Resources & Opportunities for Community & Academic Partners

Online https://www.feinberg.northwestern.edu/sites/cch/funding/other.html or www.ARCConline.net. New additions highlighted. Updated as of 4/2/20

EVENTS

- **Virtual Discussion: Community-Engaged Research Partnerships During COVID-19, April 8.** Hosted by the Alliance for Research in Chicagoland Communities (ARCC). During the COVID-19 pandemic, community-academic research collaborations need to consider how the pandemic is impacting health and equity in their communities and how research projects and partnerships can adjust in response to this crisis. Join us for a virtual zoom gathering to share and discuss experiences, ideas, and challenges about staying engaged as community-engaged research team members. 11 am-12 pm. Details: https://planitpurple.northwestern.edu/event/564636. Also have Tool PDF at www.ARCConline.net: Staying True to Principles of Engagement in Community-Engaged Research Partnerships during the COVID-19 Pandemic that provides ideas and resources to support community & academic partners. Community Document for Sharing Ideas, Questions, & Resources (bit.ly/COVID_ARCC) on the same topic to facilitate open sharing of additional ideas and questions. Any one is able to add and share.


- **VIRTUAL ARCC Community Office Hours (includes Seed Grant Info Session), April 29.** In keeping with best practices in an attempt to slow the spread of COVID-19, ARCC will host our April 2020 Seed Grant 101/Community Office Hours virtually. Will also include Info Session on ARCC 2020 Community-Engaged Research Seed Grants and opportunity to speak with ARCC staff about your application ideas. Details: https://planitpurple.northwestern.edu/event/564594.

- **2020 Census: Help Shape Your Community’s Future!** It’s an opportunity to shape your community’s future. The census provides critical data that lawmakers, business owners, teachers, and many others use to provide daily services, products, and support for you and your community. Every year, billions of dollars in federal funding go to hospitals, fire departments, schools, roads, and other resources based on census data. An accurate count is critical to communities across the country. 2020CENSUS.GOV

- **Save the Date: The Chicago Urban League Summit 2020: A Virtual Convening, June 11.**

- **16th Annual Lewis Landsberg Research Day, September 29:** Campus-wide event to promote faculty and trainee development through the sharing of exciting research and conversation with colleagues. 1-5 pm. Also an opportunity to learn about the Research Cores and full spectrum of support they provide for clinical and basic science research. Details: https://planitpurple.northwestern.edu/event/559349.


GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

**COVID-19 Funding Opportunities:** [https://www.nucats.northwestern.edu/funding/covid19.html](https://www.nucats.northwestern.edu/funding/covid19.html)

**Eugene Washington PCORI Engagement Award Program:** Awards will support patient-centered outcomes research capacity building, evidence dissemination initiatives, and stakeholder convenings. Goal is to support projects that build communities prepared to participate in PCOR and comparative clinical effectiveness research, as well as to serve as channels for disseminating study results. **LOIs due:** May 1. **Details:** [https://bit.ly/2GFlWDW](https://bit.ly/2GFlWDW).

**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. 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. [http://bit.ly/1KQES8c](http://bit.ly/1KQES8c)


**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 $95K 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:** [https://sites.northwestern.edu/inter123/](https://sites.northwestern.edu/inter123/)

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**NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH (NIH) FUNDING**

**Firearm Injury and Mortality Prevention Research (R61):** NIH encourages research to improve understanding of the determinants of firearm injury, the identification of those at risk of firearm injury (including both victims & perpetrators), development & evaluation of innovative interventions to prevent firearm injury and mortality, and the examination of approaches to improve the implementation of existing, evidence-based interventions to prevent firearm injury and mortality. [https://grants.nih.gov/grants-guide/pa-files/PAR-20-143.html](https://grants.nih.gov/grants-guide/pa-files/PAR-20-143.html). Expires 5/16/2020.

**Patient-oriented Research to Mitigate Health Disparities and Lessen the Burden of Chronic Diseases Within the Mission of NIDDK (R01):** Conduct patient-oriented clinical research studies designed to develop strategies to mitigate health disparities in people with one or more chronic diseases or conditions within the mission of National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases. Populations of interest include those disproportionately burdened with multiple chronic conditions and/or disparities in social, behavioral

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- **Promoting Caregiver Health Using Self-Management (R01):** The purpose of this initiative is to stimulate research in promoting caregiver health using self-management. Caregiving is an important science area since the number of people living longer with chronic conditions is growing. Informal caregivers (lay caregivers) are defined as unpaid individuals (spouses, partners, family members, friends, or neighbors) involved in assisting others with activities of daily living and/or medical tasks. Formal caregivers are paid, delivering care in one’s home or care settings (daycare, residential care facility). This concept focuses on informal caregivers. https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-18-150.html. Expires 5/8/2020.

- **Research to Support the Reduction and Elimination of Mental Health Disparities:** Administrative Supplements to active NInstitute of Mental Health (NIMH) grants to foster research across NIMH Strategic Objectives that target reduction & elimination of mental health disparities by race & ethnicity, geography, & socioeconomic status in U.S. Aims to generate research within scope of parent grant that identifies mechanisms underlying disparities/differences in mental health status & or enhances delivery of mental health interventions among diverse groups. https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-18-621.html Expires 6/2/20.

