



# Federal Funding Opportunities – March 2018

## Highlight –

This month's FFO highlights a National Institute of Justice opportunity to fund rigorous research to produce practical knowledge that can improve the safety of students and schools. The Comprehensive School Safety Initiative (CSSI) is carried out through partnerships between researchers, educators, and other stakeholders; including law enforcement, behavioral and mental health professionals, courts, and other justice system professionals. Projects funded under the CSSI are designed to improve understanding that can be applied to schools and school districts across the nation for years to come. This solicitation includes five funding categories with different expectations and requirements to accomplish the purposes of the CSSI. Completed applications are due by May 7, 2018. Click [here](#) for more information.

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## CAREER DEVELOPMENT AND RECOGNITION

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

**PAR-17-183**

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

The NIH Research Education Program (R25) supports research education activities in the mission areas of the NIH. The over-arching goal of this 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, 2018. For more information, click [here](#).

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

**PAR-18-539**

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

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

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

**PAR-18-540**

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

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

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

**PAR-16-113**

**Application Submission Deadline: May 24, 2018**

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, 2018. Click [here](#) for more information.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The purpose of the Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award (NRSA) Individual Postdoctoral Fellowship (Parent F32) is to support research training of highly promising postdoctoral candidates who have the potential to become productive, independent investigators in scientific health-related research fields relevant to the missions of the participating NIH Institutes and Centers. Applications are expected to incorporate exceptional mentorship. This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is designed specifically for applicants proposing research that does not involve leading an independent clinical trial, a clinical trial feasibility study, or an ancillary study to a clinical trial, but does allow applicants to propose research experience in a clinical trial led by a sponsor or co-sponsor. Completed applications are due by April 8, 2018. Click [here](#) for more information.

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

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

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

**NIH: Short-term Mentored Career Enhancement Awards for Mid-Career Investigators to Integrate Basic Behavioral and Social Sciences (K18)  
PAR-17-486**

**PAR-17-486**

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

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

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

**PAR-18-349**

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

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

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

**PA-18-642**

**Application Submission Deadline: April 1, 2018**

The purpose of the NIMH Administrative Supplement Program to Enable Continuity of Research Experiences of MD/PhDs during Clinical Training is to support advanced research opportunities for exceptional individuals holding the MD/PhD degree who are early in their research careers and thereby help these individuals transition efficiently and effectively from the period of clinical training to the next stage of their research careers. This administrative supplement program will provide focused, protected research time for eligible individuals during residency and/or clinical fellowship. The proposed research experience must have the potential to contribute significantly to the candidate's research career. Administrative supplements must support work within the scope of the original project. All applicants are encouraged to discuss potential requests with the NIMH prior to submission. Completed applications are due by April 1, 2018. Click [here](#) for more information.

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

**RFA-MH-19-130**

**Application Submission Deadline: June 20, 2018**

The NIMH Biobehavioral Research Awards for Innovative New Scientists (BRAINS) award is intended to support the research and research career advancement of outstanding, exceptionally productive scientists who are in the early, formative stages of their careers and who plan to make a long-term career commitment to research in specific mission areas of the NIMH. This award seeks to assist these individuals in launching an innovative clinical, translational, basic or services research program that holds the potential to profoundly transform the understanding, diagnosis, treatment, or prevention of mental disorders. The NIMH BRAINS program will focus on the research priorities and gap areas identified in the NIMH Strategic Plan and the Research Domain Criteria (RDoC) project. Letters of intent are due 30 days prior to the application deadline. Completed applications are due by June 20, 2018. Click [here](#) for more information.

**NSF: Alliances for Graduate Education and the Professoriate****16-552****Application Submission Deadline: Second Friday in December, Annually**

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

**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: Behavioral Interventions Scholars****HHS-2018-ACF-OPRE-PD-1367****Application Submission Deadline: Forecasted June 3, 2018**

The Administration for Children and Families (ACF), Office of Planning, Research, and Evaluation (OPRE) anticipates soliciting applications for Behavioral Interventions Scholars grants to support dissertation research by advanced graduate students who are using approaches grounded in behavioral economics to examine specific research questions of relevance to social service programs and policies. These grants are meant to build capacity in the research field to apply a behavioral economics lens to issues facing poor and vulnerable families in the United States, and to foster mentoring relationships between faculty members and high-quality doctoral students. Applicants will be required to demonstrate the applicability of their research to practice or policy serving low-income children, adults, and families, especially those that seek to improve their well-being. Specific topics of interest may be delineated in the full funding opportunity announcement. Applications are forecast to be due by 11:59 ET on June 3, 2018. 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: Forecasted April 2, 2018**

The Administration for Children and Families (ACF), Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation (OPRE) is soliciting 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. Child Care Research Scholars' projects address issues of significance related to CCDF; inform policy decisions and solutions, particularly for underserved / understudied populations; and utilize the most rigorous research methodology for the selected research question. Applicants must consult with a CCDF administrator in the development of the proposal. Funding is dependent on availability of funds and government interest. Applications are forecast to be due by 11:59 ET on April 2, 2018. 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: April 2, 2018**

The Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation (OPRE) of the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) is soliciting applications for Head Start Graduate Student Research Grants to support dissertation research by advanced graduate students who are working in partnership with Head Start programs and with faculty mentors. Competitive applicants will 1) demonstrate a collaborative partnership with their program partners, and 2) pursue research questions that directly inform local, state, or federal policy relevant to multiple early care and education 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. Awards are dependent on the availability of funds and the best interest of the federal government. Applications are forecast to be due by 11:59 ET on April 2, 2018. Click [here](#) for more information.

**OPRE: Family Strengthening Scholars  
HHS-2018-ACF-OPRE-PR-1366**

**Application Submission Deadline: Forecasted May 23, 2018**

The Administration for Children and Families (ACF), Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation (OPRE), is considering soliciting applications for Family Strengthening Research Scholars grants to support dissertation research on healthy marriage/responsible fatherhood policy issues. These grants are meant to build capacity in the research field to focus on questions that have direct implications for healthy marriage/responsible fatherhood policy decision-making and program administration, and to foster mentoring relationships between faculty members and high-quality doctoral students. These grants are intended to address issues of significance to inform policy decisions and solutions, particularly for underserved/understudied populations (e.g., low-income families, minority populations), utilize rigorous research methodology (including primary data collection and/or secondary data analysis), and help inform the development of future intervention research. Applications are forecast to be due by 11:59 ET on May 23, 2018. Click [here](#) for more information.

## **GENERAL FUNDING MECHANISMS**

**AHRQ: Small Research Grant Program (R03)  
PA-15-147**

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

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, 2018 by 5:00 PM local time of applicant organization. Click [here](#) for more information.

