Events

- **Webinar: National Partnership for Action to End Health Disparities. Needs Assessments: opportunities for collaboration across multiple stakeholders webinar, July 9, 2-3pm.** Details: https://communityactionevents.webex.com/mw0401l/mywebex/default.do?nomenu=true&siteurl=communityactionevents&service=6&rd=0.9066108332842494&main_url=https%3A%2F%2Fcommunityactionevents.webex.com%2Fec0701%2Feventcenter%2FeventAction.do%3FtheAction%3Ddetail%26confViewID%3D1749542744%26%26MK%3D668544916%26%26%26siteurl%3Dcommunityactionevents

- **2014 Casual Inference Workshops on Research and Design: Main and Advanced. Main workshop: July 7-11 [at Northwestern]. Advanced workshop: August 13-15 [at Duke].** Both workshops taught by world-class causal inference researchers. Details: law.northwestern.edu/faculty/conferences/causalinference/

- **What Went Wrong? Reflecting and Learning from Community-Engaged Research Conference- July 11-12th, 2014 - Minneapolis, MN.** Members of the Twin Cities metropolitan area in conjunction with the University of Minnesota are convening this meeting dedicated to understanding and enhancing community-engaged research practices. We recognize there is often just as much (if not more) potential to learn from our failures as our successes. Yet, we are rarely given intellectual settings to discuss, learn, and grow from our most challenging research experiences. Details: http://engagedresearchconference.wordpress.com


- **Health & Medicine Policy Research Group Forum: Education and Health Equity: Everybody In, Nobody Out, Aug 14, 9am-3pm.** Health & Medicine’s Founder, Dr. Quentin Young, coined the phrase, “Everybody in, nobody out,” with regard to universal access to high-quality, equitable, affordable, and culturally competent healthcare. We believe the same goes for education. Just as education is closely linked to health status, people’s health, well-being, and socioeconomic position are linked to their ability to further their education. The forum will provide a unique opportunity for education and health professionals to examine this reciprocal relationship between the two fields. Details: https://www.hmprg.org/

- **National Conference on Engaging Patients, Families and Communities in all Phases of Translational Research to Improve Health, August 21-22, Bethesda, MD.** The aim of this year’s conference is to present and compare perspectives of community-engaged research, which can involve individual patients, families, community organizations and disease advocates, as well as clinicians and researchers. **Deadline for abstract submissions:** July 13. Details: www.dtmi.duke.edu/ce-workshop

- **National Association of Community Health Center’s 2014 Community health Institute, Aug 22-26th, San Diego.** Community Health Institute (CHI) & Expo is the largest and most important annual gathering of 2000 community health center managers, clinicians, employees, board members and leaders. Details: https://s4.goeshow.com/nachc/community/2014/

- **2nd Intl. Forum for Health Promotion Research - August 25-27.** "Next Health", Trondheim, Norway. Objective is to enable researchers, practitioners and policy makers to share, discuss and develop health promotion research and practice specifically related to future health. Details: www.ntnu.edu/healthforum

- **Chicago Consortium for Community Engagement (C3) 2014 Fall Symposium—October 10.** C3 connects & leverages the resources of Northwestern University, University of Chicago, University of Illinois at Chicago, Rush University, Access Community Health Network & others. More details soon. http://c3ctsa.org/

- **Chicago Asthma Consortium Educational Meetings – November 5;** 8am-12:30pm, Updates in Asthma Management – University Center – 525 S State. Details: http://www.chicagoasthma.org
2014 International Symposium on Minority Health and Health Disparities – Dec 1-3rd, Maryland. This symposium is designed to bring together scientists conducting transdisciplinary biomedical, clinical, population and health policy research; members of the global community; health care providers; government officials; and private industry to focus on the collective efforts to improve minority health, promote health equity, and eliminate health disparities. Details: http://www.ismhhhd.com/


