Resources & Opportunities for Community & Academic Partners

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Events

- **Cook County Health & Hospitals System Strategic Planning Town Hall Meetings – May 2, May 4, May 16, May 17.** Series of Town Hall meetings throughout Cook County to obtain your input and ideas on their 2017-2019 Strategic Plan. Details: townhall@cookcountyhhs.org.

- **Healthy Chicago 2.0 Community Town Hall Meetings – May 4, May 5, May 11, May 16, May 18, May 25.** The Chicago Department of Public Health (CDPH) and more than 400 community leaders and organizations unveiled a new four-year plan to improve health and well-being of Chicago residents. Healthy Chicago 2.0 provides more than 200 strategies to close persistent health disparities facing Chicago communities. CDPH is conducting this series of town hall meetings to engage residents in implementation of the plan. **ARCC Director, Jen Brown, will be speaking at the May 4 event** about CCH’s involvement in the preparation and implementation of the plan and the role of data and research. Details: http://www.cityofchicago.org/content/dam/city/depts/cdph/CDPH/HCH_2.0_FlyerFairs.pdf.

- **Center for Community Health Presentation: A Novel Approach for Integrating Stakeholder Perspectives in Research: Stakeholder Academic Resource Panels (ShARPs)- May 5, 12-1 pm.** CCH Staff Grisel Robles-Schrader will present at Northwestern’s Institute for Public Health & Medicine (IPHAM) seminar about this CCH group consultation service. Details: http://planitpurple.northwestern.edu/event/496105

- **Center for Community Health (CCH) Writing Manuscript Retreat, May 5.** 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 CCH upcoming writing retreats. These retreats focus on manuscripts related to community-engaged research, including community, patient and stakeholder engagement. RSVP: cch@northwestern.edu. Details: http://planitpurple.northwestern.edu/event/478317.

- **Institute for Sexual and Gender Minority Health and Wellbeing (ISGMH) Opening Reception, May 11.** Hear about the research, programs and training of the new Institute for Sexual and Gender Minority Health and Wellbeing, the first University-wide research institute of its kind in the nation, featuring two poetry performances from local Chicago artists and remarks from Director Brian Mustanski, Ph.D. Details: http://isgmh.northwestern.edu/calendar_event/isgmh-opening-reception/.

- **Community Campus Partnerships for Health 2016 International Conference, May 11-14, 2016, New Orleans.** At a time when social and racial justice are at the forefront of conversations about health equity, CCPH seeks to promote, support and encourage partnerships designed to improve health by addressing social and racial justice issues. The CCPH conference will bring together community partners, faculty members, students, funders and policy makers from around the world to learn from each other and highlight partnerships and research collaborations addressing health equity through social justice. **ARCC will be attending and presenting.** Details: www.ccph.info

- **Empowering Youth to Live Healthy Lifestyles: Youth Summit, May 19.** University of Chicago Community Grand Rounds is a series of events held in a community setting focusing on how research can help improve health on the South Side. The series includes networking opportunities, formal presentations, and audience question and answer sessions on a variety of issues. This Community Grand Rounds event will be a youth summit focusing on obesity, asthma, CPR, sexually transmitted diseases/infections. The event will include presentations from various youth groups. Details: http://bit.ly/1Tb7qc3.

- **17th Annual Axelson Center Symposium for Nonprofit Professionals and Volunteers, June 13.** ARCC Director Jen Brown and ARCC Steering Committee member Sherida Morrison of Demoiselle 2 Femme will be presenting a workshop on the importance of research and evaluation in the nonprofit community. Details: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/17th-annual-axelson-center-symposium-for-nonprofit-professionals-and-volunteers-tickets-23116149024?ref=gh.
14th Annual Disparities in Health Summer Workshop: Disparities in Health in America: Working Toward Social Justice, June 20-25, Houston. The goal of the Workshop is to provide a comprehensive understanding of health disparities to investigate approaches to enhancing health equity, and to provide participants with a broad base of knowledge related to a biopsychosocial approach in addressing health disparities in a minority and the medically underserved populations. Details: http://tinyurl.com/gwzhzz6.

