Resources & Opportunities for Community & Academic Partners

Available online here or www.ARCConline.net. New additions highlighted. Updated as of 8/4/2015

Events

- **Chicago Asthma Consortium: Asthma Policy Forum: August 7, 7:30am-1215 pm.** This meeting places a strong focus on policies impacting schools and housing, and will also discuss current efforts to support community health workers through the Illinois Community Health Workers Advisory Board, as well as Medicaid’s ongoing system delivery changes. Details: [http://www.chicagoasthma.org/2015-summer/](http://www.chicagoasthma.org/2015-summer/)

- **NACHC’s 2015 Community Health Institute in Orlando, Aug 21-25** – Are you conducting research with or on community health centers? Do you have an exceptional program that has improved care or reduced costs and can be replicated by other community health centers? Health centers, PCA’s, networks, and researchers are invited to present. Details: [https://s4.goeshow.com/nachc/community/2015/poster_submission.cfm](https://s4.goeshow.com/nachc/community/2015/poster_submission.cfm)

- **CCH Writing Manuscript Retreats**: Are you ready to turn your conference abstracts into papers, plan for possible papers, make progress on drafts, or finish revisions? If so, register and get a head start at on the Center for Community Health's (CCH) upcoming writing retreats. These retreats focus on manuscripts related to community-engaged research, including community, patient and stakeholder engagement.
  - Tuesday, September 29, 2015
  - Thursday, January 21, 2016
  - Tuesday, March 15, 2016
  - Thursday, May 5, 2016
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- **4th Annual LGBTQ Health Conference: Bridging Research & Practice Oct 31, 1-7pm**: This year’s event will more specifically focus on creating a dialogue between researchers and practitioners by integrating both research findings and clinical application into each panel or symposium. Interdisciplinary translational research conference that aims to bring together scientists, public health professionals, social workers, psychologists, and counselors. Sponsored by ARCC 2015 Award winners, Northwestern IMPACT Program & Center on Halsted. Registration OPEN – Space limited. Details: [http://community.centeronhalsted.org/SOGI?srctid=1&erid=1959560&trid=7b1d409d-2b64-422b-a756-6c7e113e1b27](http://community.centeronhalsted.org/SOGI?srctid=1&erid=1959560&trid=7b1d409d-2b64-422b-a756-6c7e113e1b27)

- **American Public Health Association Annual Meeting, Oct. 31-Nov 4, Chicago.** Details: [https://www.apha.org/events-and-meetings/annual](https://www.apha.org/events-and-meetings/annual)

  - **APHA Learning Institute: Scientific Writing for Peer Reviewed Publications for Public Health Professionals, Oct 31** - Are you a public health practitioner looking to turn your work into a manuscript for publication? There is a learning institute on scientific writing at this year’s annual meeting of the American Public Health Association in Chicago. Experienced authors and editors who will work with attendees on their partially completed manuscripts. Participants are strongly encouraged to bring with them an abstract, manuscript outline, data analysis results, or a draft of an article that they would like to publish. The course will be a mixture of presentations and hands-on work. Details: [https://apha.confex.com/apha/143am/webprogram/Session44331.html](https://apha.confex.com/apha/143am/webprogram/Session44331.html)

- **4th University-Community Engagement Conference (ECEC) 2015, Nov 1-3, Australia.** UCEC2015 aims to create an opportunity for interested participants to share knowledge, experience and expertise whilst they contemplate the central question of enhancement and innovation for the future scenarios of community engagement. Details: ucec2015@acap.edu.au

- **8th Annual Conference on the Science of Dissemination and Implementation, December 14-15, Washington, DC:** Forum aims to grow the research base by bridging the gap between evidence, practice, and policy in health and medicine. Researchers, evaluators and implementers who are interested in identifying opportunities, challenges, and strategies for disseminating the findings and implementation of research to key stakeholders attended the meeting and discussed, debated, and explored in-depth approaches to advance
dissemination and implementation science. Details: http://www.academyhealth.org/Events/events.cfm?ItemNumber=13518&navItemNumber=13668


Grant Opportunities

- **William T. Grant Foundation Inequality Research Studies.** Projects designed to enhance understanding of the programs, policies, and practices that reduce inequalities in youth development. Studies may examine approaches that improve outcomes for all youth but can reduce gaps if applied to those who need them most, as well as programs, policies, and practices aimed at elevating the most disadvantaged young people. Interested in studies that improve the measurement of inequality in ways that will enhance the work of researchers, practitioners, and policy makers. Grants up to $600K. Letter of Inquiry **Deadline:** August 4. Details: http://wtgrantfoundation.org/grants#apply-research-grants