**NICHD: Exploratory/Developmental Research Grant (R21 - Clinical Trial Optional)  
PA-18-482**

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

The NICHD Exploratory/Developmental Grant program supports exploratory and developmental research projects that fall within the NICHD mission by providing support for the early and conceptual stages of these projects. These studies may involve considerable risk but may lead to a breakthrough in a particular area, or to the development of novel techniques, agents, methodologies, models, or applications that could have a major impact on a field of biomedical, behavioral, or clinical research. Applications are due by 5pm local time of applicant organization on June 16, 2018. Click [here](#) for more information.

**NICHD: Research Project Grant (R01 - Clinical Trial Required)  
PA-18-480**

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

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

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

**PA-18-634**

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

The NIDA Small Research Grant Program supports small research projects that can be carried out in a short period of time with limited resources. This program supports different types of projects including pilot and feasibility studies; secondary analysis of existing data; small, self-contained research projects; development of research methodology; and development of new research technology. This Funding Opportunity Announcement requires that at least 1 clinical trial be proposed. The proposed project must be related to the programmatic interests of NIDA. Completed applications are due by June 16, 2018. Click [here](#) for more information.

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

**PA-18-489**

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

The NIH Exploratory/Developmental Grant supports exploratory and developmental research projects by providing support for the early and conceptual stages of these projects. These studies may involve considerable risk but may lead to a breakthrough in a particular area, or to the development of novel techniques, agents, methodologies, models, or applications that could have a major impact on a field of biomedical, behavioral, or clinical research. Applications are due by 5pm local time of applicant organization on June 16, 2018. Click [here](#) for more information.

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

**PA-18-484**

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

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

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

**PA-18-488**

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

The NIH Small Research Grant Program supports small research projects that can be carried out in a short period of time with limited resources. This program supports different types of projects including pilot and feasibility studies; secondary analysis of existing data; small, self-contained research projects; development of research methodology; and development of new research technology. This Funding Opportunity Announcement does not accept clinical trials. Applications are due by 5pm local time of applicant organization on June 16, 2018. Click [here](#) for more information.

**BY TOPIC**

**ADOLESCENCE**

**CDC: Promoting Adolescent Health through School-Based HIV Prevention**

**CDC-RFA-PS18-1807**

**Application Submission Deadline: April 13, 2018**

This funding opportunity will provide support for education agencies and NGOs to help school districts and schools develop and implement sustainable program activities to: 1) Reduce HIV infection and other STDs among adolescents; and 2) Reduce disparities in risk for HIV infection and other STD infection. Throughout the 5-year cooperative agreement, awardees will conduct activities demonstrated to improve the health of middle school and high school students by collection and use of quality surveillance data, the implementation of effective prevention practices, and demonstration and evaluation of innovative strategies within their jurisdictions. Completed applications are due by 5pm local time of application organization on April 13, 2018. Click [here](#) for more information.



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

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

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

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

## **AUTISM**

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

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

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

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

## **BEHAVIOR**

**NIH: Alcohol Use Disorders: Behavioral Treatment, Services and Recovery Research (R01 Clinical Trial Optional) (R21 Clinical Trial Optional) (R03 Clinical Trial Optional)**

**PA-15-299, PA-15-301, PA-15-300**

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

This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) encourages grant applications from institutions/organizations that propose to support research on behavioral treatment for alcohol use disorders; organizational, financial, and management factors that facilitate or inhibit the delivery of services for alcohol use disorders; and phenomenon of recovery from alcohol use disorders. Letters of intent are due 30 days prior to application deadline. Completed applications are due by June 5, 2018 ([R01](#)) and June 16, 2018 ([R21](#), [R03](#)).

**OPRE: Behavioral Interventions Scholars**

**HHS-2018-ACF-OPRE-PD-1367**

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

The Administration for Children and Families (ACF), Office of Planning, Research, and Evaluation (OPRE) anticipates soliciting applications for Behavioral Interventions Scholars grants to support dissertation research by advanced graduate students who are using approaches grounded in behavioral economics to examine specific research questions of relevance to social service programs and policies. These grants are meant to build capacity in the research field to apply a behavioral economics lens to issues facing poor and vulnerable families in the United States, and to foster mentoring relationships between faculty members and high-quality doctoral students. Applicants will be required to demonstrate the applicability of their research to practice or policy serving low-income children, adults, and families, especially those that seek to improve their well-being. Specific topics of interest may be delineated in the full funding opportunity announcement. Applications are forecast to be due by 11:59 ET on June 3, 2018. Click [here](#) for more information.

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

**PA-18-355**

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

This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA), issued by the National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR), is intended to encourage Research Project Grant (R01) applications that employ innovative research to identify mechanisms of influence and/or promote positive sustainable health behavior(s) in children and youth (birth to age 18). Positive health behaviors may include: developing healthy sleep patterns, developing effective self-regulation strategies, adaptive decision-making in risk situations, practicing proper dental hygiene, eating a balanced and nutritious diet, engaging in age-appropriate physical activity and/or participating in healthy relationships. Applications to promote positive health behavior(s) should target social and cultural contexts, including, but not limited to: schools, families, communities,

population, food industry, age-appropriate learning tools and games, social media, social networking, technology and mass media. Topics to be addressed in this announcement include: effective, sustainable processes for influencing young people to make healthy behavior choices; identification of the appropriate stage of influence for learning sustainable lifelong health behaviors; the role of technology and new media in promoting healthy behavior; identification of factors that support healthy behavior development in vulnerable populations; and identification of mechanisms and mediators that are common to the development of a range of habitual health behaviors. Given the many factors involved in developing sustainable health behaviors, applications from multidisciplinary team that include nurse scientists are strongly encouraged. Applications are due by 5pm local time of applicant organization on June 5, 2018. Click [here](#) for more information.

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

**PA-18-354**

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

This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA), issued by the National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR), is to encourage Exploratory/Developmental Research Grant (R21) applications that employ innovative research to identify mechanisms of influence and/or promote positive sustainable health behavior(s) in children and youth (birth to age 18). Positive health behaviors may include: developing healthy sleep patterns, developing effective self-regulation strategies, adaptive decision-making in risk situations, practicing proper dental hygiene, eating a balanced and nutritious diet, engaging in age-appropriate physical activity and/or participating in healthy relationships. Applications to promote positive health behavior(s) should target social and cultural contexts, including, but not limited to: schools, families, communities, population, food industry, age-appropriate learning tools and games, social media, social networking, technology and mass media. Topics to be addressed in this announcement include: effective, sustainable processes for influencing young people to make healthy behavior choices; identification of the appropriate stage of influence for learning sustainable lifelong health behaviors; the role of technology and new media in promoting healthy behavior; identification of factors that support healthy behavior development in vulnerable populations; and, identification of mechanisms and mediators that are common to the development of a range of habitual health behaviors. Given the many factors involved in developing sustainable health behaviors, applications from multidisciplinary teams that include nurse scientists are strongly encouraged. Completed applications are due by 5pm local time of applicant organization on June 16, 2018. Click [here](#) for more information.