7th Living Knowledge Conference, June 22-24, Dublin, Ireland. Are you interested in exchanging and developing knowledge and practices on how best to bring local communities, civil society organizations, students, researchers and educators together to collaboratively undertake responsible research and innovations? Focus on science shops, community-based research, and other knowledge exchange and creation collaborations between local communities, civil society organizations, researchers, and educators. Details: http://www.livingknowledge.org/lk7/.


Advancing the Science of Community Engaged Research (CEnR), August 25-26, Washington, DC. Theme: “Innovative and Effective Methods of Engagement”. During the past two decades, community and stakeholder engagement have emerged as essential approaches to accelerate the translation of research into practice and translational research programs are expected to ensure community engagement in all phases of research. Details: http://advancingCEnRconference.com.

Grant Opportunities

APCO Pro Bono Consulting Grant Program. APCO has a formal pro bono grant program so that more employees can share their time and talent with local organizations that address important social issues and help nonprofits build capacity and maximize impact. Applications are accepted and reviewed annually. Communications services are provided to applicants that are selected, based on fulfillment of criteria and strength of application. Deadline: May 2. Details: http://apcoworldwide.com/content/pro-bono.

William T. Grant Foundation Research Grants. The Foundation is one of the nation’s only philanthropy that primarily supports social science research to inform policies and practices that affect the lives of young people in the United States. For the past 7 years, the Foundation has supported research to increase understanding of how research evidence is acquired, understood, and used in policy and practice relevant to youth, as well as the circumstances that shape its use in decision making. Deadline: May 5. Details: http://wtgrantfoundation.org/grants/research-grants.

Healthy Eating Research: Building Evidence to Prevent Childhood Obesity. The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) is seeking research proposals to inform efforts aimed at helping all children grow up at a healthy weight. Studies must be related to food, nutrition, and healthy eating and have strong potential to help reduce children’s excess calorie intake and eliminate racial, income, and/or geographic disparities in childhood obesity rates. Up to 1/3 of available funds will be allocated to research focused on the rural U.S., Asian/Pacific Islander children, and/or American Indian children. Each grant up to $190k for max funding period of 18 months. Approx. $2.4 million will be awarded. Deadline: May 11. Details: http://rwjf.ws/1ULsRVB.

State Health Access Reform Evaluation (SHARE) 2016 Call for Proposals. Robert Wood Johnson Foundation is launching a call for proposals to support research studying how states are implementing the Affordable Care Act’s health reforms to inform current implementation efforts and future policy. RWJF is looking to fund research that could tell us how the different ways states are implementing the law could affect the way people get health insurance and access care. Up to $1.3 million in funding will be awarded, with individual grants ranging from $50K-$150K. Deadline: June 1. Details: http://rwjf.ws/1YSppIA.

Russell Sage Foundation Seeks Letters of Inquiry for Social Inequality Research. Funding is available for secondary analysis of data or for original data collection. They are especially interested in novel uses of existing data, as well as analyses of new or under-utilized data. Proposals to conduct laboratory or field experiments, in-depth qualitative interviews, and ethnographies are also encouraged. Smaller projects might
consist of exploratory fieldwork, a pilot study, or the analysis of existing data. **Deadline:** June 15  **Details:**  

- **Grants to Support the Hispanic Health Services Research Grant Program.** The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services announces funds to assist researchers in conducting health services research for 2016. The purpose is to implement Hispanic health services research activities to meet the needs of diverse CMS beneficiary populations. **Deadline:** June 29  **Details:**  

- **NUCATS Vouchers.** The Northwestern University Clinical and Translational Sciences Institute has a funding mechanism (Tier 1) 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. Up to $2500. 500 word application. **Accepted on ongoing basis.** Review within 2 weeks.  **Details:**  
http://www.nucats.northwestern.edu/funding/pilot-funding/voucher-pilot-programs