- **Northwestern Innovative Initiatives Incubators (I3):** The Office for Research invites applications for Innovative Initiatives Incubators (I3) seed funding to support new, “Big Ideas”, as part of **NU-Interdisciplinary Program 1-2-3.** It is designed to enable faculty to "jump start" new, interdisciplinary, innovative projects in a risk-tolerant environment. It consists of 3-tiers of non-sequential seed funds that address different needs in the continuum of developing investigator-initiated bold science at Northwestern: **Ideas (I1), Innovative Initiatives (I2) and Innovative Initiatives Incubators (I3).** In addition to funds, the program provides project management support, assistance in identifying funding opportunities, proposal development and Team-Science guidance. **I1 and I2 applications are accepted on a rolling basis. I3 applications are accepted on a rolling basis.** The expectation is that by the end of year 2, the team will submit a substantial/center proposal. **Deadline:** August 17. **Details:** http://www.research.northwestern.edu/interdisciplinary123/#i3

- **Institute of Medicine of Chicago Health Disparities Pilot Projects:** The purpose of the IOMC Health Disparities Grant RFP is to solicit applications to alleviate disparities in health care outcomes in underserved communities in the Chicagoland area. Priority areas of focus include interventions that can promote success in addressing health disparities; interventions that encourage collaboration with the public sector to enhance the linkage between public health efforts and health care delivery initiatives; and interventions impacting the very young. **Deadline:** August 31. **Details:** https://iomc.org/pdf/IOMC_Health_Disparities_RFP_Final.pdf

- **Blue Cross Blue Shield of Illinois Community Award.** One of six Chicago Neighborhood Development Award (CNDA) categories. Recognizes a successful community-based effort to address the health of a low- to moderate-income neighborhood in the Chicago metropolitan area through creative and collaborative strategies. **Award amount:** $15,000. This award will celebrate the work of a successful place-based initiative that is improving the health of residents and/or the environment of a community in a way that contributes to an improvement in overall community health. The award will recognize efforts that take a “Health in all Policies” approach to community development; an effort that plans and implements specific policies, programs, and processes that focus on improving the health of a community with attention to equity, collaboration and sustainability. Applicants will be evaluated by the engagement of neighborhood partners, residents and institutions, in informing and leading work that reflects innovative approaches to improving the health and well-being of their community. **Deadline:** September 10. **Details:** http://www.lisc-cnnda.org/About-CNDA/Overview/Chicago-Neighborhood-Development-Awards.html

- **NUCATS Voucher and Pilot Program.** The Northwestern University Clinical and Translational Sciences Institute had two funding mechanisms designed to accelerate research by providing rapid, targeted funding to address small, but critical gaps in clinical and translational research work that is otherwise at present not funded by other sources. Includes projects involving critical steps in dissemination and implementation in community settings. **Vouchers:** Up to $2500. 500 word application. **Accepted on ongoing basis.** Review within 2 weeks. **Pilot grants:** Up to $10K. 1000 word application. **Deadlines:** November 15. **Details:** http://www.nucats.northwestern.edu/funding/pilot-funding/voucher-pilot-programs

- **Northwestern Interdisciplinary Program 1-2-3 Seed Funding Program.** The Office for Research and Deans seed-funding platform to cultivate investigator-initiated visionary "Big Ideas." Designed to enable faculty to "jump start" bold, innovative science. 3-tiers of non-sequential, funds that address different...
needs: Ideas (I1), Innovative Initiatives (I2) and Innovative Initiatives Incubators (I3). Funding and guidance to bring together new teams and shepherd "Big Science" from idea inception to securing external funding and possible maturation into University Research Center, focusing on interdisciplinary, innovation, and societal impact. In addition, program will provide project management, assistance in identifying funding opps, proposal development and Team-Science guidance. Ideas (I1): up to $1K for 1-day workshop to brainstorm new, interdisciplinary Ideas, by bringing together key faculty including external collaborators, staff and students. Innovative Initiatives (I2): Up to $15K to cover expenses that are pertinent to the preparation of a large proposal for external funding. Incubators (I3): Up to $60K for up to 2 years to assemble team, develop collaboration track record, generate pilot data, submit large/center grant. Deadlines: I1 & I2 accepted on rolling basis. I3 has annual call. Details: http://www.research.northwestern.edu/interdisciplinary123/  

