Available online [here](http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=tqbglstab&oeidk=a07efe131mxd18f84d3) or [www.ARCConline.net](http://www.ARCConline.net). New additions highlighted. Updated as of 6/4/2018

### Events

- **Seminar: Integrative Medicine for the Underserved: Innovative Models of Care. June 7, 12-1 pm.** Northwestern’s Institute for Public Health & Medicine & the Osher Center for Integrative Medicine presents speaker Sreela Namboodiri, MD, Integrative Medicine Fellow, Osher Center for Integrative Medicine. [Details](https://planitpurple.northwestern.edu/event/534262)

- **Home & Community-Based Service Agency Academic Partnership: A Research Engagement Workshop, June 8.** HAPEER: Home Care Aides Patient Centered Education and Engagement with Research and Northwestern University are hosting this session to bring agencies and researchers together with home care aides, clients, and informal caregivers who have engaged in a Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI)-funded research project to discuss lessons learned. ARCC Director Jen Brown will be speaking. [Details](https://www.regonline.com/builder/site/Default.aspx?EventID=2206237&)

- **The War on Neighborhoods: How decades of concentrated punishment has remade Chicago’s West Side neighborhoods, June 11.** This presentation from DePaul/Rush Center for Community Health Equity uses Austin community as a case study for how harsh justice system policies, concentrated in poor black neighborhoods over decades, actually leave places worse off, & less safe. It also discusses blueprint for equitable reform that shifts away from punishment toward human & community. [Details](https://bit.ly/2LOmFvH)

- **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)

- **Writing/Designing Winning NIH Proposals Workshop, June 12.** Addresses essential NIH research resources, as well as the conversion of ideas into fundable research. You will understand how to navigate the mechanisms of grant procurement, identify critical sections of successful proposals. You will also understand the diversity of study sections and how to respond to various NIH guidelines. [Details](https://granttrainingcenter.com/workshop_description/1542?utm_source=1542&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=ol)

- **Connecting the Dots: Racism, Mental Health, & Maternal Mortality: Lake County, June 12.** EverThrive Illinois will facilitate a conversation on current research and trends in maternal mortality and discuss what is needed in Lake County to address this crisis. This conversation will inform statewide efforts to reduce maternal mortality and ensure that the lived experiences of Lake County women are included. [Details](http://www.everthriveil.org/event/connecting-dots-racism-mental-health-maternal-mortality)

- **UIUC Research Support Staff Seminar Series, "Recruitment and Retention: Focusing on Underrepresented Minorities", June 17.** [Details](http://www.ccts.uic.edu/events/research-support-staff-seminar-series-recruitment-and-retention-focusing-underrepresented)

- **Dissemination and Implementation Science Webinar: What is it and Why is it Critical to Translational Science? June 19, 11 am-12 pm.** To increase knowledge within CTSA programs about the role of dissemination and implementation in clinical and translational science. [Details](http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=tqbglstab&oeidk=a07efe131mxd18f84d3)

- **Creating a Shared Pathway to Community-Driven Research: Chicago Gun Violence Research Collaborative Assembly, June 19.** Discuss the disproportionate toll gun violence, trauma, and economic disinvestment takes on Chicago’s west and south side communities; hear from community-based initiatives that are advancing youth development and community development; and explore how we can create a sustainable infrastructure for community-driven research on violence prevention. [Details](https://bit.ly/2I Zy0f).

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- **A Valid Voice: Engaging Stakeholders in Research Virtual Seminar Series, June 20.** Join us to learn ‘all the buzz’ about stakeholder engagement in research. Learn the myths about engagement as well as opportunities to implement engagement strategies in your work, regardless of the type of research you perform. 1st of series of 4 Seminars focused solely on sharing information, tools, and tips for engaging older adults and other stakeholders in research. Jen Brown, Director of CCH’S Alliance for Research in Chicagoland Communities (ARCC), and Amy Eisenstien, CJE SeniorLife, ARCC Steering Committee member and seed grantee will be speaking. Details: [https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_7skVv5C_ToWPC2dOi19DKQ](https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_7skVv5C_ToWPC2dOi19DKQ).