Grant Opportunities

**Northwestern Interdisciplinary Program 1-2-3 Seed Funding Program.** The Office for Research and the Deans are pleased to announce a new seed-funding platform to cultivate investigator-initiated visionary "Big Ideas". The program is designed to enable faculty to "jump start" bold, innovative science in a risk tolerant environment. The program consists of 3-tiers of non-sequential, seed funds that address different needs in the continuum of developing visionary science at Northwestern. Collectively, NU-Interdisciplinary Program 1-2-3 will support Ideas (I1), Innovative Initiatives (I2) and Innovative Initiatives Incubators (I3) by providing funding and guidance to bring together new teams and shepherd "Big Science" from the inception of an idea to securing external funding and possible maturation into a University Research Center, focusing on interdisciplinarity, innovation, and societal impact. In addition to funds, the program will provide project management, assistance in identifying funding opportunities, 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, on one of NU’s campuses. *Innovative Initiatives (I2):* Up to $15K will be provided to cover expenses that are pertinent to the preparation of a large proposal for external funding. *Innovative Initiatives Incubator (I3):* Up to $60K/year for up to 2 years will be provided for promoting effective team assembly, developing track record of collaboration, generating preliminary data and submitting a large/center proposal to an external sponsor. **Deadlines:** I1 & I2 applications accepted on rolling basis. I3 application was due June 1, 2014. Details: http://www.research.northwestern.edu/interdisciplinary123/

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

**Call for Applications: University of Chicago Community Programs Accelerator:** This program aims to support the success of nonprofits whose work benefits neighborhoods in the Mid-South Side. This new initiative will provide technical assistance to help develop and strengthen community-based organizations. Eligible organizations invited to apply for 1 of 3 available spots for Accelerator’s fall 2014 year. To be eligible, an organization’s programs must benefit residents in at least 1 of the following 9 neighborhoods: Douglas, Grand Boulevard, Greater Grand Crossing, Hyde Park, Kenwood, Oakland, South Shore, Washington Park and Woodlawn. All applicants will be invited to participate in new Community Programs Series, which will offer workshops designed to benefit leaders of nonprofit organizations. **Deadline:** July 5. Details: http://communityprograms.uchicago.edu/

**Portes Foundation & The Institute of Medicine of Chicago Call for LOIs:** These two organizations are soliciting proposals for research projects that explore research or implementation ideas important in health promotion and disease prevention. These project may be investigative in etiologic factors, preventive medicine, primary and secondary preventions screening, and education. **Deadline for LOI:** July 7. **Details:** http://gallery.mailchimp.com/46359b9281c2af1f3c1979c28/files/d6015ac4-0316-4b2c-9777-cd3f688a9e5f.pdf?utm_source=IPHAM+Newsletter&utm_campaign=d81cb519ab-IPHAM_Bulletin&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_2a4acb4f45-d81cb519ab-19948117

**Northwestern NUCATS Voucher and Pilot Data programs:** a new funding mechanism designed to accelerate research by providing rapid, target funding to address small but critical gaps in clinical and

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translational research work that is otherwise at present not funded by other resources. **Deadlines:** July 15 & Nov 15. **Details:** [http://www.nucats.northwestern.edu/funding/pilot-funding/pdfs/voucher-program.pdf](http://www.nucats.northwestern.edu/funding/pilot-funding/pdfs/voucher-program.pdf)

- **Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, Public Health Services and Systems Research:** seeking studies to expand the evidence for administrative and policy mechanisms that improve quality, efficiency and value in public health delivery. Studies funded through this solicitation will focus on multidisciplinary research that examines the organization, financing, delivery and quality of public health services and the subsequent impact on population health outcomes. **Deadline:** July 23. **Details:** [http://www.rwjf.org/en/grants/calls-for-proposals/2013/public-health-services-and-systems-research.html?cid=xem_a8224&rid=PINjdGFHksog12aFC_OapJtniWfBYJ3JEHDEW8nFxO0](http://www.rwjf.org/en/grants/calls-for-proposals/2013/public-health-services-and-systems-research.html?cid=xem_a8224&rid=PINjdGFHksog12aFC_OapJtniWfBYJ3JEHDEW8nFxO0)

