Awards for Innovative New Scientists (NIMH BRAINS) (R01)  
RFA-MH-18-200**

**Application Submission Deadline: June 20, 2017**

The NIMH Biobehavioral Research Awards for Innovative New Scientists (BRAINS) award is intended to support the research and research career advancement of outstanding, exceptionally productive scientists who are in the early, formative stages of their careers and who plan to make a long term career commitment to research in specific mission areas of the NIMH. This award seeks to assist these individuals in launching an innovative clinical, translational, basic or services research program that holds the potential to profoundly transform the understanding, diagnosis, treatment, or prevention of mental disorders. The NIMH BRAINS program will focus on the research priorities and gap areas identified in the NIMH Strategic Plan and the Research Domain Criteria (RDoC) project. Letters of intent are due 30 days prior to the application deadline. Applications are due by June 20, 2017. Click [here](#) for more information.

**METHODOLOGY AND MEASUREMENT**

**NIH: Interaction of HIV and Neurodevelopment of Children in Resource-Limited Settings: Improving Assessments (R01) (R21)**

**RFA-HD-18-019**

**Application Submission Deadline: June 29, 2017**

The purpose of this funding opportunity is to invite applications on research focused on the development and/or improvement of tools and/or materials for the neurodevelopmental assessment of cognitive functioning of children and their implementation in resource-limited settings with high rates of HIV. Letters of intent are due 30 days prior to the application deadline. Applications are due by 5pm local time of applicant organization on June 29, 2017. Click here for more information: [R01](#), [R21](#).

**NIH: Methodology and Measurement in the Behavioral and Social Sciences (R01;R21)**

**PAR-16-260; PAR-16-261**

**Application Submission Deadline: June 5, 2017; June 16, 2017**

The purpose of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is to invite qualified researchers to submit grant applications aimed at improving and developing methodology in the behavioral and social sciences through innovations in research design, measurement, data collection and data analysis techniques. Completed applications are due by 5:00 PM local time of applicant organization on June 5, 2017; June 16, 2017. Click [here](#) (R01); [here](#) (R21) for more information.

**NIH: Spatial Uncertainty: Data, Modeling, and Communication (R21)**

**PA-15-009**

**Application Submission Deadline: June 16, 2017**

The goal of this funding opportunity announcement (FOA) is to facilitate multidisciplinary collaborations among researchers to promote research in identifying, quantifying, and communicating spatial uncertainty in health research to improve disease control and prevention. An additional goal of this reissuance is to facilitate integration of data collection, information technology, visualization tools, statistical models, and health communication to reduce spatial uncertainty in the planning, implementation, and evaluation of disease control programs. Applications are due by 5:00 PM local time of applicant organization on June 16, 2017. Click [here](#) for more information.

**NIH: Strategies to Increase Delivery of Guideline-Based Care to Populations with Health Disparities (R01)**



**PAR-15-279****Application Submission Deadline: June 21, 2017**

This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) invites applications to conduct innovative and feasible studies to test strategies to accelerate the adoption of guideline-based recommendations into clinical practice among populations with health disparities. Applications that propose strategies with a focus on providers who care for clinical populations with excess burden of cardiovascular, lung, blood, and sleep diseases and disorders, in concert with the health care delivery systems in which they practice, are strongly encouraged. Applications that test systems, infrastructures, and strategies to implement guideline-based care for NHLBI disorders in clinical care settings are also of high programmatic interest. Letters of intent are due 30 days before the application, which is due June 21, 2017. More information is available [here](#).

**NIH: Systems Science and Health in the Behavioral and Social Sciences (R01, R21)****PAR-15-048****Application Submission Deadline: R01: June 5, 2017; R21: June 16, 2017**

This FOA is intended to increase the breadth and scope of topics that can be addressed with systems science methodologies. This FOA calls for research projects that are applied and/or basic in nature (including methodological and measurement development), have a human behavioral and/or social science focus, and employ methodologies suited to addressing the complexity inherent in behavioral and social phenomena, referred to as systems science methodologies. Additionally, this FOA seeks to promote interdisciplinary collaboration among health researchers and experts in computational approaches to further the development of modeling- and simulation-based systems science methodologies and their application to important public health challenges. Letters of intent are due 30 days prior to the application due date. Completed applications are due by 5:00pm local time of applicant organization on R01: June 5, 2017; R21: June 16, 2017. Click [here](#) for more information.