- **Effectiveness of Implementing Sustainable Evidence-Based Mental Health Practices in Low-Resource Settings to Achieve Mental Health Equity for Traditionally Underserved Populations (R01 & R34):** Seeking studies that develop and test the effectiveness of strategies for implementation and sustainable delivery of evidence-based mental health treatments and services to improve mental health outcomes for underserved populations in under-resourced settings in U.S. Studies should identify and use innovative approaches to remediate barriers to provision, receipt, and/or benefit from evidence-based practices and generate new information about factors integral to achieving equity in mental health outcomes for underserved populations. Research generating new information about factors causing/reducing disparities are strongly encouraged, including due consideration of the needs of individuals across life span. https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-MH-20-400.html. Expires: 9/26/20.

- **Practice-Based Research for Implementing Scalable Evidence-Based Prevention Interventions in Primary Care Settings (R01 & R34):** Encourage practice-based research aimed at testing effectiveness of developmentally-focused theory-based efficacious prevention interventions which may impact mental health outcomes, including suicide behaviors & serious mental illness. Should test prevention approaches that are both scalable & sustainable for implementation in pediatric-serving primary care settings, with emphasis on populations experiencing mental health disparities. Seeks to support clinical trials to establish effectiveness of scalable prevention interventions when implemented using available resources within pediatric-serving primary care settings. https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-MH-20-505.html. Expires:10/16/20.

- **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 https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-17-306.html.

- **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. [Link](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-18-479.html) Expires 9/8/21

- **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. [Link](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. [Link](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 [Link](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-18-376.html)

- **Improving Patient Adherence to Treatment & Prevention Regimens to Promote Health (R01 and R21).** Address patient adherence to treatment and prevention regimens to promote health outcomes. Address healthcare regimen initiation, implementation, and/or persistence by patients. Descriptive and intervention research may address adherence determinants at one or more levels of ecologic influence, including the patient, caregiver/family, provider and/or healthcare system, and community levels. Expires: 5/8/21. [Link](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-18-722.html)

- **Leveraging Health Information Technology (Health IT) to Address Minority Health & Health Disparities (R01).** Support research that examines how health information technology adoption impacts minority health and health disparity populations in access to care, quality of care, patient engagement, and health outcomes. Projects should involve collaborations from relevant stakeholders in U.S. health disparity population groups, such as researchers, community organizations, healthcare systems or clinics, clinicians, public health organizations, consumer advocacy groups, and faith-based organizations. [Link](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-19-093.html) Expires 3/5/21

- **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. [Link](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-18-749.html) Expires 1/26/21.

- **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...

- **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 eval of obesity related policy &/or program offers uncommon & scientifically compelling research opportunity only available if initiated w/minimum delay. Selected apps awarded within 4 mos. of due date. [https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-18-854.html](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-18-854.html) Expires 9/11/21

- **End-of-Life and Palliative Needs of Adolescents and Young Adults (AYA) with Serious Illnesses (R01):** To foster research on the unique perspectives, needs, wishes, and decision-making processes of adolescents and young adults (AYA; defined by the World Health Organization and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as youth between 12–24 years of age) with serious, advanced illnesses; and research focused on specific end-of-life/palliative care (EOLPC) models that support the physical, psychological, spiritual, and social needs of AYA with serious illness, their families and caregivers. [https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-19-136.html](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-19-136.html) Expires 1/8/22

- **Dissemination and Implementation Research in Health (R01, R03, R21):** Funds to support innovative approaches to identifying, understanding, and developing strategies for overcoming barriers to the adoption, adaptation, integration, scale-up and sustainability of evidence-based interventions, tools, policies, and guidelines. Conversely, there is a benefit in understanding circumstances that create a need to stop or reduce (“de-implement”) the use of interventions that are ineffective, unproven, low-value, or harmful. In addition, studies to advance dissemination and implementation research methods and measures are encouraged. **Deadline:** May 8, 2022. [https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-19-274.html](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-19-274.html)

- **Intervening with Cancer Caregivers to Improve Patient Health Outcomes and Optimize Health Care Utilization (R01 & R21).** For intervention research designed to support caregivers of adult cancer patients. Interventions 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, and (3) improve patient physical health and psychosocial outcomes. Expires: 9/8/22. [https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/par-19-352.html](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/par-19-352.html)

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**CALLS FOR PAPERS & OTHER OPPORTUNITIES**

- **PCORI Advisory Panel Openings:** The Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI) is now accepting nominations and applications for open seats on research advisory panels. These panels provide advice around the refinement of comparative clinical effectiveness research questions, potential approaches to funding, engagement of health care stakeholders as partners in research, and input on study design and methodologies. **Deadline:** April 10. **Details:** [https://www.pcori.org/engagement/engage-us/pcoris-advisory-panels/advisory-panel-openings](https://www.pcori.org/engagement/engage-us/pcoris-advisory-panels/advisory-panel-openings).

