Resources & Opportunities for Community & Academic Partners

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Events

• **14th Annual Lewis Landsberg Research Day, April 5.** 14th Annual Lewis Landsberg Research Day. Keynote speaker: Mina J. Bissell, PhD, Distinguished Scientist, Biological Systems and Engineering Division, E. O. Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory. Located at the Robert H. Lurie Medical Research Center and Third Floor Conference Center Northwestern Memorial Hospital Feinberg Pavilion. ARCC will be presenting their 2018 Community-Engaged Research Partnership Award. Details: https://planitpurple.northwestern.edu/event/521230.

• **Chicago Public Health GIS Network Calendar:** Details: https://chipublichealthgis.wordpress.com/.
  - Apr 13: GIS, EHR data and Spatial Science at CHIP
  - May: Opensource GIS Workshop (TBD)

• **PolicyLink Equity Summit, April 11-13, 2018:** Our Power. Our Future. Our Nation. To help catalyze advances in social justice locally. The Equity Summit is a call to activists, organizers, and leaders to step into our power, activate our imaginations, and set the national agenda. That agenda will build on what’s been learned about advancing equity and justice and push to achieve the scale required for all to reach our full potential. Details: https://www.policylink.org/equity-summit-2018.

• **Third Annual Faith, Health & Research Conference, April 19.** This year’s theme is “Leading Causes of Life for Survivors: Faith-Based Research on Cancer and Survivorship”. Keynote Speaker: Rev. Julian DeShazer, Pastor, University Church. The conference will include Research Presentations, Survivor Stories, Breakout Sessions, Group Discussions, and Networking. ARCC is a co-sponsor and Pastors4PCOR, the ARCC 2017 Partnership Award winner is presenting. Details: http://bit.ly/2oTBdAP.

• **Memory Loss and Care Giving: Will You Remember Me? April 21.** University of Chicago’s Community Grand Rounds is a series of events held in community settings focusing on how research can help improve health on the South Side. Events include networking, presentations, and audience question and answer sessions. The April session will focus on the topic of dementia and how it affects the patient and caregiver. ARCC is a co-sponsor. Details: https://bit.ly/2GswnF3.

• **Research on the Health and Well-Being of African American Men: Emerging Issues and Research Practices, April 25.** ARCC is co-sponsoring and is convening a panel of community members for this seminar presented by the Center for Clinical and Translational Science (CCTS). This free workshop is designed to provide an overview of African American men’s health, as well as discuss emerging issues and research best practices with regards to recruitment and retention, measurement, and community engagement in this population. Details: https://www.redcap.ihrp.uic.edu/surveys/?s=MALJ3ENTT7.

• **IRRPP Policy 101 New Media Workshop, April 27.** This panel will address strategies for researchers to utilize various platforms to get stories out through “New Media” – the wide range of social and web-based media content sources through which much of the public gets its news and information today. Topics covered will include the importance of a web and social identity; strategizing your new media presence for your intended audiences; and tailoring your content for the appropriate platform. The workshop will highlight examples of academics who are regularly featured on web news sites or with blogs whose posts are frequently shared on curated news sites and social media. Details: http://irrpp.uic.edu/events/FY2018/April/4-27-2018.shtml.

• **Home and Community-Based Service Agency Academic Partnership, June 8.** Home Care Aides Patient-Centered Education & Engagement in Research (HAPEER) is bringing agencies and researchers together with home care aides, clients, and informal caregivers who have engaged in PCORI-funded research projects to discuss lessons learned. Details: [https://planitpurple.northwestern.edu/event/531833](https://planitpurple.northwestern.edu/event/531833).

• **8th International Conference on Patient- and Family-Centered Care: Promoting Health Equity and Reducing Disparities, June 11-13, 2018, Baltimore.** Will feature programs and strategies that address disparities in health and health care, as well as programs that are dedicated to collaboration among health care professionals, patients, and families to address the challenges in complex health care systems. Provides opportunities to share innovations at the direct care level as well as the organizational, community, regional, and national levels. Details: [http://ipfcc.org/events/conference.html](http://ipfcc.org/events/conference.html).