- **Adverse Childhood Experiences and Public Health: Why a Public-Health Framework is Needed to Address the Long-Term Effects of Childhood Adversity, June 28.** Northwestern University Institute for Public Health & Medicine seminar from noon to 1 pm with Stan Sonu, MD, Internal Medicine and Pediatrics. Details: [http://www.feinberg.northwestern.edu/sites/ipham/about/SeminarSeries.html](http://www.feinberg.northwestern.edu/sites/ipham/about/SeminarSeries.html).


- **Building Racial Equity: Foundations, July 19.** Developed by Race Forward: The Center for Racial Justice Innovation, this is an interactive training for those who wish to sharpen their skills and strategies to address systemic racism and advance racial equity. Unlike “diversity trainings” which primarily focus on interpersonal relations and understanding, these trainings emphasize how to challenge and change institutional racial inequities. Details: [https://www.eventbrite.com/e/building-racial-equity-foundations-chicago-719-tickets-39240382039](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/building-racial-equity-foundations-chicago-719-tickets-39240382039).


- **11th Annual Conference on the Science of Dissemination and Implementation in Health, December 3-5, Washington D.C.** The Conference co-hosted by National Institutes of Health (NIH) and AcademyHealth, helps realize the full potential of evidence to optimize health and health care by bridging the gap between research, practice, and policy. The Conference aims to ensure that evidence is used to inform decisions that will improve the health of individuals and communities. Details: [https://bit.ly/2JioCCt](https://bit.ly/2JioCCt).

### Grant Opportunities

- **NUCATS Dissemination & Implementation Pilots Grants:** The Northwestern University Clinical & Translational Sciences Institute (NUCATS) is seeking applications for Pilot Awards that support innovative approaches to the dissemination and implementation of research findings that address the gap between research discoveries and the translation of this knowledge into programs, clinical practices, and policies to improve the health of the public. These grants will support community-academic collaborations to generate products/activities that facilitate the transfer/spread of evidence-based findings to community audiences, practice or other sites, or policy makers. 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). CCH can help with your application: Deadline: June 30

  - access to positive parenting and child development resources to prevent child maltreatment. Deadline: Jun 5.

- **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 30. 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).

- **Chicago Dept. of Public Health RFP for Healthy Families Illinois.** Aligned with Healthy Chicago 2.0, Healthy Families Illinois supports: health outcomes specifically related to strengthening child and adolescent health.
health, and to the overall goal of creating a city with strong communities and equitable access to resources, opportunities, and environments that maximize health and well-being of mothers and infants by facilitating

- **Communities Thrive Challenge.** The Chan Zuckerberg Initiative for community-based economic development believes in an America where all people can earn enough to support their families, achieve financial security, and provide their children with more opportunities. Looking to fund, strengthen, and grow local solutions that expand economic opportunity for low-income and financially insecure people. **Deadline:** June 19. **Details:** [https://www.communitysthrivechallenge.org/](https://www.communitysthrivechallenge.org/).

- **Northwestern University Center for Bioethics and Medical Humanities Research Pilot/Exploratory Grant:** Pilot/exploratory grants that support research in bioethics and medical humanities. This award will provide funding for pilot/exploratory projects that explore an important emerging or unanswered bioethics problem in clinical care, biomedical research, public health, or healthcare policy. Aim is to support preliminary work that will provide a foundation for obtaining funding to support larger research projects. **Deadline:** July 31. **Details:** [http://bioethics.northwestern.edu/docs/cbmh-pilot-exploratory-grant-proposal-2018-19.pdf](http://bioethics.northwestern.edu/docs/cbmh-pilot-exploratory-grant-proposal-2018-19.pdf).