**NUTRITION****NIH: Maternal Nutrition and Pre-pregnancy Obesity: Effects on Mothers, Infants and Children (R01)****PA-15-100****Application Submission Deadline: June 5, 2017**

This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) encourages applications to improve health outcomes for women, infants and children, by stimulating interdisciplinary research focused on maternal nutrition and pre-pregnancy obesity. Maternal health significantly impacts not only the mother but also the intrauterine environment, and subsequently fetal development and the health of the newborn. Completed applications are due by 5:00 PM local time of applicant organization on June 5, 2017. Click [here](#) for more information.

**NIH: Nutrition and Alcohol-Related Health Outcomes (R03) (R01) (R21)****PA-17-212, PA-17-211, PA-17-213****Application Submission Deadline: June 5, 2017 (R01), June 16, 2017 (R03, R21)**

This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) encourages applications that propose to examine associations between nutrition and alcohol-related health outcomes in humans and animal models. The goal of this FOA is to stimulate a broad range of research on the role of nutrition in the development, prevention, and treatment of a variety of alcohol-related health outcomes including alcohol use disorder and chronic disease. Applications are due by 5pm local time of applicant organization on June 5, 2017 ([R01](#)), June 16, 2017 ([R03](#), [R21](#)).

**NIH: Time-Sensitive Obesity Policy and Program Evaluation (R01)****PAR-15-346****Application Submission Deadline: May 10, 2017**

This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) establishes an accelerated review/award process to support time-sensitive research to evaluate a new policy or program that is likely to influence obesity related behaviors (e.g., dietary intake, physical activity, or sedentary behavior) and/or weight outcomes in an effort to prevent or reduce obesity. This FOA is intended to support research where opportunities for empirical study are, by their very nature, only available through expedited review and funding. All applications to this FOA must demonstrate that the evaluation of an obesity related policy and /or program offers an uncommon and scientifically compelling research opportunity that will only be available if the research is initiated with minimum delay. For these reasons, applications in response to this time-sensitive FOA are not eligible for resubmission. It is intended that eligible applications selected for funding will be awarded within 4 months of the application due date. However, administrative requirements and other unforeseen circumstances may delay issuance dates beyond that timeline. Completed applications are due by 5:00 PM local time of applicant organization on May 10, 2017. Click [here](#) for more information.

## **POLICY**

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

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

**Application Submission Deadline: June 6, 2017; June 16, 2017.**

This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) encourages applications to conduct research on the effects of public policies on health-related behaviors and outcomes associated with alcohol, marijuana, and other substances. The purpose of the FOA is to advance understanding of how public policy may serve as a tool for improving public health and welfare through its effects on behaviors and outcomes pertaining to alcohol and other drugs. This FOA is intended to support innovative research to examine policy effects that have the potential to lead to meaningful changes in public health. Research projects that may be supported by this FOA include, but are not necessarily limited to: causal analyses of the effects of one or multiple public policies; evaluations of the effectiveness of specific public policies as tools for improving public health through their effects on alcohol-, marijuana-, and other substance-related behaviors and outcomes; and research to advance methods and measurement used in studying relationships between public policies and alcohol-, marijuana-, and other substance-related behaviors and outcomes. Applications are due by 5pm local time of applicant organization by June 6, 2017 ([R01](#)), and June 16, 2017 ([R21](#)) ([R03](#)).