• **Building Racial Equity Training, July 17 & 19, 2018.** Race Forward’s interactive training is for those who wish to sharpen their skills and strategies to address structural racism and advance racial equity. Unlike “diversity trainings” which primarily focus on interpersonal relations and understanding, the Building Racial Equity trainings emphasize how to challenge and change institutional racial inequities. Details: [https://www.raceforward.org/trainings](https://www.raceforward.org/trainings).

**Grant Opportunities**

- **Jackson National Community Fund.** The Jackson National Community Fund (JNCF) is offering grants to Colorado, Illinois, Michigan, and Tennessee nonprofit and charitable organizations in eligible communities for activities that benefit children and seniors. Eligible communities include Lansing, Michigan; Denver, Colorado; Nashville, Tennessee; and Chicago, Illinois. JNCF philanthropic dollars are invested in projects that strengthen families and increase economic opportunities to make a meaningful, long-term impact in the places we work and live. Priority is given to projects within specific focus areas. Deadline: April 5. Details: [https://www.jackson.com/our-company/in-the-community/jncf-grant-application.xhtml](https://www.jackson.com/our-company/in-the-community/jncf-grant-application.xhtml).

- **Chicago Fund for Safe and Peaceful Communities.** Recognizing the potential for a spike in violence in Chicago during the summer months, the Partnership for Safe and Peaceful Communities, a coalition of funders committed to aligning their grant making to support proven and promising approaches to reducing gun violence, will once again administer the Chicago Fund for Safe and Peaceful Communities, a $850,000 fund to support activities by nonprofit organizations that build community cohesion and promote safety and peace. A rapid-response process has been established to receive and review short proposals, and quickly award grants ranging from $1,000 to $10,000. Deadline: April 17. Details: [http://www.safeandpeacefulchi.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/2018-SPCF-RFP-FINAL.pdf](http://www.safeandpeacefulchi.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/2018-SPCF-RFP-FINAL.pdf).

- **Aetna Foundation 2018 Cultivating Healthy Communities Grant Program.** Over the past 3 years, programming has been expanded beyond its past focus on physical activity, urban farms, and local food. There’s still commitment to these areas, and they’ll be considered under this RFP. But the program as a whole aims to have broader impact and reach more spaces in the community. That’s why we are inviting projects that address issues in the following domains: Built Environment, Community Safety, Environmental Exposures, Healthy Behaviors, and Social/Economic Factors. We are especially interested in projects that advance resident- or youth-led initiatives, and projects that seek to influence and strengthen local policies that impact residents’ health. Deadline: April 18. Details: [https://www.aetna-foundation.org/grants-partnerships/grants/cultivating-healthy-communities-rfp.html](https://www.aetna-foundation.org/grants-partnerships/grants/cultivating-healthy-communities-rfp.html).

- **2018 ARCC Community-Engaged Research Seed Grants Request for Application.** Northwestern University Clinical & Translational Sciences Institute (NUCATS)/Alliance for Research in Chicagoland Communities (ARCC)/Northwestern Medicine will fund Seed Grants that support the development of partnerships and projects that engage communities and stakeholders in research collaboration with Northwestern research teams to improve health. Partnership development awards and research development awards. Deadline: Apr 23 (call required with ARCC Director by Apr 2 to be cleared to submit). Details: [http://www.feinberg.northwestern.edu/sites/cch/funding/seed-grants/arcc/index.html](http://www.feinberg.northwestern.edu/sites/cch/funding/seed-grants/arcc/index.html).