- **AHRQ: Disseminating and Implementing Evidence from Patient-Centered Outcomes Research (PCOR) in Clinical Practice Using Mobile Health Technology (R21).** Inviting applications for developmental research projects on using mobile health technology (mHealth) to facilitate the dissemination and implementation of findings from PCOR into clinical practice. The purposes are to develop and evaluate the effectiveness of novel approaches that use mHealth tools to enable the timely incorporation and appropriate use of PCOR evidence in clinical practice. **Deadline:** August 4. **Details:** [http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-HS-14-010.html](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-HS-14-010.html)

- **William T. Grant Foundation Inequality Research Grants:** Accepting grant applications for projects working to enhance understanding of the programs, policies and practices that reduce inequalities in youth development. **Deadline:** Aug 5. **Details:** [http://wtgrantfoundation.org/Grants](http://wtgrantfoundation.org/Grants)

- **Sociological Initiatives Foundation (SIF) is dedicated to the belief that research and action are intrinsically inseparable.** The Foundation invites concept proposals for projects that link an explicit research design to a concrete social action strategy. Projects should also have clear social change goals. **Deadline:** August 15. **Details:** [http://www.sifoundation.org/2014/04/foundation-announces-call-for-concept-applications-for-2013/](http://www.sifoundation.org/2014/04/foundation-announces-call-for-concept-applications-for-2013/)

- **NIH: NIMHD Social, Behavioral, Health Services, and Policy Research on Minority Health and Health Disparities (R01).** Seeking innovative social, behavioral, health services, and policy research that can directly and demonstrably contribute to the elimination of health disparities. Projects may involve primary data collection or secondary analysis of existing datasets. Projects that examine understudied health conditions; examine the effectiveness of interventions, services, or policies for multiple health disparity populations; and/or directly measure the impact of project activities on levels of health disparities are particularly encouraged. **Deadline:** Aug 28. **Details:** [http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-MD-14-004.html](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-MD-14-004.html)

- **NIH: Long-Term Retention in Care for U.S. Substance Using Population (R01, R21, R34):** Until there is a cure, people living with HIV (PLWH) will have to be retained in care throughout their lives. Therefore, this announcement is to encourage research on long-term retention in care leading to sustained viral suppression among substance abusers. **Deadlines:** Oct 5/16, Feb 5/16. **Details:** [http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-14-224.html](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-14-224.html)

- **National Institute of Nursing Research Issues: 3 New Funding Announcements for Community Partnerships to Advance Research (CPAR):** The purpose is to stimulate researchers to partner with communities using Community Engaged Research (CEnR) methodologies that will enhance relationships leading to better interventions and positive health outcomes. **Deadline:** Oct 5/16, Feb 5/16.  

- **NIH: Healthy Habits: Timing for Developing Sustainable Healthy Behaviors in Children and Adolescents (R01 and R21) -** Seeks applications that employ innovative research to identify mechanisms of influence and/or promote positive sustainable health behavior(s) in children and youth (birth to age 21). Applications to promote positive health behavior(s) should target social and cultural factors, including, but not limited to: schools, families, communities, population, food industry, age-appropriate learning tools and games, social media, social networking, technology and mass media. Topics to be addressed in this announcement include: effective, sustainable processes for influencing young people to make healthy behavior choices; identification of the appropriate stage of influence for learning sustainable lifelong health behaviors; the role of technology and new media in promoting healthy behavior; identification of factors

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that support healthy behavior development in vulnerable populations, identification of barriers to healthy behaviors; and, identification of mechanisms and mediators that are common to the development of a range of habitual health behaviors. Given the many factors involved in developing sustainable health behaviors, applications from multidisciplinary teams are strongly encouraged. The ultimate goal of this call is to promote research that identifies and enhances processes that promote sustainable positive behavior or changes social and cultural norms that influence health and future health behaviors. **Deadline:** Oct 5/16, Feb 5/16. **Details:** [http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-14-177.html](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-14-177.html)