### **NIH: Tobacco Centers of Regulatory Science for Research Relevant to the Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act (U54)**

**RFA-OD-17-003**

**Application Submission Deadline: July 19, 2017**

The purpose of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is to invite applications for Tobacco Centers of Regulatory Science (TCORS) to support biomedical and behavioral research that will provide scientific data to inform regulation of tobacco products to protect public health. Research Projects must address the research priorities related to the regulatory authority of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Center for Tobacco Products (CTP). The awards under this FOA will be administered by NIH using funds that have been made available through FDA CTP and the Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act (P.L. 111-31). Research results from this FOA are expected to generate findings and data that are directly relevant in informing the FDA's regulation of the manufacture, distribution, and marketing of tobacco products to protect public health. Letters of intent are due 60 days prior to the application due date. Applications are due by 5pm local time of applicant organization on July 19, 2017. Click [here](#) for more information.

### **OPRE: Early Care and Education Research Scholars: Child Care Research Scholars**

**HHS-2017-ACF-OPRE-YE-1208**

**Application Submission Deadline: June 12, 2017**

The Administration for Children and Families, Office of Policy, Research and Evaluation plans to solicit applications for Child Care Research Scholars grants to support dissertation research on child care policy issues. These grants are meant to build capacity in the research field to focus research on questions that have direct implications for child care policy decision-making and program administration, and to foster mentoring relationships between faculty members and high-quality doctoral students. Applications are due on June 12, 2017. Click [here](#) for more information.

### **OPRE: Early Care and Education Research Scholars: Head Start Graduate Student Research Grants**

**HHS-2017-ACF-OPRE-YR-1219**

**Application Submission Deadline: June 12, 2017**

The Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation (OPRE) of the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) is soliciting applications for the Head Start Graduate Student Research Grants to support dissertation research by advanced graduate students who are working in partnership with Head Start programs and with faculty mentors. Competitive applicants will 1) demonstrate a collaborative partnership with their program partners, and 2) pursue research questions that directly inform local, state, or federal policy relevant to multiple early care and education practices. Applicants should consider pursuing data collection across contexts, including child care, pre-k, home-visiting programs, Head Start, Early Head Start, and/or others. Applicants are expected to demonstrate an established partnership with their early care and education program partners that should be apparent throughout the research plan, from development and refinement of the research questions through the proposed data collection, interpretation, and dissemination. Letters of intent are due by May 15, 2017. Completed applications are due by 11:59pm ET on June 12, 2017. Click [here](#) for more information.

## **RURAL HEALTH**

### **SEXUAL AND GENDER MINORITY POPULATIONS**

**NIH: The Health of Sexual and Gender Minority (SGM) Populations (R01, R03, R15, R21)**

**PA-15-261 (R01); PA-15-262 (R03); PA-15-260 (R15)**

**Application Submission Deadlines: June 5, 2017 (R01), June 16, 2017 (R03, R21), June 25, 2017 (R15)**

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) is committed to supporting research that will increase scientific understanding of the health status of diverse population groups and thereby improve the effectiveness of health interventions and services for individuals within those groups. Priority is placed on understudied populations with distinctive health risk profiles. This funding opportunity announcement (FOA) focuses on sexual and gender minority (SGM) populations, including lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and intersex populations. Basic, social, behavioral, clinical, and services research relevant to the missions of the sponsoring Institutes and Centers may be proposed. Letters of intent are due 30 days before respective application deadlines: June 5, 2017 (R01), June 16, 2017 (R03, R21), and June 25, 2017 (R15). Additional information is available for each grant: [R01](#), [R03](#), [R15](#), and [R21](#).

### **SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY**

**NSF: Social Psychology**

**NSF 98-1332**

**Application Submission Deadline: January 15 annually**

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

### **SOCIOLOGY**

**NSF: National Science Foundation Sociology Program**

**PD-98-1331**

**Application Submission Deadline: August 15, 2016, and annually thereafter**

The Sociology Program supports basic research on all forms of human social organization -- societies, institutions, groups and demography -- and processes of individual and institutional change. The Program encourages theoretically focused empirical investigations aimed at improving the explanation of fundamental social processes. Included is research on organizations and organizational behavior, population dynamics, social movements, social groups, labor force participation, stratification and mobility, family, social networks, socialization, gender roles, and the sociology of science and technology. The Program supports both original data collections and secondary data analysis that use the full range of quantitative and qualitative methodological tools. Theoretically grounded projects that offer methodological innovations and improvements for data collection and analysis are also welcomed. Applications are due on August 15, 2016. Click [here](#) for more information.