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

**PAR-18-694**

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

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

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

**NIH: From Genomic Association to Causation: A Convergent Neuroscience Approach for Integrating Levels of Analysis to Delineate Brain Function in Neuropsychiatry (R01) (Collaborative R01) (U01) (Collaborative U01)**

**PAR-17-253, PAR-17-252, PAR-17-179, PAR-17-176**

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

The primary objective of this FOA is to stimulate innovative Convergent Neuroscience (CN) approaches to establish causal and/or probabilistic linkages across contiguous levels of analysis (e.g., gene, molecule, cell, circuit, system, behavior) in an explanatory model of psychopathology. In particular, applicants should focus on how specific constituent

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**PA-18-545**

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

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

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, 2018. Click [here](#) for more information.

## **COGNITIVE DEVELOPMENT AND LEARNING SCIENCES**

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

#### **Application Submission Deadline: June 19, 2018**

This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is intended to provide an avenue for basic scientists, clinicians and clinical scientists to jointly initiate and conduct translational research projects which translate basic research findings into clinical tools for better human health. The scope of this FOA includes a range of activities to encourage translation of basic research findings which will impact the diagnosis, treatment and prevention of communication disorders. Connection to the clinical condition must be clearly established and the outcomes of the grant must have practical clinical impact. Letters of intent are due 30 days prior to the application deadline. Completed applications are due by June 19, 2018. Click [here](#) for more information.

### **NSF: Developmental and Learning Sciences**

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

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

## **DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES**

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

#### **PA-17-452**

#### **Application Submission Deadline: June 16, 2018**

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

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

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

**PA-17-451**

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

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

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

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

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

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

***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, 2018**

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

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

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

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

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

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

**PAR-18-286**

**Application Submission Deadline: April 11, 2018**

The purpose of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is to encourage innovative health services research that can directly and demonstrably contribute to the improvement of minority health and/or the reduction of health disparities at the health care system-level as well as within clinical settings. Completed applications are due by 5pm local time of applicant organization on April 11, 2018. Click [here](#) for more information.

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

**PAR-14-260**

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

The purpose of this funding opportunity announcement (FOA) is to encourage exploratory developmental research to improve Native American (NA) health. Such research can include: conducting secondary analysis of existing data (such as databases that the Tribal Epidemiology Centers have collected); merge various sources of data to answer critical research questions; conduct pilot and feasibility studies; and/or assess and validate measures that are being developed and/or adapted for use in NA communities. For the purposes of this FOA, the term 'Native Americans' includes the following populations: Alaska Native, American Indian, and Native Hawaiian. The term 'Native Hawaiian' means any individual whose ancestors were natives, prior to 1778, belonging to the area that now comprises the State of Hawaii. Studies should: be culturally appropriate and result in promoting the adoption of healthy lifestyles; improve behaviors and social conditions and/or improve environmental conditions related to chronic disease; prevent or reduce the consumption of tobacco, alcohol, and other drugs; improve mental health outcomes; reduce risk of HIV infection; improve treatment adherence and/or health-care systems adopting standards of care to improve overall quality of life. Letters of intent are due 30 days prior to the application deadline. Completed applications are due by 5pm local time of application organization on May 14, 2018. Click [here](#) for more information.

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

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

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

This initiative encourages research that targets the reduction of health disparities among children. Investing in early childhood development is essential. Specific targeted areas of research include bio-behavioral studies that incorporate multiple factors that influence child health disparities such as biological (e.g., genetics, cellular, organ systems), lifestyle factors, environmental (e.g., physical and family environments) social (e.g., peers), economic, institutional, and cultural and family influences; studies that target the specific health promotion needs of children with a known health condition and/or disability; and studies that test, evaluate, translate, and disseminate health promotion, prevention, and interventions conducted in traditional and non-traditional settings. Completed applications are due by June 5, 2018 (R01) and June 16, 2018 (R21). For more information, click here: [R01](#), [R21](#).

**NIH: Research on Transgender Health (R01) (R21)**

**PA-17-478, PA-17-477**

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

This FOA calls for research addressing the medical, sociological, psychological and structural causes and consequences of transgender and gender nonconforming identities. Investigations of the social determinants of health in these populations are needed, including understanding the impact of stigma, the high impact of HIV, minority stress, education, employment, violence, homelessness, and incarceration. More information is needed on relationships with partners and family, as well as on sexual and reproductive health. Successful aging, including the impact of life events, experiences, and interventions such as hormone therapy and surgery are other important topics to investigate. It will also be important to learn more about brain development, resilience, and end-of-life issues. Collaborative, cross disciplinary work will be essential. Completed applications are due by June 5, 2017 ([R01](#)) and June 16, 2018 ([R21](#)).

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

**PAR-17-464**

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

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

of tobacco, alcohol, and other drugs; improve mental health outcomes; reduce risk of HIV infection; improve treatment adherence and/or health-care systems adopting standards of care to improve overall quality of life. Letters of intent are due 30 days prior to the application deadline. Completed applications are due by 5pm local time of application organization on May 14, 2018. Click [here](#) for more information.

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

**Application Submission Deadline: June 1, 2018**

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, 2018. 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, 2018**

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, 2018. More information is available [here](#).

**NIH: Youth Violence Prevention Interventions that Incorporate Racism/Discrimination Prevention (R01-Clinical Trial Required)**

**RFA-MD-18-005**

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

The purpose of this initiative is to support research to develop and test youth violence prevention interventions that incorporate racism/discrimination (R/D) prevention strategies for one or more health disparity populations. The target age range includes middle school to high school-aged youth, corresponding to an approximate age range of 11 to 18. Research under this initiative may involve examination of (a) the combination of existing violence prevention and R/D prevention interventions, (b) the addition of newly developed R/D prevention elements into existing violence prevention interventions, or (c) the development of new, fully integrated violence and R/D prevention interventions. Relevant pilot data are required, but it is not expected that all intervention elements will have been pilot tested as an integrated intervention. Letters of intent are due by April 25, 2018. Applications are due by 5pm local time of applicant organization on May 25, 2018. Click [here](#) for more information.

