Events

- **2019 ARCC Community Engagement in Research Seed Grants Info Session Webinar, February 7.** The Alliance for Research in Chicagoland Communities (ARCC) seed grant program seeks to support the development of community-engaged research partnerships and projects between Chicagoland communities and Northwestern University academic teams. **Details:** https://planitpurple.northwestern.edu/event/545849.

- **UIC Lecture: The Future of Behavioral Health Equity Research with Debra Furr-Holden, PhD, February 19.** Dr. Furr-Holden directs the Flint Center for Health Equity Solutions and is an epidemiologist with expertise in addiction epidemiology, prevention science, psychosocial measurement and behavioral health equity research, interventions and policy. Her research has focused on the promotion of behavioral health and health equity by developing environmental strategies as well as structural and policy interventions. **Details:** https://www.ihrp.uic.edu/content/future-behavioral-health-equity-research.

- **The State of Aging in Chicago’s Black Community: Challenges, Resources and Opportunities, February 21.** In honor of Black History Month, presented by the NASW-Illinois Chapter Older Adults Shared Interest Group. The speakers are ARCC Steering Committee Member, Melvin Thompson, executive director of the Endeleo Institute, the community development arm of Trinity United Church of Christ on the Far South Side of Chicago, and Robin Tillotson, MSW is the Southeast Regional Director at the Chicago Department on Aging (CDoA). **Details:** http://naswil.org/calendar/events/5156/.

- **ARCC Workshop: Guidance on Policy, Priority Areas, & Resources for Conducting Health & Wellness Research with Chicago Public Schools & Evanston School Districts, February 28, 1:30-4 pm.** The session will feature speakers from Chicago Public Schools & Evanston school districts, Northwestern’s School of Education & Social Policy’s Office of Community Education Partnerships (OCEP) and Feinberg School of Medicine’s Alliance for Research in Chicagoland Communities (ARCC). Please RSVP & submit questions in advance: ARCC@northwestern.edu. **Details:** https://www.feinberg.northwestern.edu/sites/cch/docs/feb282019-cps-nu-workshop2.pdf.

- **Campus Meets Community Workshop, March 4.** Join Illinois Campus Compact, America’s Urban Campus, and the Asset Based Community Development Institute for 2nd Campus Meets Community event. Last year, the workshop brought together leaders from campus and community to discuss the current state of campus-community partnerships and to develop new strategies for future partnerships. This year, CMC will focus on best practices and networking. **Details:** https://illinoiscampuscompact.org/cmc/.

- **Translational Science 2019- Association for Clinical & Translational Sciences, March 5-8, Washington, DC.** ARCC and CCH will be presenting. **Details:** http://www.actscience.org/ts2019.

- **West Side United 2019 Community Convening, March 5.** Learn more about the West Side United strategic plan for 2019. They will be showcasing their progress, new grantees, and opportunities to engage with their work in the West Side. **Details:** https://westsideunited.org/2019/01/23/west-side-united-2019-community-convening/.

- **Envisioning Equity: Strategic Planning for Inclusive Organizations, March 15.** Inaugural conference for staff & board teams from nonprofit, for-profit, & funding organizations. Will focus on teaching organizations how to align strategic planning process to ensure that resulting mission, vision, policies, and procedures will combat racial inequity at structural and systemic levels. Features keynote, panel discussion, & variety of breakout sessions with experts in racial equity & strategic planning. **Details:** http://www.envisioningequitychi.org.

• Medicine & Media: 3rd Annual Conference of Northwestern’s Center for Bioethics & Medical Humanities, May 3. This conference is dedicated to sharing research and scholarship in bioethics and medical humanities at Northwestern. Will feature poster and panel presentations that highlight the academic diversity of our field and of the Northwestern community. Details: https://www.bioethics.northwestern.edu/.

• 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. A limited number of scholarships to cover the cost of conference registration are available. Details: https://bit.ly/2ABmMdf.


• 2nd Annual Sinai Population Health Institute, June 3-7. Applications are now being accepted. Hosted by SUHI, the Institute is a one-week immersion into the dynamic world of population health, with a special focus on health equity, social determinants of health, and evidence-based practices. It incorporates project-based learning, lectures, workshops, and community tours. To apply, or for more info, including cost and potential institutional arrangements, contact pophealthtraining@sinai.org.


Grant Opportunities

• 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.