### **SUBSTANCE USE AND ABUSE**

**NIH: Accelerating the Pace of Drug Abuse Research Using Existing Data (R01)**

**PAR-16-234**

**Application Submission Deadline: June 5, 2017**

The purpose of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is to invite applications proposing the innovative analysis of existing social science, behavioral, administrative, and neuroimaging data to study the etiology and epidemiology of drug using behaviors (defined as alcohol, tobacco, prescription and other drug) and related disorders, prevention of drug use and HIV, and health service utilization. Completed applications are due by 5:00 PM local time of applicant organization on June 5, 2017. Click [here](#) for more information.

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

**RFA-DA-18-002****Application Submission Deadline: August 22, 2017**

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

**NIH: Evaluating the NIDA Standardized Research E-Cigarette in Risk Reduction and Related Studies (U01) PAR-17-156****Application Submission Deadline: April 24, 2018**

The purpose of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is to accelerate research evaluating electronic cigarettes (e-cigarettes, electronic nicotine delivery systems, ENDS) as a potential means of reducing the risks associated with combustible tobacco use. This goal will be achieved by funding clinical studies that use the newly-developed NIDA Standard Research E-cigarette (SREC) to examine potential risks and benefits associated with e-cigarette use in current tobacco smokers. Ultimately, this FOA aims to evaluate whether e-cigarettes can reduce the risks associated with combustible tobacco use and to establish the NIDA SREC as a standard to which other e-cigarettes can be compared. Studies submitted to this FOA should examine the effects of the SREC on multiple behavioral and health biomarkers in current tobacco smokers and may include examination of whether e-cigarettes can reduce the negative health impacts of conventional tobacco use, and / or examine their effects on craving and dependence. Funding will be contingent upon the FDA Center for Tobacco Products (CTP) determination that the studies fall under their regulatory jurisdiction. Furthermore, funding will require that CTP accepts the use of the NIDA SREC as an Investigational Tobacco Product (ITP) in the proposed study, or determines that an ITP is not required. Studies funded by this FOA are expected to rapidly increase understanding of whether e-cigarettes reduce the risks associated with tobacco use. Additionally, these studies may provide significant data to inform e-cigarette public health policy decision-making. Letters of intent are due 30 days prior to the application deadline. Applications are due by April 24, 2018. Click [here](#) for more information.

**NIH: Alcohol Education Project Grants (R25) PAR-15-054****Application Submission Deadline: May 25, 2017**

The NIH Research Education Program (R25) supports research education activities in the mission areas of the NIH. The over-arching goal of the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA) R25 program is to foster a better understanding of biomedical, behavioral and clinical research and its implications. To accomplish the stated over-arching goal, this FOA will support creative educational activities with a primary focus on Curriculum or Methods Development and Outreach activities for Health Professionals. Applications are due by 5:00 PM local time of applicant organization on May 25, 2017. Click [here](#) for more information.

**NIH: HIV/AIDS High Priority Drug Abuse Research (R01) PAS-16-018****Application Submission Deadline: June 5, 2017**

The National Institutes of Health has recently announced the HIV/AIDS research priorities for the next three to five years <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-15-137.html>. The goal of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is to stimulate high priority research relevant to drug abuse and HIV/AIDS. Because drug abusers are frequently vulnerable and marginalized, optimization of the seek, test, treat, and retain (STTR) paradigm for diverse domestic and international settings is critically important for reducing health disparities in HIV incidence and treatment outcomes in drug using populations. STTR seeks out high-risk, hard-to-reach individuals, tests them for HIV, links them to HIV treatment and other services, and works to retain them in care so that they can achieve durable viral suppression. Populations of interest include urban and non-urban drug users, including those transitioning to injection drug use and populations where HIV is heavily concentrated such as men who have sex with men (MSM), especially young, minority MSM. Innovative strategies are encouraged to improve each step of the STTR paradigm. Applications are due by 5:00 PM local time of applicant organization on June 5, 2017. Click [here](#) for more information.