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

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

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

**OPRE: Center for Research on Hispanic Children and Families  
HHS-2018-ACF-OPRE-PH-1378**

**Application Submission Deadline: Anticipated June 15, 2018**

The Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation (OPRE) within the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) is considering soliciting applications for a Center for Research on Hispanic Children and Families, to lead and support investigation of the needs of Hispanic populations served by ACF and promising approaches to promote social and economic well-being among low-income Hispanic families. This research center (hereafter referred to as "Center") would ideally bring together a diverse, interdisciplinary team of academic and organizational partners to provide leadership in culturally competent research that can inform policies concerning low-income Hispanic families and to foster significant scholarship regarding the needs and experiences of the diverse Hispanic populations throughout the nation. Through a combination of research, research capacity building, and communication activities, this Center will ideally address a range of relevant issues including, but not limited to: a) definition and measurement of significant characteristics and experiences of Hispanic individuals, families, and communities; b) identification of barriers and facilitators of service utilization by Hispanic populations; c) examination of strategies to promote the social and economic well-being of Hispanic children and families and to strengthen Hispanic families; d) evaluation of promising approaches to serving Hispanic populations. The Center will be expected to develop research products, resources, and a comprehensive communication plan that aims to build research capacity in the field and to improve understanding of Hispanic populations in order to inform policy development and programmatic responses. The Center will focus broadly on marriage and relationships, fatherhood, child care and early education, and related issues such as employment and economic mobility of low-income families and children's healthy development and learning. Completed applications are forecasted to be due by June 15, 2018. Click [here](#) for more information.

## **EARLY CHILDHOOD**

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

**Application Submission Deadline: Forecasted April 2, 2018**

The Administration for Children and Families (ACF), Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation (OPRE) is soliciting 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. Child Care Research Scholars' projects address issues of significance related to CCDF; inform policy decisions and solutions, particularly for underserved / understudied populations; and utilize the most rigorous research methodology for the selected research question. Applicants must consult with a CCDF administrator in the development of the proposal. Funding is dependent on availability of funds and government interest. Applications are forecast to be due by 11:59 ET on April 2, 2018. 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: April 2, 2018**

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. Awards are dependent on the availability of funds and the best interest of the federal government. Applications are forecast to be due by 11:59 ET on April 2, 2018. Click [here](#) for more information.

## **EDUCATION**



**IES: Lead of a Career and Technical Education (CTE) Network: Research Networks Focused on Critical Problems of Education Policy and Practice Program CFDA Number 84.305N**

**ED-GRANTS-012218-001**

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

The Research Networks Focused on Critical Problems of Education Policy and Practice Program is designed to direct resources and attention to education problems or issues that are a high priority for the Nation, and to create a structure and process for researchers who are working on these issues to share ideas, build new knowledge, and strengthen their research and dissemination capacity. Under this announcement, the Institute of Education Sciences intends to award one grant under this program to fund the Lead of a CTE Network, which is to carry out the requirements under section 114(d)(4) of the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act to establish a national research center to carry out scientifically based research on career and technical education programs. The CTE Network will conduct research on CTE through projects funded by other Institute grant competitions. The goal of the CTE Network is to support and expand the causal research base on CTE at the secondary and/or postsecondary level specifically through research on whether and how CTE practices, programs, and policies affect student education outcomes. Completed applications are due by April 5, 2018. Click [here](#) for more information.

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

**PAR-17-183**

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

The NIH Research Education Program (R25) supports research education activities in the mission areas of the NIH. The over-arching goal of this 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, 2018. For more information, click [here](#).

**NIDA: Research Education Program for Clinical Researchers and Clinicians (R25)**

**PAR-16-224**

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

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

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

**16-552**

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

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

**OESE: Jacob K. Javits Gifted and Talented Students Education Program CFDA Number 84.206A  
ED-GRANTS-051817-001**

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

The Javits program supports evidence-based research, demonstration projects, innovative strategies, and similar activities designed to build and enhance the ability of elementary and secondary schools nationwide to identify gifted and talented (as defined in the linked notice) students and meet their special educational needs. Completed applications are due by June 22, 2017. Click [here](#) for more information.

***FAMILY PLANNING/MARRIAGE***

**OPRE: Family Strengthening Scholars**

**HHS-2018-ACF-OPRE-PR-1366**

**Application Submission Deadline: Forecasted May 23, 2018**

The Administration for Children and Families (ACF), Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation (OPRE), will solicit applications for Family Strengthening Research Scholars grants to support dissertation research on healthy marriage/responsible fatherhood policy issues. These grants are meant to build capacity in the research field to focus on questions that have direct implications for healthy marriage/responsible fatherhood policy decision-making and program administration, and to foster mentoring relationships between faculty members and high-quality doctoral students. These grants are intended to address issues of significance to inform policy decisions and solutions, particularly for underserved/understudied populations (e.g., low-income families, minority populations), utilize rigorous research methodology (including primary data collection and/or secondary data analysis), and help inform the development of future intervention research. Applications are forecast to be due by 11:59 ET on May 23, 2018. Click [here](#) for more information.

**OPRE: Marriage Strengthening Research & Dissemination Center**

**HHS-2018-ACF-OPRE-PR-1372**

**Application Submission Deadline: Anticipated June 15, 2018**

The Administration for Children and Families (ACF) is considering soliciting applications for the establishment of a Marriage Strengthening Research & Dissemination (MAST R & D) Center. The grantee would oversee a 60-month plan that aims to form a nexus between basic research on marriage and families in the United States and programmatic approaches to supporting healthy marriages and families, especially approaches fundable by the federal Healthy Marriage and Relationship Education (HMRE) program. The Center would contribute to the research base relevant to marriage/relationships (including current and future relationships among youth) and HMRE programs/practices; build and support capacity for demographic trends and practice-focused research; and translate and disseminate emerging research. The Center would be expected to have a primary focus on economically disadvantaged families and other under-studied population groups. The Center also will be expected to actively engage a range of stakeholders, including investigators, practitioners, program officials and policymakers, throughout the course of the project. Completed applications are forecasted to be due by June 15, 2018. Click [here](#) for more information.

***HEALTH***

**CDC: Promoting Adolescent Health through School-Based HIV Prevention**

**CDC-RFA-PS18-1807**

**Application Submission Deadline: April 13, 2018**

This funding opportunity will provide support for education agencies and NGOs to help school districts and schools develop and implement sustainable program activities to: 1) Reduce HIV infection and other STDs among adolescents; and 2) Reduce disparities in risk for HIV infection and other STD infection. Throughout the 5-year cooperative agreement, awardees will conduct activities demonstrated to improve the health of middle school and high school students by collection and use of quality surveillance data, the implementation of effective prevention practices, and demonstration and evaluation of innovative strategies within their jurisdictions. Completed applications are due by 5pm local time of application organization on April 13, 2018. Click [here](#) for more information.