- **Chicago Committee on Trauma Prevention Subcommittee Grants.** Seeking applications from qualified individuals or organizations for grant monies to address injury and/or violence prevention. Up to $8000 is available. **Questions & requests for applications** [CCOTPrevention@gmail.com](mailto:CCOTPrevention@gmail.com). **LOI due Sept 1.**

- **Robert Wood Johnson Foundation RWJF: Evidence for Action: Investigator-Initiated Research to Build a Culture of Health.** Aims to provide individuals, organizations, communities, policymakers, & researchers with empirical evidence needed to address key determinants of health encompassed in Culture of Health Action Framework. Will also support efforts to assess outcomes & 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, & 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)

- **Robert Wood Johnson Foundation’s Leadership Development Programs.** Health Policy Research Scholars, Interdisciplinary Research Leaders, Clinical Scholars, and Culture of Health Leaders—all provide financial support for participation! These leadership development opportunities are looking for people who want to expand their skills and network to improve equity and health in their communities. **Details:** [https://www.rwjf.org/en/how-we-work/grants-explorer/featured-programs/rwjf-leadership-programs.html?id=0034400001tEbO6AAK&et_cid=1092240](https://www.rwjf.org/en/how-we-work/grants-explorer/featured-programs/rwjf-leadership-programs.html?id=0034400001tEbO6AAK&et_cid=1092240).

- **Northwestern Interdisciplinary Program 1-2-3 Seed Funding Program.** Office for Research & 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 & 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, & societal impact. In addition, program will provide project management, assistance in identifying funding opps, proposal development & 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 & students. **Innovative Initiatives (I2):** Up to $15K to cover expenses pertinent to preparation of 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: rolling basis. I3: annual call. **Details:** [http://www.research.northwestern.edu/interdisciplinary123/](http://www.research.northwestern.edu/interdisciplinary123/)

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

- **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

- **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 9/8/18

- **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 NIH-sponsored Mental Health Research Network (MHRN), electronic medical records, administrative data bases, patient registries, institutions with CTSAs). Expires: 10/16/18 Details: [https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-MH-18-701.html](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-MH-18-701.html)

- **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

- **Examination of Survivorship Care Planning Efficacy & Impact (R01, R21):** Stimulate research evaluating effect of care planning on self-management of late effects of cancer therapy; adherence to medications, cancer screening, & health behavior guidelines; utilization of follow-up care; survivors' health & psychosocial outcomes. How organizational-level factors influence implementation of care planning & associated costs also of interest. Details: https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-18-002.html. Expires 1/8/19

- **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

- **Mechanisms of Disparities in Chronic Liver Diseases and Cancer (R01 and R21):** Support multidisciplinary research to understand the underlying etiologic factors and the mechanisms that result in disparities in chronic liver diseases and cancer in the US. Expires 4/5/19. Details: https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-17-151.html.

- **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. **Collaboration of diverse stakeholders** (i.e., clinicians, researchers, administrators, patients, & caregivers) in development of interventions is also encouraged. 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 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 and end users throughout the process. 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. 

**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. 

**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. 

**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. 

**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. 

**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. 

**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 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. 

**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

- **Addressing the Etiology of Health Disparities and Health Advantages Among Immigrant Populations (R01 & R21):** The purpose is to support innovative research to understand uniquely associated factors (biological, behavioral, sociocultural, and environmental) that contribute to health disparities or health advantages among U.S. immigrant populations. Projects should involve collaborations among relevant stakeholders in U.S. immigrant population groups, such as researchers, community organizations, healthcare providers, public health organizations, consumer advocacy groups, & faith-based orgs. As appropriate for research questions posed, inclusion of key immigrant community members in conceptualization, planning and implementation of the research is encouraged to generate better-informed hypotheses and enhance the translation of the research results into practice. Expires 1/8/20. Details: https://bit.ly/2LdpqGk.