**NIH: International Research Collaboration on Alcohol and Alcoholism (U01)**

**PAR-14-268**

**Application Submission Deadline: June 5, 2017**

This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) invites applications for the purpose of fostering international collaborations between alcohol research investigators within the United States and investigators located at non-United States laboratories and performance sites for the mutual advancement of our understanding of alcohol problems and of clinical and public health approaches to their solutions. The program is intended to provide funds for research activities to be undertaken jointly between the U.S. and non-U.S. laboratory that expands the research direction of both the U.S. and non-U.S. laboratories in a collaborative manner. Letters of intent are due 30 days prior to the application due date. Applications are due by 5:00 PM local time on June 5, 2017. Click [here](#) for more information.

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

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

**Application Submission Deadline: July 18, 2017**

As part of the Collaborative Research on Addiction at NIH (CRAN) initiative, NIDA, NIAAA, and NCI join to issue this FOA. The purpose of this FOA is to support the development and testing of interventions, models, and/or frameworks that examine system-level implementation of evidence-based interventions, guidelines, or principles to improve the delivery, uptake, quality, and sustainability of substance use prevention and treatment interventions and services. Letters of intent are due 30 days prior to the application due date. Applications are due by 5:00 PM local time of applicant organization on July 18, 2017. Click here for more information: [R01](#), [R34](#).

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

**RFA-DA-18-001**

**Application Submission Deadline: July 31, 2017**

The NIDA Avant-Garde Award Program for HIV/AIDS Research supports individual scientists of exceptional creativity who propose high-impact research that will open new areas of HIV/AIDS research relevant to drug abuse and/or lead to new avenues for prevention and treatment of HIV/AIDS among drug abusers. The term "avant-garde" is used to describe highly innovative approaches that have the potential to be transformative. The proposed research should reflect approaches and ideas that are substantially different from those already being pursued by the investigator or others and should support the NIH HIV/AIDS Research Priorities <https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-15-137.html>. The NIDA Avant-Garde award supports innovative, basic research that may lead to improved preventive interventions or therapies; creative, new strategies to prevent disease transmission; novel approaches to improve disease outcomes; and creative approaches to eradicating HIV or improving the lives of those living with HIV. Applications are due by 5pm local time of applicant organization on July 31, 2017. Click [here](#) for more information.

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

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

**Application Submission Deadline: June 5, 2017 (R01), June 16, 2017 (R03, R21)**

This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) encourages applications that propose to examine associations between nutrition and alcohol-related health outcomes in humans and animal models. The goal of this FOA is to stimulate a broad range of research on the role of nutrition in the development, prevention, and treatment of a variety of alcohol-related health outcomes including alcohol use disorder and chronic disease. Applications are due by 5pm local time of applicant organization on June 5, 2017 ([R01](#)), June 16, 2017 ([R03](#), [R21](#)).

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

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

**Application Submission Deadline: June 6, 2017; June 16, 2017.**

This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) encourages applications to conduct research on the effects of public policies on health-related behaviors and outcomes associated with alcohol, marijuana, and other substances. The purpose of the FOA is to advance understanding of how public policy may serve as a tool for improving public health and welfare through its effects on behaviors and outcomes pertaining to alcohol and other drugs. This FOA is intended to support innovative research to examine policy effects that have the potential to lead to meaningful changes in public



health. Research projects that may be supported by this FOA include, but are not necessarily limited to: causal analyses of the effects of one or multiple public policies; evaluations of the effectiveness of specific public policies as tools for improving public health through their effects on alcohol-, marijuana-, and other substance-related behaviors and outcomes; and research to advance methods and measurement used in studying relationships between public policies and alcohol-, marijuana-, and other substance-related behaviors and outcomes. Applications are due by 5pm local time of applicant organization by June 6, 2017 ([R01](#)), and June 16, 2017 ([R21](#)) ([R03](#)).