- **Eugene Washington PCORI Engagement Awards** - These awards encourage the more active integration of patients, caregivers, clinicians/providers, industry, payers/purchasers, researchers, and other stakeholders, as integral members of the research enterprise. The awards program provides a platform to expand the role of all stakeholders in the research continuum and support the Patient Centered Outcomes Research Institute's (PCORI's) engagement goals. Three categories: Knowledge Awards, Training and Development Awards, and Dissemination Awards. PCORI will award up to $15.5 million in this program. Deadline: Rolling. Details: http://www.pcori.org/funding-opportunities/eugene-washington-pcori-engagement-awards/ 

**National Institutes of Health (NIH) FUNDING**


- **Health of Sexual and Gender Minority (SGM) Populations (R01/R03/R15/21)** 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 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. Details: http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-15-263.html#sthash.0izZkGrL.dpuf  

- **Request for Information: Inviting Comments & Suggestions on NIH-wide Strategic Plan.** NIH is developing a 5-year NIH-wide Strategic Plan to advance its mission to support research in pursuit of fundamental knowledge about the nature and behavior of living systems, and the application of that knowledge to extend healthy life and reduce illness and disability. The goal of this larger NIH-wide strategic plan is not to outline the myriad of important research opportunities for specific disease applications (as that is covered in the strategic plans from each of the ICOs, which will be referenced appropriately), but to highlight major trans-NIH themes. Seeking input from stakeholders throughout the scientific research community and the general public regarding the above proposed framework for the NIH-wide Strategic Plan. Deadline: Aug 16. Details: http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-15-118.html  

- **Behavioral Interventions to Prevent HIV in Diverse Adolescent Men Who Have Sex with Men (U01)** - The purpose of this initiative is to test behavioral HIV prevention interventions for diverse populations of adolescent (age 13-18) men who have sex with men (MSM). Deadline: Jan 15, 2016 Details: http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-MD-15-012.html#sthash.Hv6uA5e.dpuf  

- **Novel Behavioral Targets to Improve Adolescent Substance Abuse Treatment and Prevention Interventions (R01 & R34).** This is part of a trans-NIH initiative, Collaborative Research on Addiction at NIH. Areas supported include research to inform generation and refinement of novel targets for substance abuse treatment and prevention interventions, modules or adjuncts to existing treatments and prevention interventions that seek to target and modulate behavioral or neurobehavioral processes (e.g., impulsivity, risk-taking propensity, sensation and novelty seeking, distress tolerance, delay discounting, self-regulation, stress reactivity) in adolescents. Additionally, studies to include theoretical links that explore the relationship(s)
between neural circuitry and treatment and prevention effects, and in particular, how behavioral targets might be affected by treatment and prevention interventions, and how that might be used to improve targeted treatment and prevention development, that translate to reduced morbidity and mortality.


- **Diabetes and Cardiovascular Disease in Older Adults (R01/R21/R03).** Inviting applications that propose basic, clinical, and epidemiological outcomes research on the impact of age on the development of, diagnosis, and management of diabetes and cardiovascular disease (CVD) complications in older persons or animal models. Research may focus on 1) the epidemiology of increasing incidence and prevalence of DM with advancing age, particularly regarding potential racial-ethnic disparities, 2) the elucidation of age-related mechanisms predisposing older adults to diabetes and resultant CVD, 3) understanding the role of aging in increased incidence and severity of CVD outcomes in older diabetics, and 4) determining age-specific prevention, screening, diagnostic, and management strategies of DM in older persons and its CVD complications. Research is expected to elucidate the role of aging mechanisms that underlie the increased vulnerability of older adults to DM and its CVD complications and to provide evidence-based guidance to improve more appropriate diagnostic criteria, risk stratification, and intervention recommendations to prevent the onset, or improve short- and long-term outcomes, of DM and CVD in older persons.


- **Family and Interpersonal Relationships in an Aging Context (R01).** Seeking innovative, hypothesis-driven applications to expand understanding of role and impact of families and interpersonal relationships on health and well-being in midlife and older age.


- **Systems Science and Health in the Behavioral and Social Sciences (R01) & (R21):** This Funding Opportunity is intended to increase the breadth and scope of topics that can be addressed with systems science methodologies and calls for research projects that are applied and/or basic in nature (including methodological and measurement development), have a human behavioral and/or social science focus, and employ methodologies suited to addressing the complexity inherent in behavioral and social phenomena, referred to as systems science methodologies. Seeks to promote interdisciplinary collaboration among health researchers and experts in computational approaches to further the development of modeling- and simulation-based systems science methodologies and their application to important public health challenges.