- **NIH: mHealth Tools for Individuals with Chronic Conditions to Promote Effective Patient-Provider Communication, Adherence to Treatment and Self-Management (R01 and R21)** - Seeking to stimulate research utilizing Mobile Health (mHealth) tools aimed at the improvement of effective patient–provider communication, adherence to treatment and self-management of chronic diseases in underserved populations. With the rapid expansion of cellular networks and substantial advancements in Smartphone technologies, it is now possible - and affordable - to transmit patient data digitally from remote areas to specialists in urban areas, receive real-time feedback, and capture that consultation in a database. These mHealth tools, therefore, may facilitate more timely and effective patient-provider communication through education communication around goal setting, treatment reminders, feedback on patient progress and may improve health outcomes. This announcement encourages the development, testing and comparative effective analysis of interventions utilizing mHealth technologies. There is also an interest in studying mHealth technologies in underserved populations. **Deadline:** Oct 5/16, Feb 5/16. **Details:** [http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-14-180.html](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-14-180.html)

- **NIH: Using Social Media to Understand and Address Substance Use and Addiction (R01 and R21).** This is part of a trans-NIH initiative known as Collaborative Research on Addiction (CRAN). Goal is to inspire and support research projects investigating the role of social media in risk behaviors associated with the use and abuse of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs ("ATOD") and projects using social media to ameliorate such behaviors. Each research project proposed must be focused on one of two distinct areas: 1) observational research using social media interactions as surveillance tools to aid in the understanding of the epidemiology, risk factors, attitudes, and behaviors associated with ATOD use and addiction, or 2) intervention research measuring the reach, engagement, and behavioral and health impact of social media-based interventions for the screening, prevention, and treatment, of ATOD use and addiction. Original research preliminary data are not required but all projects are expected to be supported by a strong rationale that is based on integrating to the extent possible the available relevant information from various sources. **Deadline:** Oct 5/16. **Details:** [http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-CA-14-008.html](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-CA-14-008.html)

- **NIH: Reducing Health Disparities Among Minority and Underserved Children (R01 and R21).** This initiative encourages research that targets the reduction of health disparities among children. Specific targeted areas of research include biobehavioral studies that incorporate multiple factors that influence child health disparities such as biological (e.g., genetics, cellular, organ systems), lifestyle factors, environmental (e.g., physical and family environments) social (e.g., peers), economic, institutional, and cultural and family influences; studies that target the specific health promotion needs of children with a known health condition and/or disability; and studies that test and evaluate the comparative effectiveness of health promotion interventions conducted in traditional and nontraditional settings. **Details:** [http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-14-033.html](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-14-033.html). **Deadline:** Oct 5/16

- **NIH: Chronic Condition Self-Management in Children and Adolescents (R01 and R21).** This call encourages research to improve self-management and quality of life in children and adolescents (age 8-21) with chronic conditions. Managing a chronic condition is an unremitting responsibility for children and their families. Children with a chronic condition and their families have a long-term responsibility for self-management. This call encourages research that takes into consideration various factors that influence self-management such as individual differences, biological and psychological factors, family and sociocultural context, family-community dynamics, healthcare system factors, technological advances, and the role of the environment. **Deadline:** Oct 5/16. **Details:** [http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-14-030.html](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-14-030.html)

- **NIH: Translational Research to Improve Diabetes and Obesity Outcomes (R01).** This opportunity encourages proposals to test practical, sustainable, and cost efficient adaptations of efficacious strategies or approaches to prevent and treat diabetes and/or obesity. Research focused on the prevention or reversal of obesity, prevention of type 2 diabetes, improved care of type 1 and type 2 diabetes, or the prevention or delay of the complications of these conditions is encouraged. Approaches tested should
have the potential for wide dissemination and implementation outside of an academic setting such as in routine clinical practice or communities at risk. **Deadlines:** Oct 5/16, Feb 5/16. **Details:** [http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-13-352.html](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-13-352.html)