- **African American Pharmacogenomic Consortium Network Community Pilot Grant Application (ACCOuNT) Pilot Grants.** Provides funding to programs that will accelerate the uptake of cardiovascular pharmacogenomics research findings among community physicians and patients in the African American
community. Examples of potential projects include educating community residents about participation in clinical/genetic research and educating community leaders (pastors, civic leaders) about the importance of genetic testing. **Deadline:** April 27. **Details:** [https://itm.uchicago.edu/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/ACCOuNT-rfa-Spring-2018.pdf](https://itm.uchicago.edu/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/ACCOuNT-rfa-Spring-2018.pdf)

- **William T. Grant Foundation: Inequality Research.** Accepting applications in support of research projects designed to advance understanding in the area of inequalities in youth development and/or increase understanding of how research is acquired, understood, and used, as well as the circumstances that shape its use in decision making. Grants of up to $600K in support of research that focuses on ways to reduce disparities in academic, behavioral, social, and economic outcomes for youth. Priority given to projects related to inequality related to economic, racial/ethnic, and language background, but research that explores other areas will also be considered. **Deadline:** May 2. **Details:** [https://philanthropynewsdigest.org/rfps/rfp8492-william-t-grant-foundation-seeks-applications-for-inequality-research](https://philanthropynewsdigest.org/rfps/rfp8492-william-t-grant-foundation-seeks-applications-for-inequality-research).

- **Northwestern University Clinical & Translation Sciences (NUCATS) Institute Pilot Awards.** These awards of up to $10,000 address the small gaps in clinical and translational research that are not funded by other sources. **Includes pilots focused on Research Dissemination & Implementation.** **Deadline:** June 15. **Details:** [http://nucats.northwestern.edu/funding/pilot-funding/nucats-voucher-and-pilot-programs.html](http://nucats.northwestern.edu/funding/pilot-funding/nucats-voucher-and-pilot-programs.html).

- **Robert Wood Johnson Foundation RWJF: 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 key determinants of health encompassed in 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](http://bit.ly/1KQES8c)


- **Northwestern Interdisciplinary Program 1-2-3 Seed Funding Program.** The Office for Research and Dean’s 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/](http://www.research.northwestern.edu/interdisciplinary123/)

### National Institutes of Health (NIH) Funding

- **Youth Violence Prevention Interventions that Incorporate Racism/Discrimination Prevention (R01).** To support research to develop and test youth violence prevention interventions that incorporate racism/discrimination 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 11-18. It is expected that projects will involve collaborations from a variety of relevant organizations or groups, including but not limited to academic institutions, health service providers and systems, state and local public health agencies, school systems, school-based student or parent associations, community-based organizations, and...
Strategies to Increase Delivery of Guideline-Based Care to Populations with Health Disparities (R01)
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. [https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-18-133.html](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-18-133.html) Expires 6/22/18

The Health of Sexual and Gender Minority (SGM) Populations (R01, R03, R21, 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. Details: [https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-18-037.html](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-18-037.html) Expires 9/8/18


Research on Informal and Formal Caregiving for Alzheimer’s Disease (R01/R21): Supports basic & translational research on caregiving for individuals with Alzheimer’s disease (AD), at the individual, family, community, & population level. Scope includes interventions to reduce caregiver burden & improve patient outcomes across various settings; population- & community-based research on the scope & impact of AD caregiving; improved characterization of informal & 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. Expires 9/8/18 Details: [http://1.usa.gov/1JmZUoW](http://1.usa.gov/1JmZUoW) Expires 5/8/19

Health Disparities and Alzheimer’s Disease (AD) (R01/R03): Supports studies on health disparities in AD & 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. Expires 9/8/18 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. 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) Expires 9/14/18

Clinical Trials to Test the Effectiveness of Treatment, Preventive, and Services Interventions (R01, R61/33, R33, R34). Support clinical trials to establish the effectiveness of interventions and to test hypotheses regarding moderators, mediators, and mechanisms of action of these interventions. Supports clinical trials designed to test the therapeutic value of treatment and preventive interventions for which there is already evidence of efficacy, for use in community and practice settings. Also supports clinical trials to test patient-, provider-, organizational-, or systems-level services interventions to improve access, continuity, quality, equity, and/or value of services. The intervention research covered under this announcement is explicitly focused on practice-relevant questions. Given the focus on practice-relevant questions in community and...
practice settings, collaborations between academic researchers and clinical or community practice partners or networks are expected. When possible, studies should capitalize on existing infrastructure (e.g., practice-based research networks such as the NIMH-sponsored Mental Health Research Network (MHRN), electronic medical records, administrative data bases, patient registries, institutions with CTSAs). Details: https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-18-002.html. Expires: 11/16/18