- **Arts-Based Approaches in Palliative Care for Symptom Management (R01):** The purpose of this funding announcement is to support mechanistic clinical studies aimed at understanding the impact of arts-based approaches in palliative care for symptom management. This is intended to support mechanistic clinical studies to provide an evidence base for the use of the arts in palliative care for symptom management.


- **Advancing Interventions to Improve Medication Adherence (R01 & R21).** This announcement seeks proposed interventions to significantly improve medication adherence in individuals. Applications may target medication adherence in the context of treatment for a single illness or chronic condition (e.g., hypertension), to stave off a disease recurrence (e.g., cancer) or for multiple comorbid conditions (e.g., hypertension, diabetes, alcohol use disorders and HIV/AIDS). Primary outcomes of the research can include a patient self-report of medication adherence, but must also at least one non-self-report measure of medication adherence (e.g., pharmacy refill records, electronic monitoring, etc.). In addition, applications are encouraged to include a relevant health outcome or biomarker (e.g., blood pressure, viral load in HIV-infected individuals, cholesterol levels, HbA1c) that is expected to be affected by changes in the targeted adherence behavior.


- **Self-Management for Health in Chronic Conditions (R01, R15, R21).** The purpose is to support research in self-management focused across conditions. A recent report from the Institute of Medicine identifies the epidemic of chronic condition as the nation’s leading health challenge and calls for cross-cutting, coordinated public health actions for “living well with chronic illness”. This funding opportunity addresses that recommendation by focusing on self-management as a mainstream science in order to reduce the burden of chronic illnesses/conditions. Self-management is the ability of the individual, in conjunction with family, community, and healthcare professionals, to manage symptoms, treatments, lifestyle changes, and psychosocial, cultural, and spiritual consequences associated with a chronic illness or condition.

- Implications of New Digital Media Use for Underage Drinking, Drinking-Related Behaviors, and Prevention Research (R01 and R21) - Seeking investigations of whether, and how, heavy involvement in new digital media usage, particularly social media and social networking sites, may influence adolescent alcohol use and drinking patterns, as well as drinking-related problems. Also encourages applications proposing to explore the ways in which new digital media may be utilized as platforms for preventive interventions aimed at underage drinking and related problems. Details: http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-13-262.html

- Improving Delivery of HIV Prevention and Treatment through Implementation Science and Translational Research (R01 & R21): This call encourages research designed to increase the public health impact of efficacious HIV/AIDS-related interventions for prevention and treatment. To maximize the public health impact of available interventions, significant progress is needed to advance science designed to get interventions to the men, women, and children who need them. The goals of this scientific agenda are to learn how best to deliver interventions more efficiently and effectively in real-world communities and clinics, to more readily transfer interventions from one setting or population to another, and to make better informed choices for combination intervention packages. Details: http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-14-131.html

- Testing and Developing Interventions for Health-Enhancing Physical Activity (R01/R21/R33). Seeking to fund highly innovative and promising research that tests multi-level intervention programs of 1-2 years in length that are designed to increase health-enhancing physical activity: 1) in persons or groups that can benefit from such activity; and 2) that could be made scalable and sustainable for broad use across the nation. R01 provides support for up to 5 yrs for research planning, intervention delivery, and follow-up activities. R21 provides support for up to 2 years for research planning activities and feasibility studies, followed by a possible transition to expanded research support (R33 phase). Transition to R33 depends on completion of applicant-defined milestones, program priorities, and availability of funds. Details: http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-14-315.html

Calls for Papers/Proposals/Other Opportunities

- Call for Abstracts: 8th Annual Conference on the Science of Dissemination and Implementation Science seeks to promote and rigorously evaluate strategies for integrating evidence-based approaches into clinical and diverse community settings via public health practice, healthcare delivery, and healthcare policy. As still emerging fields, the definitions of dissemination and implementation and the type of research they encompass may vary according to setting, sponsor, mechanisms of action, and target. Deadline: August 20 Details: http://diconference.academyhealth.org/home

- Call for Applications: Practice Change Leaders for Aging and Health - National program to develop, support and expand the influence of organizational leaders who are committed to achieving transformative improvements in care for older adults. The program is supported by the Atlantic Philanthropies and the John A. Hartford Foundation. Deadline: August 31 Details: www.changeleaders.org