- **NIH: Research on the Health Determinants and Consequences of Violence and its Prevention, Particularly Firearm Violence (R01, R03, R21):** NIH developed this call for proposals in response to the Presidential memorandum ([www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2013/01/16/presidential-memorandum-engaging-public-health-research-causes-and-preve](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-12-153.html)). NIH plans to fund research projects over the next three years beginning in fiscal year 2014 into the causes and consequences of violence as it relates to the health of individuals and communities. The goal is to identify evidence-based strategies for preventing violence and incorporating them into clinical and community settings. Particular consideration will be given to applications that propose studies of the intersection that focus on the various types of violence (homicide, suicide, youth and gang-related, intimate partner) and firearms. **Priorities on research that includes meaningful partnerships between researchers and community-based professionals in law enforcement, criminal justice and public health for developing evidence-based interventions to reduce violence.** **Details:** [http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-13-363.html](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-13-363.html). **Details:** Oct 5/16, Feb 5/16.

- **NIH: Research to Action: Assessing and Addressing Community Exposures to Environmental Contaminants (R01):** This opportunity encourages applications using community-engaged research methods to investigate potential health risks of environmental exposures of concern to the community and to implement an environmental public health action plan based on research findings. Overall goal is to support changes to prevent or reduce exposure to harmful environmental exposures and improve the health of a community. **Deadline:** Oct 5/16, Feb 5/16. **Details:** [http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-12-153.html](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-12-153.html)

- **NIH: Behavioral and Social Science Research on Understanding and Reducing Health Disparities (R01 & R21) -** Seeking behavioral and social science research on the causes and solutions to health and disabilities disparities in the US population. Emphasis is placed on research in and among three broad areas of action: 1) public policy, 2) health care, and 3) disease/disability prevention. Particular attention is given to reducing “health gaps” among groups. Applications using interdisciplinary approach, investigate multiple levels of analysis, incorporate a life-course perspective, and/or employ innovative methods such as systems science or community-based participatory research are particularly encouraged. **Deadline:** Oct 5/16, Feb 5/16. **Details:** [http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-13-292.html](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-13-292.html)

- **NIH: Implications of New Digital Media Use for Underage Drinking, Drinking-Related Behaviors, and Prevention Research (R01 and R21) -** Seeking investigations of whether, and how, heavy involvement in new digital media usage, particularly social media and social networking sites, may influence adolescent alcohol use and drinking patterns, as well as drinking-related problems. Also encourages applications proposing to explore the ways in which new digital media may be utilized as platforms for preventive interventions aimed at underage drinking and related problems. **Deadline:** Jun 5/16. **Details:** [http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-13-262.html](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-13-262.html)

- **NIH: Research to Characterize and Reduce Stigma to Improve Health (R21, R03, R01) -** Encourages applications to characterize the role of stigma in health, life course development, and aging, both in the U.S. and globally, and to test interventions to prevent or reduce the impact of stigma at the individual, community, health care system, and policy levels. The goal is to promote research addressing the health-related aspects of stigma, including the etiology and perpetuation of stigma; its impact on physical and mental health, well-being, life course development, and aging; its influence on health behaviors and on use, access to, and quality of received healthcare services; its contribution to health disparities affecting vulnerable demographic groups; and intervention strategies to reduce health-related stigma and/or the negative health and life course developmental impacts of stigma. **Deadline:** Oct 5/16, Feb 5/16. **Details:** [http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-13-246.html](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-13-246.html)

- **NIH: Addressing Health Disparities in NIDDK Diseases (R01):** National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK) seeks research to improve understanding of the causes of high priority diseases in the US and to develop and test more effective interventions for reducing/eliminating health disparities. Research is encouraged in following high priority diseases: diabetes, obesity, nutrition-related disorders, hepatitis C, gallbladder disease, *H. Pylori* infection, sickle cell disease, kidney diseases, urologic diseases, hematologic diseases, metabolic, gastrointestinal,
hepatic, and renal complications from infection with HIV. **Deadlines:** Oct 5. **Details:**