• UIC CHER Chicago Community Seed Grants. The Center for Health Equity Research Chicago (CHER Chicago), is National Institutes of Health-funded Center of Excellence, based at the UIC Cancer Center and School of Public Health, in collaboration with The University of Chicago Biological Sciences Division. CHER Chicago’s mission is to make transformative contributions toward the elimination of structural violence through collaborative community partnerships, innovative research, and the development of health disparities researchers. Community Discussion & Dissemination Seed Grants aim to stimulate discussion around structural violence within diverse communities throughout Chicago, and to support the dissemination of new ideas and knowledge about how to address/minimize structural violence. Deadline: March 7. Details: http://www.cherchicago.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/12/CHERchicago_CEDC_2019_CommunitySeedGrant.pdf.

• African American Pharmacogenomic Consortium Network Community Pilot Grants (ACCOuNT). The ACCOunT Transdisciplinary Collaborative Center— a partnership between U of C and Northwestern University – is offering Pilot Grants to stimulate community stakeholders to be the principal drivers of pharmacogenomics-enabling research projects that they conceive, plan, and execute with support from research collaborators. Two projects focused on African American cardiovascular pharmacogenomics, or how a person’s genes impact their reaction to drugs for the heart and blood vessels, will be awarded each year. Awards will be made for up to $25K for each project. Deadline: March 22. Details: https://bit.ly/2tb7ghD.

• 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.
Robert Wood Johnson Foundation RWJF: Evidence for Action: Investigator-Initiated Research to Build a Culture of Health. Aims to provide individuals, organizations, communities, policymakers, & researchers with empirical evidence needed to address key determinants of health encompassed in Culture of Health Action Framework. Will also support efforts to assess outcomes & set priorities for action by encouraging and supporting creative, rigorous research on the impact of innovative programs, policies and partnerships on health and well-being, & on novel approaches to measuring health determinants and outcomes. Approx. $2.2 million awarded annually. Expect 5-12 grants/year for periods of up to 30 months. **Deadline:** Rolling. **Details:** [http://bit.ly/1KQES8c](http://bit.ly/1KQES8c)


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:** [http://www.research.northwestern.edu/interdisciplinary123/](http://www.research.northwestern.edu/interdisciplinary123/)

National Institutes of Health (NIH) Funding

- **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

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• 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/PA-16-146.html. Expires 5/8/19

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

• Methodology & Measurement in Behavioral & Social Sciences (R01 & R21): Behavioral & 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 & social factors in health & disease, & enhance the rigor and reproducibility of study results, the participating Institutes & Centers (ICs) invite qualified researchers to submit research grant applications on methodology and measurement in the behavioral and social sciences relevant to the missions of the NIH ICs. Details: https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-16-260.html Expires 9/8/19

• Detecting & Preventing Suicide Behavior, Ideation and Self-Harm in Youth in Contact with the Juvenile Justice System (R01 & R34): This initiative supports research to test the effectiveness of combined strategies to both detect and intervene to reduce the risk of suicide behavior, suicide ideation, and non-suicidal self-harm by youth in contact with the juvenile justice system. Inviting intervention strategies that are designed to be delivered in typical service settings using typically available personnel and resources, to enhance the implementation of interventions that prove effective, enhance their future uptake in diverse settings, and thereby reduce risk of suicide and self-harm in this population. Community-based points of intervention are likely to play a significant role in effective intervention strategies, and might include: behavioral or primary health care settings, educational or vocational settings, family services, etc. Collaboration with multiple stakeholders (e.g. case managers, parole or probation officers, school counselors, peer-counselors, family members, program managers, policy leaders, etc.) can contribute to shaping interventions that can be feasibly delivered and have likelihood of rapid scale-up. The ability to link justice, educational and/or health care data systems may enable assessment of the efficiency and full impact of interventions. Details: http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-16-299.html Expires 9/8/19

• 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 infection with HIV; and mechanistic research in hematologic diseases. Details: [https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-18-412.html](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-18-412.html) Expires 1/8/20

• **Improving Individual and Family Outcomes through Continuity and Coordination of Care in Hospice** (R01, R21): Research that focuses on reducing negative individual and family outcomes related to unwanted transitions at the end of life and optimizing the individual and family outcomes related to high quality coordination of care of care of individuals who are enrolled in hospice. This FOA emphasizes individuals who are receiving hospice care and their family caregivers, in any setting where hospice care is provided, including their home, a relative’s home, a hospice inpatient facility, an assisted living facility, a short- or long-term care facility, or a hospital. Details: [https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-18-148.html](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-18-148.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](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** (BPSD): 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. Details: [https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-18-621.html](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-18-621.html) Expires 6/2/20.