- Illinois Caucus for Adolescent Health (ICAH) accepting Youth Leadership Council Applications: ICAH is a network of empowered youth and allied adults who transform public consciousness and build the capacity of systems to support the sexual health, identity and rights of youth. Recruiting Chicago-area youth of all identities ages 16-22, with a particular focus on gender expansive, male and high-school age youth. Deadline: August 31 Details: http://icah.org/action/sexed/ylc-application-summer-2015/

- Feedback requested: Re-conceptualizing human research protections to include community & cultural considerations: Community-Campus Partnerships for Health seeks your feedback on how to revise the Belmont Report and Common Rule to better account for individual and community considerations! If interested in research ethics and/or community-engaged research, share feedback on proposed revisions to the Belmont Report and Department of Health and Human Services research ethics regulations. Researchers and communities have grown dissatisfied with the regulations designed to protect the rights and welfare of individual study participants, arguing that such regulations do not sufficiently consider community interests. Details: https://ccph.memberclicks.net/assets/Documents/FocusAreas/greenwallstudyoverview-oct2014.pdf

- NUCATS Studios: The Northwestern Clinical and Translational Sciences Institute can help organize a "studio" where leadership from the Institute and its affiliates are brought together to help support and enhance
grant submissions. Outcomes of the meeting include a NUCATS Letter of Support and identification of in-kind cost share infrastructure. Details: http://www.nucats.northwestern.edu/about/nucats-faqs.html#researchnav

- **Call for Proposals: Evidence for Action: Investigator-Initiated Research to Build a Culture of Health** - Evidence for Action: Investigator-Initiated Research to Build a Culture of Health is a national program of RWJF that supports the Foundation’s commitment to building a Culture of Health in the United States. The program aims to provide individuals, organizations, communities, policymakers, and researchers with the empirical evidence needed to address the key determinants of health encompassed in the Culture of Health Action Framework. In addition, *Evidence for Action* will also support efforts to assess outcomes and set priorities for action. It will do this by encouraging and supporting creative, rigorous research on the impact of innovative programs, policies and partnerships on health and well-being, and on novel approaches to measuring health determinants and outcomes. **Deadline:** Rolling. Details: http://bit.ly/1KQES8c

- **Northwestern University Medical Spanish Courses: Fall 2015** - The Feinberg School of Medicine Office of Diversity is pleased to continue offering Medical Spanish classes & workshops in partnership with Northwestern Memorial Hospital’s NM Academy and the Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Mexico (UNAM) Chicago extension. Details: http://www.feinberg.northwestern.edu/diversity/programs/spanish.html

**Resources**

- **Infórmate - Inform Yourself about living kidney donation and transplantation for Hispanics/Latinos.** Launched by Northwestern University faculty Elisa J. Gordon, PhD, MPH, and funded by HRSA, the website was designed to inform and empower prospective donors, patients, and family and friends about living kidney donation through the use of multimedia resources. Greater awareness about the risks and benefits of living kidney donation will help Hispanic/Latino patients and families to make more informed treatment decisions. Details: http://www.informate.org/

- **Compendium of Web-Based Stakeholder Engagement Resources.** Developed by AcademyHealth, the resources included cover a range of audiences, interests, and steps in the engagement process. Details: http://www.academyhealth.org/files/Web%20Scan.pdf

- **Compensation Framework for Patient Partners.** The Patient Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI) created a guidance document created with their Advisory Panel on Patient Engagement in coordination & PCORI staff. The framework was developed in response to significant confusion and uncertainty about how best to compensate patient partners serving on research teams. PCORI has stressed that the expertise that patient partners provide—the lived experience as a person with an illness or injury or the caregiver or family member of such a person—is incredibly valuable, and contributions of these partners should be recognized accordingly. It does not provide specific direction on payment amounts or modes of payment, it outlines the various factors to consider when budgeting for patient partner involvement. http://www.pcori.org/sites/default/files/PCORI-Compensation-Framework-for-Engaged-Research-Partners.pdf

- **ARCC Online Resource Directory:** The Directory is an online website providing access to materials and resources to help interested community and faith-based organizations and academic partners to learn about how they can build capacity to conduct community-engaged research and support building, strengthening, and sustaining their partnership. Tools like sample MOU or things to consider if engaging a new partner. **Visit:** www.ARCCresources.net