- **NIH: Understanding and Promoting Health Literacy (R01/R03/R21):** To encourage methodological, intervention and dissemination research for understanding and promoting health literacy. Health literacy is defined as the degree to which individuals have the capacity to obtain, process, and understand basic health information and services needed to make appropriate health decisions. **Deadlines:** Oct 5/16. **Details:** http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-13-130.html

- **NIH Grant Announcement: Health Promotion Among Racial and Ethnic Minority Males (R01 and R21)** This initiative seeks applications from applicants that propose to stimulate and expand research in the health of minority men. Specifically to: 1) enhance our understanding of the numerous factors (e.g., sociodemographic, community, societal, personal) influencing the health promoting behaviors of racial and ethnic minority males and their subpopulations across the life cycle, and 2) encourage applications focusing on the development and testing of culturally and linguistically appropriate health-promoting interventions designed to reduce health disparities among racially and ethnically diverse males and their subpopulations age 21 and older. **Deadline:** Oct 5/16, Feb 5/16. **Details:** http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-13-328.html

- **NIH: Innovative Measurement Tools for Community Engaged Research Efforts (R01) (R21).** This announcement seeks to develop innovative measurement tools for community engaged research (CEnR) efforts. The use of CEnR methodologies, such as community-based participatory, community-based, and practice-based research are regarded as valid approaches to prevent disease and promote health. **Deadline:** Oct 5/16, Feb 5/16. **Details:** http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-13-209.html

- **NIH: Home and Family Based Approaches for the Prevention or Management of Overweight or Obesity in Early Childhood (R01/R21).** This grant is seeking applications that propose randomized clinical trials testing novel home- or family-based interventions for the prevention or management of overweight in infancy and early childhood. Tested interventions can use behavioral (including dietary and physical activity), environmental, or other relevant approaches. **Deadline:** Oct 5/16. **Details:**

- **NIH: Family-Centered Self-Management of Chronic Conditions (R01 and R21):** Seeks to build the science of family-centered self-management (FCSM) in chronic conditions. FCSM recognizes and addresses family needs and preferences, and integrates family members as partners in care while promoting individual self-management. Intended that FCSM improves health, well-being and quality of life of both individual and family member(s) by strengthening the interdependency and equilibrium of the family, and promoting sustainable health care participation that reduces hospitalization and other types of health care utilization. **Deadline:** Oct 5/16, Feb 5/16 **Details:**

- **NIH: Behavioral Interventions to Address Multiple Chronic Health Conditions in Primary Care (R01).** Seeks applications that propose to use a common conceptual model to develop behavioral interventions to modify health behaviors and improve health outcomes in patients with comorbid chronic diseases and health conditions. Specifically, this will support research in primary care that uses a multi-disease care management approach to behavioral interventions with high potential impact to improve patient-level health outcomes for individuals with three or more chronic health conditions. The proposed approach must modify behaviors using a common approach rather than administering a distinct intervention for each targeted behavior and/or condition. Diseases and health conditions can include, but are not limited to: mental health disorders (e.g., depression), diabetes, smoking, obesity, chronic pain, alcohol and substance abuse and dependence, chronic obstructive pulmonary disorder, cancer and hypertension **Deadline:** Oct 5/16, Feb 5/16. **Details:**

- **NIH: Strengthening Adherence to Antiretroviral-Based HIV Treatment and Prevention (R01 and R21).** This call encourages research to understand and promote adherence to antiretroviral (ARV) regimens for HIV treatment and prevention. Studies addressing pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) and antiretroviral therapy (ART) are the foci of this FOA. The overarching emphasis is on the development of feasible interventions to improve and sustain PrEP or ART adherence which could be rapidly implemented in clinical, community, and policy environments to improve HIV treatment and prevention outcomes. **Deadline:** Oct 5/16, Feb 5/16. **Details:**

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NIH: Targeted Basic Behavioral and Social Science and Intervention Development for HIV Prevention and Care (R01 and R21). The goal of this call is to provide a global outline of areas for innovative, targeted basic behavioral and social science research and intervention development research to reduce the number of new HIV infections and improve the overall health of those living with HIV and encourage research grant applications in these areas. This call encourages research designed to (a) conduct basic behavioral and social science research that is needed to advance the development of HIV prevention and care interventions, (b) translate and operationalize the findings from these basic studies to develop interventions and assess their feasibility and (c) conduct tests of the efficacy of HIV prevention and care interventions. Deadline: Oct 5/16, Feb 5/16. Details: http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-14-127.html.