- **Robert Wood Johnson Foundation: Evidence for Action: Investigator-Initiated Research to Build a Culture of Health.** 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. Will also support efforts to assess outcomes and set priorities for action 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. Approx. $2.2 million awarded annually. Expect 5-12 grants/year for periods of up to 30 months.  **Deadline:** Rolling.  **Details:**  
http://bit.ly/1KQES8c

- **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) 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

- **Obesity Policy Evaluation Research (R01):** Seeking applications that propose to evaluate policies or large scale programs that are expected to influence obesity related behaviors (e.g., dietary intake, physical activity, or sedentary behavior) and/or weight outcomes have the potential to prevent or reduce rates of obesity.  **Details:**  

- **Diet and Physical Activity Assessment Methodology (R01):** Seeking innovative research to enhance the quality of measurements of dietary intake and physical activity. Encouraged to include development of: novel assessment approaches; better methods to evaluate instruments; assessment tools for culturally diverse populations or various age groups, including children and older adults; improved technology or applications of existing technology; statistical methods/modeling to improve assessment and/or to correct for measurement errors or biases; methods to investigate the multidimensionality of diet and physical activity behavior through

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pattern analysis; or integrated measurement of diet and physical activity along with the environmental context of such behaviors. Details: http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-16-167.html.

- Understanding Factors in Infancy and Early Childhood (Birth to 24 months) That Influence Obesity Development (R01): Seeking applications which propose to characterize or identify factors in early childhood (birth-24 months) that may increase or mitigate risk for obesity and/or excessive weight gain and/or to fill methodological research gaps relevant to the understanding of risk for development of obesity in children. Studies should propose research in children from birth to 24 months, although any proposed follow-up assessments, if applicable, may continue past this period. Studies may also assess factors relevant to families and/or caregivers of children from birth to 24 months. Should seek to fill unique research needs and involve expertise across disciplines as appropriate for the proposed research question. Details: http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-16-169.html.

- Population Health Interventions (PHIs): Integrating Individual and Group Level Evidence (R01 & R21) – To improve health and reduce disease burden, scientific research is best implemented at the biological, clinical, and population level. The goal is to promote research that aims to integrate individual factors with community and environmental factors. Population health studies focus on the "upstream" level determinants of health – those basic and primary social factors that are fundamental to group level differences in health outcomes. PHIs provide a way to advance health by linking research at a variety of different levels and allows for the consideration of scale in accounting for human interaction and environmental factors simultaneously. Details: http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-16-146.html.

- Implications of New Digital Media Use for Underage Drinking, Drinking-Related Behaviors, and Prevention Research (R01 & R21) - Seeking research on 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 exploring ways in which new digital media may be utilized as platforms for preventive interventions aimed at underage drinking & related problems. Deadline: July 5/July 17. Details: http://1.usa.gov/1bLqkAe

- Education and Health: New Frontiers (R01): The goal of this funding opportunity announcement is to support research that will further elucidate the pathways involved in the relationship between education and health outcomes and in doing so to carefully identify the specific aspects and qualities of education that are responsible for this relationship and what the mediating factors are that affect the nature of the causal relationship. Details: http://1.usa.gov/1ZxRF7Y

- Research to Actions: Assessing and Addressing Community Exposures to Environmental Contaminants (R01): This Funding Opportunity Announcement encourages applications using community-engaged research methods to investigate the potential health risks of environmental exposures of concern to the community and to implement an environmental public health action plan based on research findings. The overall goal is to support changes to prevent or reduce exposure to harmful environmental exposures and improve the health of a community. Details: http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-16-083.html.

- Reducing Health Disparities Among Minority and Underserved Children (R01, R03). Encourages research that targets the reduction of health disparities among children. Specific targeted areas include biobehavioral 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 and evaluate the comparative effectiveness of health promotion interventions conducted in traditional and nontraditional settings. Details: http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-14-033.html.