- **Strengthening the HIV Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) Care Continuum through Behavioral, Social, and Implementation Science (R01 & R21):** Behavioral, social, and implementation science research designed to (a) identify gaps in the HIV pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) care continuum and associated determinants; (b) develop and test interventions to strengthen PrEP delivery, use, and outcomes; and (c) reduce racial/ethnic and age-related disparities in PrEP uptake and use. https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-18-281.html Expire: 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 Expire 1/8/20

- **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 Expire 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 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

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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](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/PA-17-306.html](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-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](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](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](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-18-376.html)

- **Examining Diversity, Recruitment and Retention in Aging Research (R24)**. Encourages collaborative teams to target gaps in methods and outcomes regarding research participant recruitment and retention. Goal is to improve research participant recruitment through method development, community engagement, evaluation strategies and community incorporation. The team approach encouraged by this initiative will be used to generate a research resource to advance processes for high yield recruitment, formulate breakthrough ideas, concepts and approaches to research participant recruitment and retention, strengthen outreach and community engagement practices, and devise improved communication strategies. Teams will demonstrate the success of these improvements by engaging a large diverse population. Primary outcome will be the development of a population of diverse community members ready to engage in NIA funded clinical research studies. Details: [https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-18-749.html](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-18-749.html). Expires 1/26/21.
Patient Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI) Funding

- **Limited PCORI Funding Announcement: Implementation of PCORI-Funded Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Results:** This Limited PFA seeks to fund implementation projects that incorporate active strategies designed to move comparative clinical effectiveness research (CER) evidence developed with PCORI research funding toward practical use in improving health care and health outcomes. This Limited PFA also gives PCORI awardees the opportunity, following the generation of results from their PCORI research award, to propose the next step(s) to move their CER findings into practice, drawing on the knowledge and experience they gained during their PCORI research award. **LOIs due:** June 28 **Details:** [https://bit.ly/2JqqGzL](https://bit.ly/2JqqGzL). CCH can help with your PCORI application, contact [CCH-consult@northwestern.edu](mailto:CCH-consult@northwestern.edu).

Calls for Papers/Proposals/Other Opportunities

- **Call For Abstracts: Midwest LGBTQ Health Symposium: Moving Towards Health Equity, Strengthening our Community of Care.** Seeking presentations, panels, workshops and posters to support the following competencies in LGBTQ healthcare:
  - Best practices for working with LGBTQ patients in clinic settings
  - Evidence-based strategies to reduce health disparities within communities, focusing on intersections of LBGTQ identity and race, ethnicity, age, and socioeconomic factors
  - Organizational policies and strategies that facilitate LGBTQ health equity
  - Understanding of key LGBTQ health advocacy issues and how healthcare professionals can influence LGBTQ health policy
  **Deadline:** June 1 **Details:** [https://events.bizzabo.com/MLHS2018/page/1332073/abstract-submissions](https://events.bizzabo.com/MLHS2018/page/1332073/abstract-submissions).

- **Call for Abstracts: 11th Annual Health Disparities & Social Justice Conference, Aug 17, 2018.** Sponsored by Center for Community Health Equity (DePaul & Rush Universities). Call for Abstracts for Skill building workshops, oral presentations, posters, film or other creative displays. **Deadline:** June 1. **Details:** [https://www.healthequitychicago.org/hdsj-2018](https://www.healthequitychicago.org/hdsj-2018).


- **Online course: 'Talking with Pictures': Photovoice.** This non-credit course provides hands-on experience with adapting Photovoice to clinical care, programming, evaluation, and research. Upon completion, participants will have the knowledge, skills and tools to develop a Photovoice plan. For 25 years, “Photovoice” has involved people with disabilities, patients, youth, and communities in representing their lives, point of view, and experience using photos and captions. Photovoice is a participatory approach to communication that generates powerful data (photos, captions) that engages clients, clinicians, and the public in identifying opportunities for change, fostering knowledge and awareness, and helps people to feel their ‘voices’ are heard. **Dates:** June 2-10. **Details:** [http://www.outreach.hawaii.edu/professional/courses/programdetail/3968](http://www.outreach.hawaii.edu/professional/courses/programdetail/3968).