- **Northwestern University Summer Research Programs for Students:** Training next generation of clinicians and scientists is at the foundation of the Lurie Cancer Center's mission. Our summer research programs give students the opportunity to learn and become active participants in cancer research. These new experiences will inspire students to consider health- and science-related careers. **Details:** [https://bit.ly/2vWzLS](https://bit.ly/2vWzLS).

- **National Organization of Minority Architects (I-NOMA) Project Pipeline Design Build, Request For Proposals (RFP):** I-NOMA (National Organization of Minority Architects - IL Chapter) has a pro-bono design build program to support both youth training in architecture (Project Pipeline) & community organizations that might need small-scale space improvements. **Deadline:** May 8. **Details:** [https://www.i-noma.org/pipeline-design-build](https://www.i-noma.org/pipeline-design-build).

- **T37 Northwestern University Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Training Program (NU-MHRT),** directed by Melissa A. Simon, MD, MPH, Director of the Center for Health Equity Transformation, provides health disparities research training experiences to minority and other underrepresented students and trainees at the undergraduate through postdoctoral levels in order to prepare and enhance the next generation of scientists committed to research for improving minority health and reducing health disparities. **Deadline:** Rolling. **Details:** [https://redcap.nubic.northwestern.edu/redcap/surveys/?s=A33ARKKE84](https://redcap.nubic.northwestern.edu/redcap/surveys/?s=A33ARKKE84).

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National Call for Community-Based Volunteers: Peer Reviewers & Associate Editors for Progress in Community Health Partnerships (PCHP). [https://bit.ly/2QAheGN](https://bit.ly/2QAheGN). ARCC Director Jen Brown serves as an Associate Editor and would be happy to answer questions.

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

**RESOURCES**


**Tool PDF: Staying True to Principles of Engagement in Community-Engaged Research Partnerships during COVID-19 Pandemic** shared on ARCC website at www.ARCConline.net that provides ideas and resources to support community & academic partners. **Community Document for Sharing Ideas, Questions, & Resources** (hyperlink to bit.ly/COVID_ARCC) on the same topic to facilitate open sharing of additional ideas and questions. Any one is able to add and share.

**Scholarships Available for PCORI 2020 Annual Meeting:** The Patient Centered Outcomes Research Institute is now accepting scholarship applications for patients, caregivers, and patient representatives to attend 2020 PCORI Annual Meeting set for September 16-17 in Arlington, Virginia. Scholarships will cover travel, hotel, and per diem allowance for the recipient and a caregiver, if medically required (registration is free). This scholarship helps ensure fair representation of underrepresented and minority patient communities at the Annual Meeting. You are encouraged to apply even if you’ve had little or no involvement with research or if you’ve received a scholarship in the past. **Due:** May 1. **Details:** [https://bit.ly/343iVAP](https://bit.ly/343iVAP).

**New Book: The Political Determinants of Health:** How do policy and politics influence health outcomes? Daniel E. Dawes, Director of the Satcher Health Leadership Institute, presents a novel, non-partisan, multidisciplinary framework for addressing barriers that prevent the U.S. from becoming the healthiest nation in the world. Today’s reality for most Americans is reduced life expectancy, worsening health outcomes, health inequity, and declining health care options, especially as we confront a major pandemic – COVID-19. By understanding the political determinants of health, their origins, their impact, and interconnection with the social determinants of health, we will be better equipped to develop and implement actionable solutions to close the health gap. **Details:** [https://jhupbooks.press.jhu.edu/title/political-determinants-health](https://jhupbooks.press.jhu.edu/title/political-determinants-health).

**Between the Great Migration and Growing Exodus: The Future of Black Chicago?** UIC’s Institute for Research on Race & Policy Report on the Future of Black Chicago as part of their State of Racial Justice series: Starting in 1980, Chicago’s African American population growth not only halted, but reversed. By 2016, the population of black Chicagoans had decreased by 350,000 from its peak in 1980. These population trends have attracted significant media attention and speculation about why black Chicagoans are leaving the city. Given these trends, IRRPP set out to analyze what the data on population in Chicago can tell us about black migration into and out of the city. In this report, IRRPP assesses the historical context of shifts taking place over the past 100 years, provide a more detailed analysis of population change across Chicago neighborhoods from 1990 to 2016, and examine where Chicagoans who are leaving the city are going. [https://irrpp.uic.edu/pdf/publications/IRRPP_StateOfRacialJustice_FutureOfBlackChicago.pdf](https://irrpp.uic.edu/pdf/publications/IRRPP_StateOfRacialJustice_FutureOfBlackChicago.pdf).

**PCORI Engagement Repository:** This resource from the Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute shares engagement tools and resources to support researchers, patients, and stakeholder partners with the uptake of engagement practices and methodologies in research. [https://www.pcori.org/engagement/engagement-resources/Engagement-Tool-Resource-Repository](https://www.pcori.org/engagement/engagement-resources/Engagement-Tool-Resource-Repository).

**CDPH Healthy Chicago 2025 Data Compendium:** The Chicago Department of Public Health (CDPH) Office of Epidemiology developed this tool to facilitate the prioritization, planning and implementation of goals and

- **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.

- **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