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

**PAR-17-183**

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

The NIH Research Education Program (R25) supports research education activities in the mission areas of the NIH. The over-arching goal of this 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 28, 2018. For more information, click [here](#).

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**PAR-18-007**

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

This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) encourages investigators to submit research grant applications that will identify, develop, test, evaluate and/or refine strategies to disseminate and implement evidence-based practices (e.g. behavioral interventions; prevention, early detection, diagnostic, treatment and disease management interventions; quality improvement programs) into public health, clinical practice, and community settings. In addition, studies to advance dissemination and implementation research methods and measures are encouraged. Letters of intent are due 30 days prior to the application deadline. Completed applications are due by 5pm local time of application organization on June 5, 2018. Click [here](#) for more information.

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

**PAR-18-286**

**Application Submission Deadline: April 11, 2018**

The purpose of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is to encourage innovative health services research that can directly and demonstrably contribute to the improvement of minority health and/or the reduction of health disparities at the health care system-level as well as within clinical settings. Completed applications are due by 5pm local time of applicant organization on April 11, 2018. Click [here](#) for more information.

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

**PA-18-355**

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

This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA), issued by the National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR), is intended to encourage Research Project Grant (R01) applications that employ innovative research to identify mechanisms of influence and/or promote positive sustainable health behavior(s) in children and youth (birth to age 18). Positive health behaviors may include: developing healthy sleep patterns, developing effective self-regulation strategies, adaptive decision-making in risk situations, practicing proper dental hygiene, eating a balanced and nutritious diet, engaging in age-appropriate physical activity and/or participating in healthy relationships. Applications to promote positive health behavior(s) should target social and cultural contexts, including, but not limited to: schools, families, communities, population, food industry, age-appropriate learning tools and games, social media, social networking, technology and mass media. Topics to be addressed in this announcement include: effective, sustainable processes for influencing young people to make healthy behavior choices; identification of the appropriate stage of influence for learning sustainable lifelong health behaviors; the role of technology and new media in promoting healthy behavior; identification of factors that support healthy behavior development in vulnerable populations; and, identification of mechanisms and mediators that are common to the development of a range of habitual health behaviors. Given the many factors involved in developing sustainable health behaviors, applications from multidisciplinary teams that include nurse scientists are strongly encouraged. Applications are due by 5pm local time of applicant organization on June 5, 2018. Click [here](#) for more information.

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

**PA-18-354**

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

This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA), issued by the National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR), is to encourage Exploratory/Developmental Research Grant (R21) applications that employ innovative research to identify mechanisms of influence and/or promote positive sustainable health behavior(s) in children and youth (birth to age 18). Positive health behaviors may include: developing healthy sleep patterns, developing effective self-regulation strategies, adaptive decision-making in risk situations, practicing proper dental hygiene, eating a balanced and nutritious diet, engaging in age-appropriate physical activity and/or participating in healthy relationships. Applications to promote positive

health behavior(s) should target social and cultural contexts, including, but not limited to: schools, families, communities, population, food industry, age-appropriate learning tools and games, social media, social networking, technology and mass media. Topics to be addressed in this announcement include: effective, sustainable processes for influencing young people to make healthy behavior choices; identification of the appropriate stage of influence for learning sustainable lifelong health behaviors; the role of technology and new media in promoting healthy behavior; identification of factors that support healthy behavior development in vulnerable populations; and, identification of mechanisms and mediators that are common to the development of a range of habitual health behaviors. Given the many factors involved in developing sustainable health behaviors, applications from multidisciplinary teams that include nurse scientists are strongly encouraged. Completed applications are due by 5pm local time of applicant organization on June 16, 2018. Click [here](#) for more information.

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

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

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

The goal of this funding opportunity announcement (FOA) is to translate and adapt the most successful global, evidence-based HIV-related service provision strategies to marginalized populations in the United States (U.S.) with a substantial risk of HIV-infection and AIDS. The ultimate goal, is to produce improvements in HIV-related health outcomes in these key populations through strategies that successfully and durably reach them with timely HIV testing, prevention and treatment technologies that lead to the achievement of the UNAIDS 90-90-90 benchmarks: by 2020, 90 percent of all people living with HIV will know their HIV status, 90 percent of all people with diagnosed HIV infection will receive sustained antiretroviral therapy and 90 percent of all people receiving antiretroviral therapy will have viral suppression. Completed applications are due by 5pm local time of application organization on June 5, 2018 (R01) or June 16, 2018 (R21).

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

**PAR-18-694**

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

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

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

**PAR-14-260**

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

The purpose of this funding opportunity announcement (FOA) is to encourage exploratory developmental research to improve Native American (NA) health. Such research can include: conducting secondary analysis of existing data (such as databases that the Tribal Epidemiology Centers have collected); merge various sources of data to answer critical research questions; conduct pilot and feasibility studies; and/or assess and validate measures that are being developed and/or adapted for use in NA communities. For the purposes of this FOA, the term 'Native Americans' includes the following populations: Alaska Native, American Indian, and Native Hawaiian. The term 'Native Hawaiian' means any individual whose ancestors were natives, prior to 1778, belonging to the area that now comprises the State of Hawaii. Studies should: be culturally appropriate and result in promoting the adoption of healthy lifestyles; improve behaviors and social conditions and/or improve environmental conditions related to chronic disease; prevent or reduce the consumption of tobacco, alcohol, and other drugs; improve mental health outcomes; reduce risk of HIV infection; improve treatment adherence and/or health-care systems adopting standards of care to improve overall quality of life. Letters of intent are due 30 days prior to the application deadline. Completed applications are due by 5pm local time of application organization on May 14, 2018. Click [here](#) for more information.

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

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

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

This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) encourages applications that propose to examine associations between nutrition and alcohol-related health outcomes in humans and animal models. The goal of this FOA is to stimulate a broad range of research on the role of nutrition in the development, prevention, and treatment of a variety of alcohol-related health outcomes including alcohol use disorder and chronic disease. Applications are due by 5pm local time of applicant organization on June 5, 2018 ([R01](#)), June 16, 2018 ([R03](#), [R21](#)).

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

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

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

This initiative encourages research that targets the reduction of health disparities among children. Investing in early childhood development is essential. Specific targeted areas of research include bio-behavioral studies that incorporate multiple factors that influence child health disparities such as biological (e.g., genetics, cellular, organ systems), lifestyle factors, environmental (e.g., physical and family environments) social (e.g., peers), economic, institutional, and cultural and family influences; studies that target the specific health promotion needs of children with a known health condition and/or disability; and studies that test, evaluate, translate, and disseminate health promotion, prevention, and interventions conducted in traditional and non-traditional settings. Completed applications are due by June 5, 2018 (R01) and June 16, 2018 (R21). For more information, click here: [R01](#), [R21](#).