- Social Epigenomics Research Focused on Minority Health & Health Disparities (R01): Support & accelerate human epigenomic investigations focused on identifying & characterizing mechanisms by which social experiences at various stages in life, both positive & negative, affect gene function & thereby influence health trajectories or modify disease risk in racial/ethnic minority & health disparity populations. Details: https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-16-355.html. Expires: 11/16/18


- Education and Health: New Frontiers (R01): 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. Expires 1/8/19


- Intervening with Cancer Caregivers to Improve Patient Health Outcomes and Optimize Health Care Utilization (R01 & R21). Intervention research designed to support caregivers of adult cancer patients. Interventions supported by this FOA are intended to provide caregivers with care training, promote coping skills, and ultimately help them manage care. Outcomes of such interventions are expected to 1) optimize patient health care utilization, 2) improve caregiver well-being, & 3) improve patient physical health and psychosocial outcomes. \textit{Collaboration of diverse stakeholders} (i.e., clinicians, researchers, administrators, patients, & caregivers) \textit{in development of interventions is also encouraged}. \textit{Studies targeting or expanding inclusion of medically underserved and underrepresented patient-caregiver populations, such as patients with less-common tumor types, racial/ethnic minorities, socioeconomically disadvantaged, rural populations, \& sexual/gender minorities will be given special consideration. Studies that include caregivers of individuals with cancer and concurrent comorbidities are strongly encouraged. }https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-18-246.html Expires 4/12/2019

- Health Services Research on Minority Health & Health Disparities (R01): Encouraging innovative health services research that can directly & demonstrably contribute to improvement of minority health and/or the reduction of health disparities at health care system-level \& within clinical settings. Details: http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-16-221.html. Expires 4/12/19

- Dissemination and Implementation Research in Health (R01, R03, R21): Research to 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, \& community settings. In addition, studies to advance dissemination \& implementation research methods \& measures are encouraged. Encourage studies that move away from exclusively "top-down" approach to \textit{greater emphasis on resources of local care settings \& needs of multiple stakeholders, including approaches such as team science, community based participatory research, action research \& related frameworks that engage stakeholders \& end users throughout the process}. \textbf{Collaborative Research:} Applicants encouraged to form trans-disciplinary teams of scientists and practice stakeholders to work together to develop and/or test conceptual models that may be applicable across diverse community and practice settings and patient populations. Details: https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-16-237.html Expires 5/8/19.
• Research to Actions: Assessing and Addressing Community Exposures to Environmental Contaminants (R01): 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. Expires 5/8/19

• 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: http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-16-165.html. Expires 5/8/19

• Stimulating Innovations in Behavioral Intervention Research for Cancer Prevention and Control (R21): To provide support for development of innovative interventions that improve cancer-related health behaviors across diverse racial/ethnic populations. Specifically, intended to stimulate research aimed at 1) testing new theories & conceptual frameworks; 2) developing & evaluating novel strategies to improve cancer-related health behaviors; 3) investigating multi-level & multi-behavioral approaches; & 4) utilizing innovative research designs, methodologies, and technologies. Cancer-related health behaviors to be targeted are diet, obesity, physical activity & sedentary behavior, smoking, sleep & circadian dysfunction, alcohol use, &/or adherence to cancer-related medical regimens. Research can involve any aspect of the cancer continuum & any phase of translational spectrum. Details: http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-16-278.html. Expires 5/8/19

• 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 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. Expires 5/8/19

• Understanding Factors in Infancy & Early Childhood (Birth to 24 months) that Influence Obesity Development (R01): Seeking proposals to characterize or identify factors in early childhood (birth-24 mos) that may increase or mitigate risk for obesity and/or excessive weight gain and/or to fill methodological research gaps relevant to understanding of risk for development of obesity in children. Details: http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-16-169.html. Expires 5/8/19