- Dissemination and Implementation Research in Health (R01, R03, R21). Supports Research that will identify, develop, evaluate, and refine effective and efficient methods, systems, infrastructures, and strategies to disseminate and implement research-tested health behavior change interventions, evidence-based prevention, early detection, diagnostic, treatment and management, and quality of life improvement services, and data monitoring and surveillance reporting tools into public health and clinical practice settings that focus on patient outcomes. May include incorporation of stakeholder relevant outcomes of research (including relevant outcomes for patients, families, providers, administrators, policymakers). Details: http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-13-055.html.
- **Health of Sexual and Gender Minority (SGM) Populations (R01/R03/R15/21)** supports 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. 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](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-15-263.html#sthash.0izZkGrL.dpuf)

- **Research on Informal and Formal Caregiving for Alzheimer's Disease (R01/R21):** Supports basic and translational research on caregiving for individuals with Alzheimer’s disease (AD), at the individual, family, community, and population level. Scope includes interventions to reduce caregiver burden and improve patient outcomes across various settings; population- and community-based research on the scope and impact of AD caregiving; improved characterization of informal and formal caregiving and the burden of caregiving across the full spectrum of the disease, including differences among socioeconomic, racial/ethnic and geographic sub-populations; and research addressing the unique challenges related to the provision of advanced AD care, including disparities in access to care. Details: [http://1.usa.gov/1JmZUoW](http://1.usa.gov/1JmZUoW)

- **Health Disparities and Alzheimer's Disease (AD) (R01/R03):** Supports studies on health disparities in AD and related disorders. Should include the study of biological, behavioral, sociocultural, and environmental factors that influence population level health differences. Approaches of interest include 1) improving recruitment and retention of populations underrepresented in AD research, 2) identifying priority factors or locating pathways and mechanisms that create and sustain AD health disparities, 3) addressing challenges faced by informal/family caregivers from diverse racial, ethnic and socioeconomic backgrounds associated with growing population of individuals with AD, and 4) understanding disparities in access to and utilization of formal long-term supports and services for those with dementia. Details: [http://1.usa.gov/1NORdJF](http://1.usa.gov/1NORdJF)

- **Time-Sensitive Obesity Policy and Program Evaluation (R01):** Accelerated review/ award process to support time-sensitive research to evaluate new policy or program likely to influence obesity related behaviors (e.g., dietary intake, physical activity, or sedentary behavior) and/or weight outcomes in effort to prevent or reduce obesity. Applications must demonstrate that evaluation of an obesity related policy and /or program offers uncommon and scientifically compelling research opportunity only available if initiated with minimum delay. Selected apps awarded within 4 mos. of due date. Details: [http://1.usa.gov/1YzmTbQ](http://1.usa.gov/1YzmTbQ)

- **Novel Behavioral Targets to Improve Adolescent Substance Abuse Treatment and Prevention Interventions (R01 & R34).** Part of a trans-NIH initiative, Collaborative Research on Addiction. Areas supported include generation and refinement of novel targets for substance abuse treatment and prevention interventions, modules or adjuncts to existing treatments and prevention interventions that 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 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. Details: [http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-15-035.html](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-15-035.html)

- **Diabetes and Cardiovascular Disease in Older Adults (R01/R21/R03).** Supporting basic, clinical, and epidemiological outcomes research on 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) epidemiology of increasing incidence and prevalence of DM with advancing age, particularly regarding potential racial-ethnic disparities, 2) elucidation of age-related mechanisms predisposing older adults to diabetes and resultant CVD, 3) understanding 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 CVD complications. Research expected to elucidate role of aging mechanisms that underlie 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. Details: [http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-15-037.html](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-15-037.html)

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• **Family and Interpersonal Relationships in an Aging Context (R01).** Research to expand understanding of role and impact of families and interpersonal relationships on health and well-being in midlife and older age. [Details](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-15-042.html)