**NIH: Research on Transgender Health (R01) (R21)**

**PA-17-478, PA-17-477**

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

This FOA calls for research addressing the medical, sociological, psychological and structural causes and consequences of transgender and gender nonconforming identities. Investigations of the social determinants of health in these populations are needed, including understanding the impact of stigma, the high impact of HIV, minority stress, education, employment, violence, homelessness, and incarceration. More information is needed on relationships with partners and family, as well as on sexual and reproductive health. Successful aging, including the impact of life events, experiences, and interventions such as hormone therapy and surgery are other important topics to investigate. It will also be important to learn more about brain development, resilience, and end-of-life issues. Collaborative, cross disciplinary work will be essential. Completed applications are due by June 5, 2018 ([R01](#)) and June 16, 2018 ([R21](#)).

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

**PAR-17-464**

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

The purpose of this funding opportunity announcement (FOA) is to encourage exploratory developmental research to improve Native American (NA) health. Such research can include: conducting secondary analysis of existing data (such as databases that the Tribal Epidemiology Centers have collected); merge various sources of data to answer critical research questions; conduct pilot and feasibility studies; and/or assess and validate measures that are being developed and/or adapted for use in NA communities. For the purposes of this FOA, the term 'Native Americans' includes the following populations: Alaska Native, American Indian, and Native Hawaiian. The term 'Native Hawaiian' means any individual whose ancestors were natives, prior to 1778, belonging to the area that now comprises the State of Hawaii. Studies should: be culturally appropriate and result in promoting the adoption of healthy lifestyles; improve behaviors and social conditions and/or improve environmental conditions related to chronic disease; prevent or reduce the consumption of tobacco, alcohol, and other drugs; improve mental health outcomes; reduce risk of HIV infection; improve treatment adherence and/or health-care systems adopting standards of care to improve overall quality of life. Letters of intent are due 30 days prior to the application deadline. Completed applications are due by 5pm local time of application organization on May 14, 2018. Click [here](#) for more information.

**The Health of Sexual and Gender Minority (SGM) Populations (R01 Clinical Trial Optional), (R03 Clinical Trial Optional), (R21 Clinical Trial Optional), (R15 Clinical Trial Optional)**

**PA-18-037**

**Application Submission Deadline: June 5, 2018 (R01), June 16, 2018 (R03, R21), June 25, 2018 (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. Completed applications are due by June 5, 2018 ([R01](#)), June 16, 2018 ([R03](#), [R21](#)), and June 25, 2018 ([R15](#))

## **HIV/AIDS**

### **CDC: Promoting Adolescent Health through School-Based HIV Prevention**

**CDC-RFA-PS18-1807**

**Application Submission Deadline: April 13, 2018**

This funding opportunity will provide support for education agencies and NGOs to help school districts and schools develop and implement sustainable program activities to: 1) Reduce HIV infection and other STDs among adolescents; and 2) Reduce disparities in risk for HIV infection and other STD infection. Throughout the 5-year cooperative agreement, awardees will conduct activities demonstrated to improve the health of middle school and high school students by collection and use of quality surveillance data, the implementation of effective prevention practices, and demonstration and evaluation of innovative strategies within their jurisdictions. Completed applications are due by 5pm local time of application organization on April 13, 2018. 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, 2018**

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

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

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

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

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

### **NIH: Functional Wellness in HIV: Maximizing the Treatment Cascade (R01 Clinical Trial Optional)**

**PA-15-133**

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

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, 2018. Click [here](#) for more information.

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

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

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

The goal of this funding opportunity announcement (FOA) is to translate and adapt the most successful global, evidence-based HIV-related service provision strategies to marginalized populations in the United States (U.S.) with a substantial risk of HIV-infection and AIDS. The ultimate goal, is to produce improvements in HIV-related health outcomes in these key populations through strategies that successfully and durably reach them with timely HIV testing, prevention and treatment technologies that lead to the achievement of the UNAIDS 90-90-90 benchmarks: by 2020, 90 percent of all people living

with HIV will know their HIV status, 90 percent of all people with diagnosed HIV infection will receive sustained antiretroviral therapy and 90 percent of all people receiving antiretroviral therapy will have viral suppression. Completed applications are due by 5pm local time of application organization on [June 5, 2018 \(R01\)](#) or [June 16, 2018 \(R21\)](#).

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

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

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

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

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

The National Institutes of Health has recently announced the HIV/AIDS research priorities for the next three to five years <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-15-137.html>. The goal of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is to stimulate high priority research relevant to drug abuse and HIV/AIDS. Because drug abusers are frequently vulnerable and marginalized, optimization of the seek, test, treat, and retain (STTR) paradigm for diverse domestic and international settings is critically important for reducing health disparities in HIV incidence and treatment outcomes in drug using populations. STTR seeks out high-risk, hard-to-reach individuals, tests them for HIV, links them to HIV treatment and other services, and works to retain them in care so that they can achieve durable viral suppression. Populations of interest include urban and non-urban drug users, including those transitioning to injection drug use and populations where HIV is heavily concentrated such as men who have sex with men (MSM), especially young, minority MSM. Innovative strategies are encouraged to improve each step of the STTR paradigm. Applications are due by 5:00 PM local time of applicant organization on [February 5, 2018](#). Click [here](#) for more information.

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

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

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

## **INFANTS**

**NICHD: Advancing Understanding, Prevention, and Management of Infections Transmitted from Women to their Infants (R01 Clinical Trial Optional; R21 Clinical Trial Optional)  
PA-16-032; PA-16-031**

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

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, 2018 \(R01\)](#); [June 16, 2018 \(R21\)](#).



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

**PA-15-100**

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

This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) encourages applications to improve health outcomes for women, infants and children, by stimulating interdisciplinary research focused on maternal nutrition and pre-pregnancy obesity. Maternal health significantly impacts not only the mother but also the intrauterine environment, and subsequently fetal development and the health of the newborn. Completed applications are due by 5:00 PM local time of applicant organization on June 5, 2018. Click [here](#) for more information.

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

**PA-17-452**

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

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

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

**PA-17-451**

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

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

***INTERNATIONAL***

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

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

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

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

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

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

## **JUVENILE JUSTICE**

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

**PAR-16-299**

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

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, 2018. 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 Clinical Trial Required)**

**PAR-16-298**

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

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>, 2018 by 5:00 PM local time of applicant organization. Click [here](#) for more information.

## **MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH**

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

**PA-15-100**

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

This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) encourages applications to improve health outcomes for women, infants and children, by stimulating interdisciplinary research focused on maternal nutrition and pre-pregnancy obesity. Maternal health significantly impacts not only the mother but also the intrauterine environment, and subsequently fetal development and the health of the newborn. Completed applications are due by 5:00 PM local time of applicant organization on February 5, 2018. Click [here](#) for more information.