• 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. Expires 5/8/19

• Surgical Disparities Research (R01 & R21). Investigative & collaborative research focused on understanding & addressing disparities in surgical care & outcomes, in minority & health disparity populations. While goal is to better understand and explore effectiveness of clinical intervention approaches for addressing surgical disparities, this initiative will also seek to identify multi-level strategies at the institutional and systems level. Research methods could include Participatory engagement of stakeholders (hospitals, surgical facilities, patients and caregivers, clinicians, surgical care teams, community groups, administrators, policymakers) in the formulation of the research and to the extent necessary, in the implementation of the research. https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-18-288.html Expires 6/8/2019

• Methodology & Measurement in Behavioral & Social Sciences (R01 &R21): Behavioral and social sciences offer significant fundamental insights into the comprehensive understanding of human health, including disease etiology, prevention, treatment, and the promotion of health and well-being. To advance the investigation of behavioral and social factors in health and disease, and enhance the rigor and reproducibility

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of study results, the participating Institutes and Centers (ICs) invite qualified researchers to submit research grant applications on methodology and measurement in the behavioral and social sciences relevant to the missions of the NIH ICs. Details: https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-16-260.html. Expires 9/8/19

- **Detecting & Preventing Suicide Behavior, Ideation and Self-Harm in Youth in Contact with the Juvenile Justice System (R01 & R34):** 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 by youth in contact with the juvenile justice system. Inviting 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. Community-based points of intervention are likely to play a significant role in effective intervention strategies, and might include: behavioral or primary health care settings, educational or vocational settings, family services, etc. Collaboration with multiple stakeholders (e.g. case managers, parole or probation officers, school counselors, peer-counselors, family members, program managers, policy leaders, etc.) can contribute to shaping interventions that can be feasibly delivered and have likelihood of rapid scale-up. The ability to link justice, educational and/or health care data systems may enable assessment of the efficiency and full impact of interventions. Details: http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-16-299.html. Expires 9/8/19

- **Strengthening the HIV Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) Care Continuum through Behavioral, Social, and Implementation Science (R01 & R21):** Support innovative research to develop & implement effective interventions to address health disparities among U.S. immigrant populations. Projects should involve collaborations among relevant stakeholders in US immigrant population groups, such as researchers, community organizations, healthcare providers, public health organizations, consumer advocacy groups, and faith-based organizations. As appropriate for the research questions posed, inclusion of key immigrant community members in the conceptualization, planning and implementation of the research is encouraged (but not required) to generate better-informed hypotheses and enhance the translation of the research results into practice. Details: http://bit.ly/2gc8D7D. Expires 1/8/2020

- **Addressing Health Disparities through Effective Interventions among Immigrant Populations (R01, R21):** Support innovative research to develop & implement effective interventions to address health disparities among U.S. immigrant populations. Projects should involve collaborations among relevant stakeholders in US immigrant population groups, such as researchers, community organizations, healthcare providers, public health organizations, consumer advocacy groups, and faith-based organizations. As appropriate for the research questions posed, inclusion of key immigrant community members in the conceptualization, planning and implementation of the research is encouraged (but not required) to generate better-informed hypotheses and enhance the translation of the research results into practice. Details: http://bit.ly/2gc8D7D. Expires 1/8/2020

- **Addressing Health Disparities in NIDDK Diseases (R01):** Research to understand & mitigate health disparities in the development, diagnosis, & treatment of diseases of high priority to National Institute of Diabetes & Digestive & Kidney Diseases (NIDDK). Research is encouraged in the following high priority diseases: diabetes and other endocrine and metabolic diseases; obesity; nutrition-related disorders; hepatitis C; gallbladder disease; H. Pylori infection; complications of sickle cell disease within the NIDDK mission areas; kidney diseases; urologic diseases; metabolic, gastrointestinal, hepatic, and renal complications from infection with HIV; and mechanistic research in hematologic diseases. Details: https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-18-412.html. Expires 1/8/20

- **Improving Individual and Family Outcomes through Continuity and Coordination of Care in Hospice (R01, R21):** Research that focuses on reducing negative individual and family outcomes related to unwanted transitions at the end of life and optimizing the individual and family outcomes related to high quality coordination of care of care of individuals who are enrolled in hospice. This FOA emphasizes individuals who are receiving hospice care and their family caregivers, in any setting where hospice care is provided, including their home, a relative’s home, a hospice inpatient facility, an assisted living facility, a short- or long-term care facility, or a hospital. Details: https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-18-148.html. Expires 1/8/2020.