**NIH: Secondary Analyses of Existing Alcohol Epidemiology Data (R21)**

**PA-14-336**

**Application Submission Deadline: June 16, 2017**

This funding opportunity announcement encourages the submission of investigator-initiated research grant applications to support the secondary analysis of existing data sets with the goal of enhancing our understanding of patterns of alcohol consumption and the epidemiology of alcohol-related problems. Research grants for the Secondary Analysis of Existing Alcohol Epidemiology Data Sets are intended to provide support for studies that utilize currently available data sets to increase our understanding of the incidence, prevalence and etiology of alcohol related problems and disorders in the population, as well as the risk and protective factors associated with them. Research that employs analytic techniques which demonstrate or promote methodological advances in alcohol-related epidemiologic research is also of interest. Applications are due by 5:00 PM local time of applicant organization on June 16, 2017. Click [here](#) for more information.

**NIH: Tobacco Centers of Regulatory Science for Research Relevant to the Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act (U54)**

**RFA-OD-17-003**

**Application Submission Deadline: July 19, 2017**

The purpose of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is to invite applications for Tobacco Centers of Regulatory Science (TCORS) to support biomedical and behavioral research that will provide scientific data to inform regulation of tobacco products to protect public health. Research Projects must address the research priorities related to the regulatory authority of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Center for Tobacco Products (CTP). The awards under this FOA will be administered by NIH using funds that have been made available through FDA CTP and the Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act (P.L. 111-31). Research results from this FOA are expected to generate findings and data that are directly relevant in informing the FDA's regulation of the manufacture, distribution, and marketing of tobacco products to protect public health. Letters of intent are due 60 days prior to the application due date. Applications are due by 5pm local time of applicant organization on July 19, 2017. Click [here](#) for more information.

**NIH: Women & Sex/Gender Differences in Drug and Alcohol Abuse/Dependence (R21)**

**PA-14-036**

**Application Submission Deadline: June 16, 2017**

The purpose of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is to advance research on male-female differences in drug and alcohol abuse and addiction and on factors specific to women. The extant literature on male-female differences in drug abuse strongly suggests that males and females are likely to differ in many aspects of drug abuse yet to be explored and that in the long run, identifying and understanding such differences can improve our understanding of the nature and etiology of drug abuse and have implications for tailoring prevention and treatment interventions to maximize outcomes for both males and females. Although progress has been made in our knowledge of male-female differences in drug abuse and issues unique to women, many gaps remain. Often studies fail to include sex/gender analyses, and only a very small proportion of animal studies include female subjects thus providing no opportunity to analyze data for sex differences and therefore running the risk that knowledge gained from animal models of drug abuse is limited to males. Thus, in all areas of drug abuse, research is needed that examines male-female differences and factors specific to females. Both human and animal model studies are sought. Completed applications are due by June 16, 2017. Click [here](#) for more information.

***VIOLENCE PREVENTION***

**OJJDP: Changing Minds: Professional Development and Public Education to Address Children Exposed to Violence and Childhood Trauma**

**OJJDP-2017-11000**



**Application Submission Deadline: May 2, 2017**

To extend and continue the important work done to date in educating the public and in professional development on children exposed to violence, OJJDP invites applications to provide training, technical assistance, and resources to state, local, and tribal professionals who work with at-risk children and justice-involved youth in three discrete categories of funding: Category 1: Master Trainings/Training of Trainers on CEV and childhood trauma for educators and educational administrators in public school and correctional and alternative education settings based on the Changing Minds K-12 training institute; Category 2: Master Trainings/Training of Trainers on CEV and childhood trauma for law enforcement based on the Enhancing Law Enforcement Response to Children Exposed to Violence curriculum and toolkit; and Category 3: Changing Minds Public Awareness Campaign expansion and enhancement - phase 2. Completed applications are due by May 2, 2017. Click [here](#) for more information.