• **Systems Science and Health in the Behavioral and Social Sciences (R01 & R21):** Supports breadth and scope of topics addressed with systems science methodologies and calls for research that is applied and/or basic in nature (including methodological and measurement development), have human behavioral and/or social science focus, and employs methodologies suited to addressing 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. [Details](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-15-048.html)

• **Arts-Based Approaches in Palliative Care for Symptom Management (R01):** Support mechanistic clinical studies aimed at understanding the impact of arts-based approaches in palliative care for symptom management. Supports mechanistic clinical studies to provide an evidence base for the use of arts in palliative care for symptom management. [Details](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-14-294.html)

• **Advancing Interventions to Improve Medication Adherence (R01 & R21).** Seeks proposed interventions to significantly improve medication adherence in individuals. May target medication adherence in context of treatment for single illness or chronic condition (e.g., hypertension), to stave off disease recurrence (e.g., cancer) or for multiple comorbid conditions (e.g., hypertension, diabetes, alcohol use disorders and HIV/AIDS). Primary outcomes can include 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, research encouraged to include 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. [Details](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-14-334.html)

• **Self-Management for Health in Chronic Conditions (R01, R15, R21).** Recent report from Institute of Medicine identifies epidemic of chronic condition as nation’s leading health challenge and calls for cross-cutting, coordinated public health actions for “living well with chronic illness”. Focuses on self-management as mainstream science in order to reduce burden of chronic illnesses/conditions. Self-management is ability of individual, in conjunction with family, community, and healthcare professionals, to manage symptoms, treatments, lifestyle changes, and psychosocial, cultural, and spiritual consequences associated with chronic illness or condition. [Details](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-14-344.html)

• **Improving Delivery of HIV Prevention and Treatment through Implementation Science and Translational Research (R01 & R21):** Supports research to increase public health impact of efficacious HIV/AIDS-related interventions for prevention & treatment. To maximize impact of available interventions, significant progress needed to advance science designed to get interventions to men, women, & children who need them. The goals are to learn how best to deliver interventions more efficiently and effectively in real-world communities/clinics, to more readily transfer interventions from one setting or population to another, & to make better informed choices for combination intervention packages. [Details](http://1.usa.gov/1qsjFdx)

• **Testing and Developing Interventions for Health-Enhancing Physical Activity (R01/R21/R33).** Seeking highly innovative & promising research that tests multi-level intervention programs of 1-2 years in length 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 & sustainable for broad use across US. 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). [Details](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-14-315.html)

### Calls for Papers/Proposals/Other Opportunities

• **Call for Applications for Northwestern University Faculty & Staff: Change Makers 2016-17 Cohort.** This program is an opportunity for Northwestern staff to learn from each other's experiences and to gain insight and understanding from our varying unique identities. Change Makers become part of a growing community empowered to become effective agents of change at both Northwestern and at home. This program consists of a 2-day kick-off in October and monthly meetings over lunch throughout the academic year. [Details](http://www.northwestern.edu/womenscenter/programs-events/change-makers/index.html)

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• **Call for papers: The role of Racism in Health Inequalities: Integrating Approaches from Across Disciplines.** Soliciting manuscripts for inclusion in special issue of Social Science and Medicine titled, “The Role of Racism in Health Inequalities.” Welcome conceptual or empirical manuscripts with US domestic or international focus on the topic of racism and health. Particularly interested in manuscripts that employ interdisciplinary, intersectional, and/or innovative approaches to the conceptualization and measurement of three broad categories of racism in relation to health: structural racism. **Deadline:** May 31 Details: [http://www.journals.elsevier.com/social-science-and-medicine/call-for-papers/call-for-papers-the-role-of-racism-in-health-inequalities-in](http://www.journals.elsevier.com/social-science-and-medicine/call-for-papers/call-for-papers-the-role-of-racism-in-health-inequalities-in).