- **Addressing Unmet Needs in Persons with Dementia to Decrease Behavioral Symptoms and Improve Quality of Life (R01, R21):** Research addressing behavioral and psychological symptoms of dementia (BPSD) and the association of BPSD with unmet physical, social, or environmental needs in persons with dementia. Details: https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-18-147.html. Expires 1/8/2020.

- **Promoting Caregiver Health Using Self-Management (R01):** The purpose of this initiative is to stimulate research in promoting caregiver health using self-management. Caregiving is an important science area since the number of people living longer with chronic conditions is growing. Informal caregivers (lay caregivers) are
defined as unpaid individuals (spouses, partners, family members, friends, or neighbors) involved in assisting others with activities of daily living and/or medical tasks. Formal caregivers are paid, delivering care in one’s home or care settings (daycare, residential care facility). This concept focuses on informal caregivers.


- **Research to Support the Reduction and Elimination of Mental Health Disparities:** Administrative Supplements to active National Institute of Mental Health (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 U.S. Aims to generate research within scientific scope of 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. https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-18-621.html. Expires 6/2/20.

- **Implementing the Most Successful Interventions to Improve HIV/AIDS Outcomes in U.S. Communities (R21):** Research to translate & adapt most successful global, evidence-based HIV-related service provision strategies to marginalized populations in 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% of all people living with HIV will know their HIV status, 90% of all people with diagnosed HIV infection will receive sustained antiretroviral therapy & 90% of all people receiving antiretroviral therapy will have viral suppression. Expires 1/8/21.

- **Testing Interventions for Health-Enhancing Physical Activity (R01):** Fund highly innovative and promising research that tests multi-level physical activity intervention programs acting on at least two levels of socio-ecological model and designed to increase health-enhancing physical activity: 1) in persons or groups that can benefit from such activity; & 2) that could be made scalable and sustainable for broad use across nation. Provides support for up to 5 years for research planning, intervention delivery, and follow-up activities. Expires 1/8/21 Details: https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-17-306.html.

- **Fundamental Science Research on Mind and Body Approaches (R01):** Investigate the fundamental science of mind and body approaches, including mind/brain-focused practices (e.g., meditation, hypnosis), body-based approaches (e.g., acupuncture, massage, spinal manipulation/mobilization), meditative exercise (e.g., yoga, tai chi, qi gong), art and music therapies, or integrative approaches combining several components. Expires 1/8/21. Details: https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-18-323.html.

- **Community Partnerships to Advance Research (CPAR) (R01):** This funding opportunity announcement (FOA) encourages researchers to partner with community groups, using Community Engaged Research (CEnR) methodologies that will enhance relationships and lead to better intervention development and positive health outcomes. Expires 1/8/21. Details: https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-18-377.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. Expires 1/8/21 Details: https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-18-376.html.

**Patient Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI) Funding**

- **Eugene Washington PCORI Engagement Awards: Dissemination Initiatives** provide support for organizations and communities to actively disseminate PCORI-funded research findings—on their own or as part of the body of existing evidence relevant to the PCORI-funded research findings. These projects will aim to spread awareness and increase knowledge of evidence from PCORI-funded research, targeted directly to patients, clinicians, and others who can use this information to inform their healthcare decisions. Max award is $300,000 over 2 years. LOI Deadline: 6/1/18. Details: https://www.pcori.org/funding-opportunities/announcement/engagement-award-dissemination-initiatives.
- **Eugene Washington PCORI Engagement Awards: Capacity Building** provide support for projects that aim to build a community of individuals and organizations better able to participate in PCOR/CER, and/or develop infrastructure and partnerships to disseminate PCORI-funded research results. Max award is $250,000 over 2 years. **LOI Deadline:** 6/1/18. **Details:** [https://www.pcori.org/funding-opportunities/announcement/engagement-award-capacity-building](https://www.pcori.org/funding-opportunities/announcement/engagement-award-capacity-building).