- **Call for Proposals: Policies for Action: Policy and Law Research to Build a Culture of Health.** What policies, laws, and regulations can help improve health and health equity? As policymakers experiment and redesign policies in a multitude of sectors, research will be critical to uncover what these changes mean for the nation’s collective health. Policies for Action, a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation signature research program, is funding $2 million toward research on the impact of national, state, or local policies on health and health equity—including $450K to study what happens when state governments seek to nullify or preempt local laws. Proposals from teams representing sectors and disciplines traditionally not associated with health are strongly encouraged. **LOIs due:** June 7 **Details:** [https://rwjf.ws/2I9h4ld](https://rwjf.ws/2I9h4ld).

- **Training Institute for Dissemination and Implementation Research in Health (TIDIRH).** The Office of Behavioral and Social Sciences Research coordination with a number of National Institutes of Health Institutes and Centers and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, are hosting this training institute to provide participants with a thorough grounding in conducting D&I research across all areas of health and health care. **Due:** June 12 **Details:** [https://www.scgcorp.com/tidirh2018/application.html](https://www.scgcorp.com/tidirh2018/application.html).

- **Applications open for 2018 Northwestern University Women’s Health Science Program.** Oncofertility Science Academy, July 20. Offers students the opportunity to explore the fields of reproductive science, [Compiled by the Alliance for Research in Chicagoland Communities, Northwestern University](http://www.ARCConline.net).
cancer biology, and oncofertility by providing hands-on laboratory experience and clinical workshops. Students who attend Chicago Public High Schools or affiliated charter schools that exhibit a passion for science and medicine are encouraged to apply! Deadline: June 29
https://www.womenshealth.northwestern.edu/sites/womenshealth/files/u1926/OSA%20Recruitment%20Flyer%202018.pdf

- **Call for Applications: Leadership Development for Black Women**: From the Chicago Foundation for Women, Willie’s Warriors is creating a pipeline and network of Black women leaders committed to equity and justice in Chicago. Created in honor of the Reverend Willie “The Little Warrior” Barrow, Willie's Warriors will continue Rev. Barrow's legacy of bringing women together to support and learn from each other. Willie’s Warriors is open to women who identify as Black from all sectors and industries interested in nurturing their leadership and relationships with other Black women leaders in the Chicago region. Selected Warriors will be part of a leadership development cohort focusing on systems change, economic empowerment, communications and building alliances. Warriors will gain a better sense of themselves as leaders and how best to sustain themselves while moving their communities forward. Deadeline: July 2
https://www.cfw.org/what-we-do/leadership/willies-warriors/

- **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/CfP-Papers-FINAL.pdf.

- **Call for Proposals: Healthy Eating Research: Building Evidence to Promote Health and Well-Being Among Children.** Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) national program which supports research on policy, systems, and environmental strategies with strong potential to promote the health and well-being of children at a population level. Specifically, aims to help all children achieve optimal nutrition and a healthy weight. Grantmaking focuses on children and adolescents from birth to 18, and their families, with a priority on lower-income and racial and ethnic minority populations that are at-risk of poor nutrition and obesity. Findings are expected to advance RWJF’s efforts to ensure that all children and their families have the opportunity and resources to experience the best physical, social, and emotional health possible, promote health equity, and build a Culture of Health. Deadline: July 18. Details: https://rwjf.ws/2LPbxIN.

- **Call for Abstracts: 11th Annual Conference on the Science of Dissemination and Implementation in Health.** The abstract solicitation and conference structure have been designed to focus our thinking and discussion on the highest priorities for dissemination and implementation science now and in the future to help optimize health and health care in the US and elsewhere. Individual Oral, panel, & poster presentations.. Deadline: July 24. Details: http://www.academyhealth.org/page/2018-di-call-abstracts.

