Events

- **11th Annual Conference on the Science of Dissemination and Implementation in Health, December 3-5, Washington D.C.** 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. Aims to ensure that evidence is used to inform decisions that will improve the health of individuals and communities. Details: [https://bit.ly/2JjoCCt](https://bit.ly/2JjoCCt).

- **Northwestern’s Institute for Public Health & Medicine (IPHAM) Population Health Forum, December 4.** Will include keynote by Sandro Galea, MD, MPH, DrPH, Dean & Robert A. Knox Professor at Boston University School of Public Health. CCH is also pleased that forum will also include morning presentation focused on community engagement in research and community partner showcase featuring CCH community stakeholders and CCH & ARCC services. Details: [https://planitpurple.northwestern.edu/event/540676](https://planitpurple.northwestern.edu/event/540676).

- **Seeing Your Data: How to Use Data Visualization for Analysis and Communication, December 5.** New technologies give us the power to collect more data than ever before, which can help inform public health policy and practice. Yet, "big data" can be challenging to analyze and communicate to health decision makers. In this webinar, we will 1) discuss role of data visualization in digital era of public health and 2) cover techniques and tools that can help you create data visualizations for analysis and communication. No prior knowledge of data visualization or related software expected. Details: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1lOwVyVCF8CswUL1gOrfkyWAQPhizYIK6TLANUaX20/viewform?edit_requested=true](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1lOwVyVCF8CswUL1gOrfkyWAQPhizYIK6TLANUaX20/viewform?edit_requested=true).

- **Innovating for Rural and Urban Underserved Populations Workshop, December 5.** Offered by Harvard Medical School Center for Primary Care taking place in Chicago. The program uses research from our primary care case collection to provide strategies for community engagement, as well as novel approaches to caring for patients with complex health and social needs. CME Credit(s). Details: [https://bit.ly/2Rq9h4e](https://bit.ly/2Rq9h4e).

- **Putting Care at the Center, December 5-7.** Annual conference of National Center for Complex Health and Social Needs. Co-hosted with Rush University Medical Center and Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. Opportunity for innovators and advocates for healthcare delivery reform from across the country, both pioneers and newcomers, to meet, network, and create a shared agenda for the emerging field of complex care. Scholarship opportunities available. Details: [https://www.centering.care/home](https://www.centering.care/home).

- **Healthy Work Collaborative: Addressing Precarious Work through Social Change, December 7.** The University of Illinois at Chicago Center for Healthy Work: Work, Wellness, and Disability Prevention Institute webinar series at 1:30 PM. The Center will share evidence-based development of Healthy Work Collaborative, a capacity-building process connecting intersectoral partners to address policy, systems, and environmental change for workers in precarious jobs. Details: [https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/2500677962117426689](https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/2500677962117426689).


- **Telpochcalli Community Education Project (TCEP) Forum: Our Roots, December 14, 1-3 pm** TCEP, a non-profit community-based organization that serves Little Village, is working to build the capacity of academia and the community to best engage with communities. Community researchers will share their perspectives on research and provide tangible recommendations for researchers and students who conduct community-engaged research. Details: [https://www.tcepchicago.org/](https://www.tcepchicago.org/).

• National LGBTQ Health Conference: Bridging Research & Practice, May 30-June 1 2019, Atlanta. An interdisciplinary translational research conference bringing together scientists, public health professionals, and healthcare providers to discuss issues affecting the health and well-being of the LGBTQ community while fostering professional development and networking opportunities. Details: https://bit.ly/2ABmMdf.

Grant Opportunities

- **William T. Grant Foundation Inequality Research Grants.** Support high-quality field-initiated studies relevant to policies and practices that affect lives of young people ages 5-25 in U.S. Proposals evaluated on basis of their fit with given focus area; strength and feasibility of designs, methods, and analyses; their potential to inform change; and their contribution to theory and empirical evidence. **Deadline:** Jan 9. **Details:** http://wtgrantfoundation.org/grants/research-grants-reducing-inequality.

- **Requests for Applications: EPA Environmental Justice Small Grants Program.** Support community-driven projects designed to engage, educate, and empower communities to better understand local environmental and public health issues and develop strategies for addressing those issues, building consensus in the community, and setting community priorities. Will award approximately $1.5 million nationwide, awarding approximately 5 per EPA region, up to $30K each. Grants are for 1-yr projects. **Deadline:** Feb 15. **Details:** https://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/environmental-justice-small-grants-program#tab-2.