- **Eugene Washington PCORI Engagement Awards: Conference Support** provide support for conferences, workshops, and other organized and formal meetings where individuals gather to explore issues related to PCOR/CER, or communicate PCORI-funded research results to targeted end-user audiences. Max award is $50,000 over 2 years. **LOI Deadline:** 6/1/18 **Details:** [https://www.pcori.org/funding-opportunities/announcement/engagement-award-conference-support](https://www.pcori.org/funding-opportunities/announcement/engagement-award-conference-support).

**Calls for Papers/Proposals/Other Opportunities**

- **Ready Set Go (RSG)** is an 8-week research communication training program offered as a non-credit course to TGS PhD and post-doctoral researchers. **Applications due:** April 11 **Details:** [http://rsg.northwestern.edu/](http://rsg.northwestern.edu/).

- **Engaging Muslim Activists for Research on Community Health [E-MARCH]**. The Initiative on Islam and Medicine at the University of Chicago, UMMA Community Clinic, Whitestone Foundation, and Worry Free Community are collaborating to identify a cohort of Muslim American community leaders. Will prepare ‘cohort to perform religiously and culturally relevant patient-centered outcomes research (PCOR). **Deadline:** April 30. **Details:** [https://pmr.uchicago.edu/page/engaging-muslim-activists-research-community-health-e-march](https://pmr.uchicago.edu/page/engaging-muslim-activists-research-community-health-e-march).

- **Leshner Leadership Institute for Public Engagement with Science**. 15 AAAS Leshner Fellows are selected from disciplines at the nexus of an important science-society issue. They convene for week of intensive public engagement & science communication training & public engagement plan development. They’re also encouraged to consider collaborative projects with other fellows to pursue over the year. Fellows return to their institutions with renewed commitment to develop & implement public engagement activities, train & mentor other scientists in their communities, & promote public engagement within their institutions. **Deadline:** Oct 1 **Details:** [https://www.aaas.org/pes/leshner-leadership-institute](https://www.aaas.org/pes/leshner-leadership-institute).

- **Health Equity Leadership Institute (HELI) Accepting Applications**. Hosted by University of Wisconsin-Madison Collaborative Center for Health Equity in collaboration with longtime colleagues at the University of Maryland, College Park. **Details:** [https://uwheli.com/2017/12/12/heli-2018-application-example/](https://uwheli.com/2017/12/12/heli-2018-application-example/).

- **Implementation Team Scientist Faculty Position**: Dept of Psychiatry and Behavioral Science, Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine seeks full-time, non-tenure eligible Team Scientist at rank of Assistant Professor. Candidate will be affiliated with the Center for Prevention Implementation Methodology (Ce-PIM). Responsibilities include developing collaborations to integrate implementation science into all stages of health research, developing a specialty area of research in implementation science and methodology, and advancing the knowledge of implementation science both locally and nationally. **Details:** [http://psychiatry.northwestern.edu/docs/Positions/implementation_advertisement_31493.pdf](http://psychiatry.northwestern.edu/docs/Positions/implementation_advertisement_31493.pdf).

- **Call for Abstracts: Health Education & Behavior Special Theme Issue: Collaborating for Equity & Justice**. Journal is committed to advancing the evidence-base for scholarship and practical strategies for achieving health equity. Theme will highlight recent work on how to work best towards transformative change. **Deadline:** July 2. **Details:** [https://www.sophe.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/09/Call-for-Papers-FINAL.pdf](https://www.sophe.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/09/Call-for-Papers-FINAL.pdf).