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

**PA-17-452**

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

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

**NIH: Pregnancy in Women with Disabilities (R03)  
PA-17-451**

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

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

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, 2018. 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 Clinical Trial Required)  
PAR-16-299**

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

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, 2018. Click [here](#) for more information.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**PA-18-350**

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

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

**PAR-16-298**

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

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>, 2018 by 5:00 PM local time of applicant organization. Click [here](#) for more information.

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

**PAR-18-429**

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

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

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

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

**Application Submission Deadline: June 1, 2018**

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, 2018. Click [here](#) for more information.

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

**PAR-17-158**

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

This FOA seeks applications which propose secondary analyses of existing clinical research datasets to investigate constructs identified in the NIMH's Research Domain Criteria (RDoC) initiative and to test novel hypotheses using the RDoC framework. Applications are due by 5pm local time of applicant organization by June 16, 2018. 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, 2018**

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, 2018. Click [here](#) for more information.

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

**PA-18-642**

**Application Submission Deadline: April 1, 2018**

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

requests with the NIMH prior to submission. Completed applications are due by [April 1, 2018](#). Click [here](#) for more information.

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

**RFA-MH-19-130**

**Application Submission Deadline: June 20, 2018**

The NIMH Biobehavioral Research Awards for Innovative New Scientists (BRAINS) award is intended to support the research and research career advancement of outstanding, exceptionally productive scientists who are in the early, formative stages of their careers and who plan to make a long-term career commitment to research in specific mission areas of the NIMH. This award seeks to assist these individuals in launching an innovative clinical, translational, basic or services research program that holds the potential to profoundly transform the understanding, diagnosis, treatment, or prevention of mental disorders. The NIMH BRAINS program will focus on the research priorities and gap areas identified in the NIMH Strategic Plan and the Research Domain Criteria (RDoC) project. Letters of intent are due 30 days prior to the application deadline. Completed applications are due by [June 20, 2018](#). Click [here](#) for more information.

### **METHODOLOGY AND MEASUREMENT**

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

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

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

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

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

**PA-17-467**

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

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

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, 2018](#). More information is available [here](#).

## ***NUTRITION***

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

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

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

This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) encourages applications that propose to examine associations between nutrition and alcohol-related health outcomes in humans and animal models. The goal of this FOA is to stimulate a broad range of research on the role of nutrition in the development, prevention, and treatment of a variety of alcohol-related health outcomes including alcohol use disorder and chronic disease. Applications are due by 5pm local time of applicant organization on June 5, 2018 ([R01](#)), June 16, 2018 ([R03](#), [R21](#)).

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

**PAR-15-346**

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

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

## ***POLICY***

### **IES: Lead of a Career and Technical Education (CTE) Network: Research Networks Focused on Critical Problems of Education Policy and Practice Program CFDA Number 84.305N**

**ED-GRANTS-012218-001**

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

The Research Networks Focused on Critical Problems of Education Policy and Practice Program is designed to direct resources and attention to education problems or issues that are a high priority for the Nation, and to create a structure and process for researchers who are working on these issues to share ideas, build new knowledge, and strengthen their research and dissemination capacity. Under this announcement, the Institute of Education Sciences intends to award one grant under this program to fund the Lead of a CTE Network, which is to carry out the requirements under section 114(d)(4) of the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act to establish a national research center to carry out scientifically based research on career and technical education programs. The CTE Network will conduct research on CTE through projects funded by other Institute grant competitions. The goal of the CTE Network is to support and expand the causal research base on CTE at the secondary and/or postsecondary level specifically through research on whether and how CTE practices, programs, and policies affect student education outcomes. Completed applications are due by April 5, 2018. Click [here](#) for more information.

### **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, 2018; June 16, 2018.**

This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) encourages applications to conduct research on the effects of public policies on health-related behaviors and outcomes associated with alcohol, marijuana, and other substances. The purpose of the FOA is to advance understanding of how public policy may serve as a tool for improving public health and welfare through its effects on behaviors and outcomes pertaining to alcohol and other drugs. This FOA is intended to support innovative research to examine policy effects that have the potential to lead to meaningful changes in public health. Research projects that may be supported by this FOA include, but are not necessarily limited to: causal analyses

of the effects of one or multiple public policies; evaluations of the effectiveness of specific public policies as tools for improving public health through their effects on alcohol-, marijuana-, and other substance-related behaviors and outcomes; and research to advance methods and measurement used in studying relationships between public policies and alcohol-, marijuana-, and other substance-related behaviors and outcomes. Applications are due by 5pm local time of applicant organization by June 6, 2018 (R01), and June 16, 2018 (R21) (R03).

## **SCHOOL SAFETY**

### **NIJ: FY18 Comprehensive School Safety Initiative**

**NIJ-2018-14140**

#### **Application Submission Deadline: May 7, 2018**

The Comprehensive School Safety Initiative (CSSI) funds rigorous research to produce practical knowledge that can improve the safety of students and schools. The Initiative is carried out through partnerships between researchers, educators, and other stakeholders; including law enforcement, behavioral and mental health professionals, courts, and other justice system professionals. Projects funded under the CSSI are designed to improve understanding that can be applied to schools and school districts across the nation for years to come. This solicitation includes five funding categories with different expectations and requirements to accomplish the purposes of the CSSI. Completed applications are due by May 7, 2018. Click [here](#) for more information.

### **NIJ: FY18 Research and Evaluation of Technologies to Improve School Safety**

**NIJ-2018-14054**

#### **Application Submission Deadline: May 10, 2018**

NIJ is interested to fund a single evaluator that will have the capabilities to assess the effectiveness of a few promising technologies that can enhance safety within K-12 schools. Evaluations should consider the school environment and use cases as well as the kinds of data that might be collected or used as a result of the technology intervention. Applicants are encouraged to explore technologies that have worked for use cases in other ecosystems that may translate well to the K-12 school environment. Completed applications are due by May 10, 2018. Click [here](#) for more information.

## **SEXUAL AND GENDER MINORITY POPULATIONS**

### **NIH: Research on Transgender Health (R01) (R21)**

**PA-17-478, PA-17-477**

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

This FOA calls for research addressing the medical, sociological, psychological and structural causes and consequences of transgender and gender nonconforming identities. Investigations of the social determinants of health in these populations are needed, including understanding the impact of stigma, the high impact of HIV, minority stress, education, employment, violence, homelessness, and incarceration. More information is needed on relationships with partners and family, as well as on sexual and reproductive health. Successful aging, including the impact of life events, experiences, and interventions such as hormone therapy and surgery are other important topics to investigate. It will also be important to learn more about brain development, resilience, and end-of-life issues. Collaborative, cross disciplinary work will be essential. Completed applications are due by June 5, 2018 (R01) and June 16, 2018 (R21).