- **2019 ARCC Community Engagement in Research Seed Grants Request for Applications.** Northwestern University Clinical & Translational Sciences Institute (NUCATS)/Alliance for Research in Chicagoland Communities (ARCC) in partnership with Northwestern Memorial Hospital (NHM) will fund Seed Grants that support the development of partnerships that engage communities and stakeholders in research collaboration with Northwestern research teams. Goal is to increase the number of community-academic partnerships that are prepared to collaborate together to design and conduct research projects to improve health equity. Partnership Development awards: Up to $5K, Up to 12 months. Research Development awards: Up to $25K, Up to 24 months. **Required One on One Call with ARCC Director:** No later than March 27. **Application Deadline:** April 11. **Details:** https://www.feinberg.northwestern.edu/sites/cch/funding/seed-grants/arcc/index.html.

- **Robert Wood Johnson Foundation RWJF: Evidence for Action: Investigator-Initiated Research to Build a Culture of Health.** Aims to provide individuals, organizations, communities, policymakers, & 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.

- **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?rid=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-tier 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:** http://www.research.northwestern.edu/interdisciplinary123/
National Institutes of Health (NIH) Funding

- **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 1/8/19 Details: [http://1.usa.gov/1NORDJF](http://1.usa.gov/1NORDJF)

- **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 subpopulations; and research addressing the unique challenges related to the provision of advanced AD care, including disparities in access to care. Expires 1/8/19 Details: [https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-18-027.html](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-18-027.html)


- **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](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](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](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](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. Details: http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-16-165.html. Expires 5/8/19

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

- Diet and Physical Activity Assessment Methodology (R01): Seeking innovative research to enhance the quality of measurements of dietary intake and physical activity. Encouraged to include development of: novel assessment approaches; better methods to evaluate instruments; assessment tools for culturally diverse populations or various age groups, including children and older adults; improved technology or applications of existing technology; statistical methods/modeling to improve assessment and/or to correct for measurement errors or biases; methods to investigate the multidimensionality of diet and physical activity behavior through pattern analysis; or integrated measurement of diet and physical activity along with the environmental context of such behaviors. Details: http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-16-167.html. Expires 5/8/19

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

- Population Health Interventions (PHIs): Integrating Individual and Group Level Evidence (R01 & R21) – To improve health and reduce disease burden, scientific research is best implemented at the biological, clinical and population level. The goal is to promote research that aims to integrate individual factors with community and environmental factors. Population health studies focus on the "upstream" level determinants of health – those basic and primary social factors that are fundamental to group level differences in health outcomes. PHIs provide a way to advance health by linking research at a variety of different levels and allows for the consideration of scale in accounting for human interaction and environmental factors simultaneously. Details: http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-16-146.html. Expires 5/8/19

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

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 Expires: 1/8/2020

Addressing Health Disparities through Effective Interventions among Immigrant Populations (R01, R21): Support innovative research to develop & implement effective interventions to address health disparities among U.S. immigrant populations. Projects should involve collaborations among relevant stakeholders in US immigrant population groups, such as researchers, community organizations, healthcare providers, public health organizations, consumer advocacy groups, and faith-based organizations. As appropriate for the research questions posed, inclusion of key immigrant community members in the conceptualization, planning and implementation of the research is encouraged (but not required) to generate better-informed hypotheses and enhance the translation of the research results into practice. Details: http://bit.ly/2gc8D7D Expires 1/8/20

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

Compiled by the Alliance for Research in Chicagoland Communities, Northwestern University www.ARCConline.net
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-18-147.html. Expires 1/8/2020.


Promoting Caregiver Health Using Self-Management (R01): The purpose of this initiative is to stimulate research in promoting caregiver health using self-management. Caregiving is an important science area since the number of people living longer with chronic conditions is growing. Informal caregivers (lay caregivers) are defined as unpaid individuals (spouses, partners, family members, friends, or neighbors) involved in assisting others with activities of daily living and/or medical tasks. Formal caregivers are paid, delivering care in one’s home or care settings (daycare, residential care facility). This concept focuses on informal caregivers. Details: 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 National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) grants to foster research across the NIMH Strategic Objectives that target the reduction and elimination of mental health disparities by race and ethnicity, geography, and socioeconomic status in U.S. Aims to generate research within scientific scope of parent grant that identifies mechanisms underlying disparities or differences in mental health status and/or enhances optimal delivery of mental health interventions among diverse groups. https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-18-621.html. Expires 6/2/20.