- **Call for Papers: Collection on Population Health Improvements**. Preventing Chronic Disease (PCD) invites authors to submit manuscripts for publication in a collection entitled “Population Health Improvement Through Linkages Between Health Care Systems, Public Health, and Communities.” PCD invites authors to submit manuscripts on research, evaluation, and other work describing innovative and effective work to link health care and community health in ways that improve population health. **Deadline:** Nov 16. **Details:** [https://bit.ly/2q62sJ7](https://bit.ly/2q62sJ7).

- **Help improve the relevance and use of Northwestern University research**: The Center for Community Health is seeking community stakeholders and patients that may be interested in becoming an expert panelist for CCH’s Stakeholder-Academic Resource Panels (ShARPs). **Details:** [https://redcap.nubic.northwestern.edu/redcap/surveys/?s=J38APWRHD3](https://redcap.nubic.northwestern.edu/redcap/surveys/?s=J38APWRHD3).
Resources

- **NEW UIC Center for Clinical & Translational Science Hispanic and Latino/Latina Target Population Toolkit Available.** The newest addition to CCTS’s Target Population Toolkit provides information and resources to researchers working with Hispanic and Latina/Latino populations. Created by the Recruitment, Retention and Community Engagement Program, this toolkit will help researchers become familiar with some of the major issues related to research within the Hispanic community. Additionally, each toolkit provides links and resources to help facilitate the research process. View toolkit here: [https://bit.ly/2uHupvC](https://bit.ly/2uHupvC).

- **City of Chicago Health Department Releases Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Health Report.** The [Chicago Department of Public Health (CDPH)](https://www.cityofchicago.org/content/dam/city/depts/cdph/LGBTQHealth/CDPH_2017LGBT_Report_r6a.pdf) today released a report describing the health status of Lesbian, Gay Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) Chicago residents. The report provides an in depth look at lesbian, gay and bisexual individuals across three life stages – youth (9th-12th grades), young adults (18-44 years) and older adults (45+ years), as well as data on transgender adults. The report also provides the first-ever population estimate and demographic profile for all LGBT adults. View the report here: [https://www.cityofchicago.org/content/dam/city/depts/cdph/LGBTQHealth/CDPH_2017LGBT_Report_r6a.pdf](https://www.cityofchicago.org/content/dam/city/depts/cdph/LGBTQHealth/CDPH_2017LGBT_Report_r6a.pdf).

- **Health & Medicine Policy Research Group** recently published two new reports on safety net issues in health reform: In 2017 Health & Medicine conducted a research project examining how the ACA and state level health reforms can support the move toward health equity and stronger communities in the Chicago area with a specific focus on the Western Suburbs. This research led to two papers:
  - *Beyond the Clinic: A National Health Equity Review Implications for our local safety net (March 2018)*
  - *A Qualitative Review of Chicago’s West Suburban Safety Net: Consequences, Adaptation, and Recommendations for Future Reform (March 2018)*

- **Northwestern Open Access Fund.** Program to support Northwestern scholars who wish to make their journal articles openly available immediately upon publication, and to support gold open access publishers around the world. Available for authors who don’t have other sources of funding to cover publication costs, such as research grants, or departmental funds. Limit of up to $3K per award per author for each fiscal year (Sept-Aug). Apply: [http://www.library.northwestern.edu/research/scholarly/open-access-fund-request.html](http://www.library.northwestern.edu/research/scholarly/open-access-fund-request.html).

- **NUCATS Impact Submission Form** gives investigators, stakeholders, research personnel, and NUCATS staff the opportunity to share how NCUATS supports clinical and translational research at Northwestern. Details: [https://nucats.northwestern.edu/about/nucats-impact](https://nucats.northwestern.edu/about/nucats-impact).

- **Request a consultation with Northwestern’s Center for Community Health (CCH).** CCH offers consultations to investigators and research teams to assist with community/patient/stakeholder engagement, project or proposal design/review/support, dissemination of findings to community audiences, etc. To request, complete this form: [https://redcap.nubic.northwestern.edu/redcap/surveys/?s=NHMCRLC8W9](https://redcap.nubic.northwestern.edu/redcap/surveys/?s=NHMCRLC8W9).

- **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](http://www.ARCCresources.net)