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

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

#### **Application Submission Deadlines: June 5, 2018 (R01), June 16, 2018 (R03, R21), June 25, 2018 (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, 2018 (R01), June 16, 2018 (R03, R21), and June 25, 2018 (R15). Additional information is available for each grant: [R01](#), [R03](#), [R15](#), and [R21](#).



## **SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY**

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

**PAR-18-694**

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

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

### **NSF: Social Psychology**

**NSF 98-1332**

**Application Submission Deadline: January 15 annually**

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

## **SOCIOLOGY**

### **NSF: National Science Foundation Sociology Program**

**PD-98-1331**

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

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

## **SUBSTANCE USE AND ABUSE**

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

**PA-18-634**

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

The NIDA Small Research Grant Program supports small research projects that can be carried out in a short period of time with limited resources. This program supports different types of projects including pilot and feasibility studies; secondary analysis of existing data; small, self-contained research projects; development of research methodology; and development of new research technology. This Funding Opportunity Announcement requires that at least 1 clinical trial be proposed. The proposed project must be related to the programmatic interests of NIDA. Completed applications are due by June 16, 2018. Click [here](#) for more information.

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

**PAR-16-234**

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

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

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

**NIH: Alcohol Use Disorders: Behavioral Treatment, Services and Recovery Research (R01 Clinical Trial Optional) (R21 Clinical Trial Optional) (R03 Clinical Trial Optional)**

**PA-15-299, PA-15-301, PA-15-300**

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

This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) encourages grant applications from institutions/organizations that propose to support research on behavioral treatment for alcohol use disorders; organizational, financial, and management factors that facilitate or inhibit the delivery of services for alcohol use disorders; and phenomenon of recovery from alcohol use disorders. Letters of intent are due 30 days prior to application deadline. Completed applications are due by June 5, 2018 ([R01](#)) and June 16, 2018 ([R21](#), [R03](#)).

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

**PAS-16-018**

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

The National Institutes of Health has recently announced the HIV/AIDS research priorities for the next three to five years <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-15-137.html>. The goal of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is to stimulate high priority research relevant to drug abuse and HIV/AIDS. Because drug abusers are frequently vulnerable and marginalized, optimization of the seek, test, treat, and retain (STTR) paradigm for diverse domestic and international settings is critically important for reducing health disparities in HIV incidence and treatment outcomes in drug

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

**NIH: Mechanism for Time-Sensitive Drug Abuse Research (R21 Clinical Trial Optional)**

**PAR-18-064**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**RFA-DA-18-001**

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

The NIDA Avant-Garde Award Program for HIV/AIDS Research supports individual scientists of exceptional creativity who propose high-impact research that will open new areas of HIV/AIDS research relevant to drug abuse and/or lead to new avenues for prevention and treatment of HIV/AIDS among drug abusers. The term "avant-garde" is used to describe highly innovative approaches that have the potential to be transformative. The proposed research should reflect approaches and ideas that are substantially different from those already being pursued by the investigator or others and should support the NIH HIV/AIDS Research Priorities <https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-15-137.html>. The NIDA Avant-Garde award supports innovative, basic research that may lead to improved preventive interventions or therapies; creative, new strategies to prevent disease transmission; novel approaches to improve disease

outcomes; and creative approaches to eradicating HIV or improving the lives of those living with HIV. Applications are due by 5pm local time of applicant organization on July 31, 2018. Click [here](#) for more information.

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

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

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

This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) encourages applications that propose to examine associations between nutrition and alcohol-related health outcomes in humans and animal models. The goal of this FOA is to stimulate a broad range of research on the role of nutrition in the development, prevention, and treatment of a variety of alcohol-related health outcomes including alcohol use disorder and chronic disease. Applications are due by 5pm local time of applicant organization on June 5, 2018 (R01), June 16, 2018 (R03, R21).

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

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

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

This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) encourages applications to conduct research on the effects of public policies on health-related behaviors and outcomes associated with alcohol, marijuana, and other substances. The purpose of the FOA is to advance understanding of how public policy may serve as a tool for improving public health and welfare through its effects on behaviors and outcomes pertaining to alcohol and other drugs. This FOA is intended to support innovative research to examine policy effects that have the potential to lead to meaningful changes in public health. Research projects that may be supported by this FOA include, but are not necessarily limited to: causal analyses of the effects of one or multiple public policies; evaluations of the effectiveness of specific public policies as tools for improving public health through their effects on alcohol-, marijuana-, and other substance-related behaviors and outcomes; and research to advance methods and measurement used in studying relationships between public policies and alcohol-, marijuana-, and other substance-related behaviors and outcomes. Applications are due by 5pm local time of applicant organization by June 6, 2018 (R01), and June 16, 2018 (R21) (R03).

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

**PA-17-467**

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

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

***VIOLENCE PREVENTION***

**NIH: Youth Violence Prevention Interventions that Incorporate Racism/Discrimination Prevention (R01-Clinical Trial Required)**

**RFA-MD-18-005**

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

The purpose of this initiative is to support research to develop and test youth violence prevention interventions that incorporate racism/discrimination (R/D) prevention strategies for one or more health disparity populations. The target age range includes middle school to high school-aged youth, corresponding to an approximate age range of 11 to 18. Research under this initiative may involve examination of (a) the combination of existing violence prevention and R/D prevention interventions, (b) the addition of newly developed R/D prevention elements into existing violence prevention interventions, or (c) the development of new, fully integrated violence and R/D prevention interventions. Relevant pilot data are required, but it is not expected that all intervention elements will have been pilot tested as an integrated intervention. Letters of intent are due by April 25, 2018. Applications are due by 5pm local time of applicant organization on May 25, 2018. Click [here](#) for more information.

**NIJ: Research and Evaluation on Violence Against Women: Sexual Violence, Intimate Partner Violence, Stalking, and Teen Dating Violence**

**NIJ-2018-13702**

**Application Submission Deadline: April 12, 2018**

The goals of the Violence Against Women program of research are to improve knowledge and understanding of intimate partner and dating violence, stalking, and sexual violence through science to best prevent and respond to these violent crimes. This call for proposals is tied to Department of Justice priorities related to reducing violent crime, responding to victimization, protecting police officers, enhancing investigations and prosecution, and strengthening immigration enforcement. NIJ strives to support objective and independent knowledge and validated tools to reduce violence against women, promote justice for victims of crime, and enhance criminal justice responses to such crimes. Completed applications are due by April 12, 2018. Click [here](#) for more information.