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

NIH: Accelerating Improvements in the HIV Care Continuum (R01 and R21): this call encourages innovative studies to address gaps in HIV care continuum research. The HIV care continuum has provided a useful framework for tracking progress towards the National HIV/AIDS Strategy (NHAS) HIV-testing and HIV-treatment goals, and helped to guide a growing body of research to better understand and intervene at one or more steps in the continuum. Yet, there are some aspects of entering and remaining in HIV care that are relatively less studied than other areas, and merit urgent attention. Deadline: Oct 5/16, Feb 5/16. Details: http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-14-132.html.

NIH: Advancing Structural Level Interventions Through Enhanced Understanding of Social Determinants in HIV Prevention and Care (R01 and R21). This call seeks to understand and address social determinants associated with the prevention and treatment of HIV. This FOA describes two research endeavors that are unique and overlapping. The first is to characterize those social determinants that are most relevant to HIV prevention and treatment outcomes, particularly in their association with inequities in HIV risk or disease outcomes. The second is to develop and test structural interventions aimed at reducing the negative impact or maximizing positive aspects of social determinants. Deadline: Oct 5/16, Feb 5/16. Details: http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-14-133.html.

NIH: Translational Research to Help Older Adults Maintain their Health and Independence in the Community (R01 & R21): Seeking applications for translational research that moves evidence-based research findings toward the development of new interventions, programs, policies, practices, and tools that can be used by organizations in the community to help older adults remain healthy and independent, productively engaged, and living in their own homes and communities. The goal is to support translational research involving collaborations between academic research centers and community-based organizations with expertise serving or engaging older adults (such as city and state health departments, city/town leadership councils, educational institutions, workplaces, Area Agencies on Aging, and organizations funded or assisted by the Corporation for National and Community Service) that will enhance our understanding of practical tools, techniques, programs and policies that communities across the nation can use to more effectively respond to needs of the aging population. Applications should show evidence of collaboration between academic research centers and community-based organizations (CBOs). Applications especially encouraged that involve CBOs as full partners in each phase of work. Deadline: Oct 5/16, Feb 5/16. Details: http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-14-161.html.

Lesbian Health Fund (LHF): LHF is a program established in 1992 to define, study, and educate lesbians and their health care providers about lesbian health issues. LHF's mission is to improve the health of lesbians, other sexual minority women (SMW) and their families through research. Research areas include: 1. Understanding social, family, and interpersonal influences as sources of stress or support. 2. Eliminating inequalities in health care, including barriers to care, and improving quality of care and utilization rates. 3. Development and testing of interventions to address mental and physical health needs of lesbians and other SMW, including but not limited to depression, identity related issues, eating disorders, substance abuse, obesity, cancer risks, cardiovascular disease and sexually transmitted infections. 4. Sexual and reproductive health issues. LHF is a program established in 1992 to define, study, and educate lesbians and other sexual minority women (SMW) and their families through research. Research areas include: 1. Understanding social, family, and interpersonal influences as sources of stress or support. 2. Eliminating inequalities in health care, including barriers to care, and improving quality of care and utilization rates. 3. Development and testing of interventions to address mental and physical health needs of lesbians and other SMW, including but not limited to depression, identity related issues, eating disorders, substance abuse, obesity, cancer risks, cardiovascular disease and sexually transmitted infections. 4. Sexual and reproductive health issues.
health, including family & parenting issues. **Deadline:** Oct 15. **Details:**