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

• **Testing Interventions for Health-Enhancing Physical Activity** (R01): Fund highly innovative and promising research that tests multi-level physical activity intervention programs acting on at least two levels of socio-ecological model and designed to increase health-enhancing physical activity: 1) in persons or groups that can benefit from such activity; & 2) that could be made scalable and sustainable for broad use across nation. Provides support for up to 5 years for research planning, intervention delivery, and follow-up activities. Expires 1/8/21 Details: [https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-17-306.html](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](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-18-323.html)
• **Community Partnerships to Advance Research (CPAR) (R01):** This funding opportunity announcement (FOA) encourages researchers to partner with community groups, using Community Engaged Research (CEnR) methodologies that will enhance relationships and lead to better intervention development and positive health outcomes. Expires 1/8/21. Details: [https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-18-377.html](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-18-377.html).

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

• **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](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](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](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-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. Details: [https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-19-136.html](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-19-136.html). Expires 1/8/22

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


Calls for Papers/Proposals/Other Opportunities

▪ **Open Position at Northwestern’s Center for Community Health: Senior Program Administrator for Practice-Based Research.** [Center for Community Health (CCH)] is hiring. Are you passionate about community health and making healthcare better? This position is a great opportunity to work with diverse community and academic clinics across Chicagoland. To apply or for more info: [https://bit.ly/2C00B2C](https://bit.ly/2C00B2C).

▪ **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.

▪ **Call for Proposals: 3rd Annual Conference of Northwestern’s Center for Bioethics & Medical Humanities.** Inviting people with ties to Northwestern & affiliated medical centers, who are working on projects in bioethics and/or medical humanities. Encourage proposals related to theme of “Medicine & Media” – but welcome proposals on any topic within bioethics or medical humanities. **Deadline:** Feb 11. **Details:** [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSemsGpcwSphTVQx0Ca7yuPiPw4OMhOXZbuMZMr7cSZYZbeUw/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSemsGpcwSphTVQx0Ca7yuPiPw4OMhOXZbuMZMr7cSZYZbeUw/viewform).

▪ **Health Equity Leadership Institute 2019 Application Open.** June 17 – 21, 2019 at UW-Madison. Faculty from the University of Maryland at College Park and the University of Wisconsin-Madison developed and evaluated HELI, an intensive week-long research and career-development institute, with the goal of increasing the number of underrepresented scholars who can sustain their ongoing commitment to health equity research. **Deadline:** Feb 15. **Details:** [https://uwmadison.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_4HHO1lbLApm2M17](https://uwmadison.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_4HHO1lbLApm2M17).

▪ **ChicagoCHEC Research Fellows Program 2019.** Fellows program is a comprehensive learning experience for undergraduate and postbaccalaureate students at Northeastern Illinois, UIC, Northwestern, City Colleges of Chicago, and other Community/ Junior Colleges in Chicago metro area who are planning to apply to graduate or medical school. Focused on development of academic, technical, and professional skills in preparation for careers in social, behavioral, and biomedical research and in healthcare. Fellows will spend the summer in seminars and research rotations learning from leading researchers. Following the summer intensive program, Fellows will have the option to be matched with a research mentor and research project (depending on availability) during the academic year. **Deadline:** Feb 28. **Details:** [https://chicagochec.org/](https://chicagochec.org/).

▪ **15th Annual Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine Lewis Landsberg Research Day (April 4) Call for Abstracts.** This is an opportunity to share research with colleagues, find potential new collaborators and explore the exciting research taking place at Feinberg. Awards will be presented in the areas of clinical research, education research, basic science, public health and social sciences and women's health. **Deadline:** March 8. **Details:** [https://northwestern2019cfp.azurewebsites.net/](https://northwestern2019cfp.azurewebsites.net/).


▪ **Call for Proposals: APHA Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, November 2-6.** The American Public Health Association is accepting abstracts. Theme: Creating the Healthiest Nation: For science. For action. For health. Many engaged research abstracts are submitted to the Community-Based Public Health Caucus. **Deadline:** June 3. **Details:** [https://apha.confex.com/apha/2019/cfp.cgi](https://apha.confex.com/apha/2019/cfp.cgi).

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

Resources

▪ **Voices of Child Health in Chicago Report.** Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children’s Hospital and Chicago Department of Public Health (CDPH) conducted a telephone survey of 3,310 adult Chicagoans in 2017-18. Individuals were asked their biggest concerns for health of children in Chicago. Report shares “Top 10”

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

- **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