Implementing the Most Successful Interventions to Improve HIV/AIDS Outcomes in U.S. Communities (R21): Research to translate & adapt most successful global, evidence-based HIV-related service provision strategies to marginalized populations in U.S. with a substantial risk of HIV-infection and AIDS. The ultimate goal, is to produce improvements in HIV-related health outcomes in these key populations through strategies that successfully and durably reach them with timely HIV testing, prevention and treatment technologies that lead to the achievement of the UNAIDS 90-90-90 benchmarks: by 2020, 90% of all people living with HIV will know their HIV status, 90% of all people with diagnosed HIV infection will receive sustained antiretroviral therapy & 90% of all people receiving antiretroviral therapy will have viral suppression. Expires 1/8/21.

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

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

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

Self-Management for Health in Chronic Conditions (R01, R15, R21). Recent report from Institute of Medicine identifies epidemic of chronic condition as nation’s leading health challenge and calls for cross-
cutting, coordinated public health actions for “living well with chronic illness”. Focuses on self-management as mainstream science in order to reduce burden of chronic illnesses/conditions. Self-management is ability of individual, in conjunction with family, community, and healthcare professionals, to manage symptoms, treatments, lifestyle changes, and psychosocial, cultural, and spiritual consequences associated with chronic illness or condition. Expires 1/8/21 Details: https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-18-376.html

- **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. Details: 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. Details: https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-18-749.html. Expires 1/26/21

- **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. Details: https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-18-854.html Expires 9/11/21

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

- **Broad PCORI Funding Announcements: Addressing Disparities, Assessment of Prevention, Diagnosis, & Treatment Options, Communication & Dissemination Research, & Improving Healthcare Systems. LOI Deadline: Nov 6, 2018.** https://www.pcori.org/funding-opportunities

- **Improving Methods for Conducting PCOR. LOI Deadline: Nov 6, 2018.** https://www.pcori.org/funding-opportunities


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

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

- **Call for Abstracts: 2019 6th National LGBTQ Health Conference.** Interdisciplinary forum that provides opportunity for current health research and programs for LGBTQ adults and adolescents with the overall goal of addressing health inequities for this highly impacted group. Nation’s largest research and practice-focused LGBTQ health conference. After 5 successful years in Chicago, conference is proud to partner with Emory University and move to Atlanta, GA, for 2019. **Deadline: Dec 15. Details:** https://lgbtqconference.dryfta.com/en/76-call-for-abstracts.
- **Call for Applications: Chicago Foundation for Women Willie’s Warriors Leadership Initiative** is creating a pipeline and network of Black women leaders committed to equity and justice in Chicago. 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. **Deadline:** Dec 16. **Details:** https://cfw.formstack.com/forms/willieswarriorsapp_spring2019?bblinkid=125712233&bbemailid=10662290&bbejrid=808821895.

- **NCHS/AcademyHealth Health Policy Scholars Program.** Opportunity to address important issues in health policy by conducting studies and research at your institution, using restricted data from National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) data systems and programs. **Deadline:** Jan 1. **Details:** https://www.academyhealth.org/NCHS/Scholar.

- **AcademyHealth Delivery System Science Fellowship.** Now in its 8th year, offers a paid, year-long learning opportunity for highly qualified, post-doctoral researchers to gain more applied experience in a delivery system setting. As part of fellowship, individuals with background in health services research or related fields are placed within one of ten leading delivery systems to apply and enhance their analytic skills and obtain hands-on training and professional development opportunities. **Deadline:** Jan 14. **Details:** https://www.academyhealth.org/dssf.

- **Request for Research Proposals: CHER Chicago Pilot Project Program.** UIC Center for Health Equity Research Chicago has the vision to pursue health equity through the elimination of structural violence. For this round, these types of projects are highly encouraged: Projects focused on aging populations i.e., those 50 years of age and above, and LGBTQIA+ populations. 1-2 funded projects will involve these populations. For the purposes of this RFA, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer persons are those who identify as such (i.e., not MSM, MSWM or other behavior-based designations). **Deadline:** Jan 22. **Details:** http://www.cherchicago.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/CHERchicago_RFP_20192020-1.pdf.

- **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

- **Summary from ARCC’s 10th Anniversary Celebration & Town Hall:** https://bit.ly/2PLwml2

- **Strengthening Chicago’s Youth’s (SCY) Violence Data Landscape:** This data catalog provides access to data resources that can be used in violence-related research. Topics include crime incidence, youth risk behaviors, community concerns, violent deaths, academic performance, census data and additional areas of interest. Users can also find information based on various geographical boundaries and download an array of data files. SCY has provided an overview of each data source along with step-by-step tutorials to walk users through accessing and applying the data. **Useful beyond beneficial in your violence prevention work!** **Details:** http://scy-chicago.org/index.php/resources/vdl.

- **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.

- **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