- **Call for Papers on Population Health, Place, and Space: Spatial Perspectives in Chronic Disease Research and Practice.** Preventing Chronic Disease (PCD) welcomes submissions for this upcoming collection, which highlights the variety of ways in which geographic information systems (GIS) and spatial analyses are being applied to enhance chronic disease research and public health practice. Deadline: August 31. Details: https://www.cdc.gov/pcd/announcements.htm.

- **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.

- **Call for Nominations & Proposals: Northwestern University 2019 Linzer Awards for Faculty Excellence in Diversity & Equity & Grants for Innovation in Diversity & Equity.** Goals are to build a more diverse, inclusive and equitable climate on campus. Both programs are aimed at enhancing diversity across the spectrum, including race, gender, religion, sexual orientation, socioeconomic status, age and political affiliation. Awards recognize faculty exemplars who are working collaboratively to build a more diverse, inclusive, and equitable climate at Northwestern. Two awards of $5K each year. Grants fund novel & innovative faculty projects that will enhance our academic enterprise through improving diversity and inclusivity at Northwestern (E.g. curricular innovation, pipeline advancement projects; or community outreach efforts).

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

Resources

SOAAR (Science and Outcomes of Allergy and Asthma Research) Educational Resources: Student Media-based Health Research Team (SMHRT) curriculum is available—at NO COST—for schools, community-based organizations and other youth-focused programs to implement. SMHRT’s goal is to empower students to better understand their own health conditions and how their environment/community helps or hurts their health. These resources were developed by CCH Faculty member and former ARCC seed grantee Ruchi Gupta, MD, MPH. Order here: https://bit.ly/2LeLNeu.

Courses on CBPR at the University of Michigan:

- CBPR: A Partnership Approach for Public Health: Newly-updated online course gives researchers, health and human service practitioners, and members of community-based organizations on opportunity to learn about Community-Based Participatory Research (CBPR). This approach to research equitably involves community members, organization representatives, and academic researchers in all aspects of the research process. Details: https://www.mittrainingcenter.org/courses/cbprs0218.
- EPID 783 “Methods in Community-Based Participatory Research for Health” is 1-week course at University of Michigan that examines core principles, partnership development, and different research methods involved in using a CBPR approach. Instructors include community and academic partners affiliated with Detroit URC. July 23-27, 2018, Ann Arbor, MI. Details: https://sph.umich.edu/umsse/courses/.

City of Chicago New Online Resource: Searchable online resource, www.chicagoconnects.org that links residents to more than 300 mental health and addiction services in Chicago.

Tool to Understand How Tax Exempt Hospitals Commit Community Benefit Expenditures: The interactive Community Benefit Insight tool, funded by Robert Wood Johnson Foundation in partnership with RTI International and the Public Health Institute, draws on IRS and other data to show how hospitals spend their community benefits dollars. Allows users to compare different types of spending among hospitals and health systems. http://www.communitybenefitinsight.org/

New Toolkit: African American & Black Populations. UIC Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences (CCTS) Recruitment, Retention, and Community Engagement Program has launched the 4th toolkit in their series of NIH-designated target populations. This toolkit helps researchers become familiar with some of the major issues related to research with target populations. Additionally, the toolkit provides links and resources relevant to African American and Black populations. ARCC resources highlighted. https://bit.ly/2KxGQOA.

Respiratory Health Association New Asthma Disparities Report. On World Asthma Day, RHA released new report showing little progress in addressing racial disparities among Chicago children with asthma. Based on hospital discharge data from 2009-15 the report shows that while there was a decrease in pediatric asthma ED visits during this time, there’s been virtually no closing of the gap between rate of visits between African American and White children. https://lungchicago.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/Asthma-Report-Final.pdf.

CAN TV: CAN TV is an independent nonprofit established by the City of Chicago in 1983 as the public’s space on cable television free of commercials, filters, and censors. CAN TV offers multi-media training, video equipment, studio recording/editing facilities and television channel time for regular folks seeking an avenue to express their creativity, thoughts and ideas to a wide public audience that otherwise would be unavailable through commercial media outlets. http://cantv.org/.

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- **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)