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

- **Please publicize “Age-Friendly” Chicago survey:** In July 2012, Mayor Emmanuel secured Chicago’s membership in the World Health Organization’s Global Network of Age-Friendly cities. Researchers at Northwestern are working with the city to see how “Age-Friendly” Chicago is and have created a survey for residents. **Details:** www.surveymonkey.com/s/ChicagoAgeFriendlySurvey

- **Northwestern Health Services and Outcomes Research: Master's and Certificate programs.** This graduate program provides interdisciplinary training to students, fellows, residents and faculty who want to expand their research expertise and make contributions to the fields of health services and outcome research. **Deadline for Fall:** July 8th. **Details:** http://www.feinberg.northwestern.edu/sites/cehs/masters-programs/health-services-outcomes-research/index.html

- **Call for Poster Abstracts: National Conference on Engaging Patients, Families and Communities in all Phases of Translational Research to Improve Health, August 21-22, Bethesda, MD.** Aim of this year’s conference is to present and compare perspectives of community-engaged research, which can involve individual patients, families, community organizations and disease advocates, as well as clinicians and researchers. **Deadline:** July 13. **Details:** www.dtmi.duke.edu/ce-workshop.

- **Health & Medicine Policy Research Group: Call for Nominations for 2014 HMPRG Awards!** Honoring individuals across six categories, the awards celebrate those whose work exemplifies Health & Medicine’s mission to promote social justice and challenge inequities in health and health care. **Deadline:** July 15. **Details:** http://www.hmprg.org/Events/2014HMPRGAwards

- **Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI): Application for prospective reviewers.** The institute currently seeks patient reviewers for its upcoming merit review cycles. A patient reviewer, by its definition, refers to a person with ongoing, recent or past live experience with illness or injury, family members or unpaid caregivers of patients, or members of advocacy organizations that represent patients or caregivers. **Details:** http://www.pcori.org/get-involved/reviewers/prospective-reviewers/

- **International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health. Eliminating Health Disparities to Achieve Health Equity:** The purpose of this special issue is to highlight the latest interdisciplinary and innovative research, tools, methods and approaches to assess, reduce and prevent environmentally driven social, racial and ethnic health disparities. The journal welcomes manuscripts that link environmental, health and these factors including, but not limited to, spatial dimensions of health disparities, community capacity building for environmental justice and community based participatory research. **Deadline:** July 31. **Details:** http://www.mdpi.com/journal/ijerph/special_issues/health-disparities

**Resources**

- **Northwestern Medical Spanish Courses Summer 2014 - Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine Office of Diversity is continuing to offer these classes & workshops in partnership with Northwestern Memorial Hospital’s NM Academy and the Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Mexico Chicago extension. Classes open to health professions graduate students at Feinberg and FSM faculty and staff. Employees from all affiliated hospitals and clinics are also eligible to enroll. Offering courses in Basic 1 intensive, Basic 2 intensive, Intermediate/Advanced with physical exam skills. Course fees are sliding scale. Classes at 541 N Fairbanks. **Details:** http://www.feinberg.northwestern.edu/diversity/programs/spanish.html

- **Community Members' Guide to Submitting a Research Grant Application:** Tufts Clinical and Translational Science Institute produced a guide for community-based organizations interested in community-based research partnerships with academic researchers. **Access:** http://bit.ly/1hKue0z

- **Chicago Department of Public Health Report: Chicago Hospitals and the Affordable Care Act: New Opportunities for Prevention.** This report summarizes new requirements for charitable hospitals under the Affordable Care Act; priority health issues hospitals identified in Community Health Needs Assessments; and the best practices for addressing priority health issues. **Details:** http://www.cityofchicago.org/content/dam/city/depts/cdph/statistics_and_reports/HospitalReportMarch2014.pdf

Compiled by the Alliance for Research in Chicagoland Communities, Northwestern University [www.ARCConline.net](http://www.ARCConline.net)
- **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)

- **Illinois Heart Rescue Project**: You can save a life by learning Hands Only CPR! Schedule a training session at your next family reunion or church event. **Details**: [emdihr2012@gmail.com](mailto:emdihr2012@gmail.com).