• **Healthiest Cities & Counties Challenge Application.** We believe a healthy city/county is economically competitive, inclusive and equitable. That's why we’re calling on cities and counties across the country to join the Healthiest Cities & Counties Challenge. The Challenge is a partnership between the Aetna Foundation, the American Public Health Association and the National Association of Counties and administered by CEOs For Cities. The partnership empowers small to mid-size U.S. cities and counties to create a positive health impact. **Deadline:** May 31 Details: [http://test.healthiestcities.org/](http://test.healthiestcities.org/).

• **NIH National Institute on Minority Health & Health Disparities Summer Institute on Health Disparities Science, Aug 15-19.** The program will support the development of individual research projects by promising scientists early in their careers and will stimulate research in the disciplines supported by science on minority health and health disparities. Feature lectures, seminars, and small group discussions on research relevant to minority health and health disparities. It will also include sessions with NIH scientific staff engaged in related health disparities research across the various Institutes and Centers. **Deadline:** June 1. Details: [http://www.nimhd.nih.gov/programs/Ed_Training_Outreach/2016_HDcourse.html](http://www.nimhd.nih.gov/programs/Ed_Training_Outreach/2016_HDcourse.html).

• **Faculty Scholars Program in Integrative Healthcare.** Northwestern Medicine Osher Center for Integrative Medicine Faculty Scholars Program in Integrative Healthcare is now accepting applications for the 2016-2017 academic year. All teaching, research and clinical faculty, clinical staff and fellows within the Northwestern Medicine and Northwestern University community are invited to apply. The program prepares faculty to incorporate theoretical, scientific, and clinical information related to complementary, alternative, and integrative therapies into their respective field(s). **Deadline:** July 6 Details: [http://ocim.nm.org/](http://ocim.nm.org/).

• **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](http://www.nucats.northwestern.edu/about/nucats-faqs.html#researchnav).

**Resources**

• **Announcing ARCC’s 2016 Community-Engaged Research Partnership Award Winner:** Reducing Cancer Health Disparities Among Chicago-area Latinos/as. This exemplary partnership between ALAS-WINGS and Dr. David Victorson and his team in Medical Social Sciences at Northwestern’s Feinberg School of Medicine collaborates on research projects aimed at improving the health of and resources for Latino/a cancer survivors. ARCC established this Award to recognize community-engaged research partnerships that exemplify strong collaborative community research principles and have made an impact on the health of their community. Details: [http://bit.ly/1o6NG1l](http://bit.ly/1o6NG1l).

• **Chicago Community Area Data.** Learn more about each of Chicago’s 77 community areas in IMPACT’s neighborhood data book. Community-level data on race, poverty, employment status, and many other indicators. Learn about your community area and others, including info about trends since 2000. Visit: [http://socialimpactresearchcenter.issuelab.org/resource/chicago_community_area_indicators_2014](http://socialimpactresearchcenter.issuelab.org/resource/chicago_community_area_indicators_2014).

• **People’s Policy Institute:** PPI’s Collaborative Policy Design process brings together diverse stakeholders to review available evidence, conduct just-in-time research, develop policy alternatives, build constituencies, advocate for systems-level change, and evaluate implementation. Services include Workshops, Policy Research, Coalition Convening, and Coaching. [http://policypeople.org/](http://policypeople.org/).
CCH Director Presented at IPHAM PCORI Seminar. On March 10th, CCH Director Ron Ackermann, M.D. was a panelist at the special Institute for Public Health and Medicine (IPHAM) seminar "Jump Start Your Patient-Centered Outcome Research (PCOR) Project: Internal and External Funding Opportunities & Resources". Courtney Clyatt, MA, MPH, Senior Program Associate for Engagement at the Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI) and Zeeshan Butt, PhD, Associate Director of IPHAM's Center for Patient-Centered Outcomes also presented. Watch the session recording: https://mediasite.fsm.northwestern.edu/Mediasite/Play/abb680882fc740549efe38794c3dd78f1d?platform=hootsuite.

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