Events

**Chicago United for Equity (CUE) Vote Equity Parties, Jan 5-Jan 10.** CUE is working to develop a voter’s guide for racial equity for the upcoming Chicago mayoral & aldermanic elections this winter. Community input is being gathered through Vote Equity Parties being held during January. Learn about how you can attend or host a party or fill out a Vote Equity ballot online. **ARCC Director Jen Brown is a CUE Fellow and is happy to speak with anyone interested in attending or hosting. Deadline: Jan 31. Details:** [https://www.chicagoforall.org/](https://www.chicagoforall.org/)

**Toward Healthcare for All: The Opportunity to Act Now, January 26.** This forum hosted by ARCC Steering Committee member Health & Medicine Policy Research Group is an opportunity to learn, to connect with others working to expand health insurance coverage, to explore how we might walk toward healthcare for all in our state and the nation. Activists, community members, health professionals, & others interested in healthcare access & health equity invited. **Details:** [http://www.hmprg.org/events/toward-healthcare-for-all-the-opportunity-to-act-now/](http://www.hmprg.org/events/toward-healthcare-for-all-the-opportunity-to-act-now/).

**2019 ARCC Community Engagement in Research Seed Grants Info Session Webinar, January 31.** The seed grant program offered through the Alliance for Research in Chicagoland Communities (ARCC) is one of several sponsored by NUCATS and IPHAM’s Center for Community Health. This seed grant program seeks to support the development of community-engaged research partnerships and projects between Chicagoland communities and Northwestern University academic teams. **Details:** posted soon.

**Guidance on Policy, Priority Areas, & Resources for Conducting Health & Wellness Research with Chicago Public Schools & Evanston School Districts, February 28, 1:30-4 pm.** Attention all Researchers, Evaluators, and Community Partners interested in collaboration with [Chicago Public Schools](https://www.chicagopublicschools.org/) or Evanston Schools on issues of Health & Wellness. 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)](https://www.alliancechicago.org/). Please RSVP & submit questions in advance to: ARCC@northwestern.edu. **Details:** [https://www.feinberg.northwestern.edu/sites/cch/docs/feb282019-cps-nu-workshop2.pdf](https://www.feinberg.northwestern.edu/sites/cch/docs/feb282019-cps-nu-workshop2.pdf).


**Envisioning Equity: Strategic Planning for Inclusive Organizations, March 15.** Inaugural conference for staff and board teams from nonprofit, for-profit, and funding organizations will be hosted at National Museum of Mexican Art in Pilsen neighborhood. 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. Will feature keynote, panel discussion, and variety of breakout sessions with experts in racial equity and strategic planning. **Details:** [http://www.envisioningequitychi.org/](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/](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](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](http://wtgrantfoundation.org/grants/research-grants-reducing-inequality).

- **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](http://www.cherchicago.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/CHERchicago_RFP_20192020-1.pdf).

- **Community Access to Child Health Seeks Applications for Community Health Programs.** A program of the American Academy of Pediatrics, grants provide support to pediatricians eager to collaborate within their communities so that all children have access to needed health services. CATCH is accepting applications for its CATCH Planning & Implementation Grants program & CATCH Resident Grants program. **Deadline:** Jan 31. **Details:** [https://www.aap.org/en-us/advocacy-and-policy/aap-health-initiatives/commpeds/Pages/Grants.aspx](https://www.aap.org/en-us/advocacy-and-policy/aap-health-initiatives/commpeds/Pages/Grants.aspx).

- **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](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. **Info Webinar:** Jan 31. **Details in events above.** Required One on One Call with ARCC **Director:** No later than March 27. **Application Deadline:** April 11. **Details:** [https://www.feinberg.northwestern.edu/sites/ccc/funding/seed-grants/arcc/index.html](https://www.feinberg.northwestern.edu/sites/ccc/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](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

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- **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](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/PAR-16-083.html](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-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/PAR-16-165.html](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-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](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](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](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](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-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 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](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 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-16-260.html](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 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 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-18-412.html Expires 1/8/20

- **Addressing Unmet Needs in Persons with Dementia to Decrease Behavioral Symptoms and Improve Quality of Life (R01, R21):** Research addressing behavioral and psychological symptoms of dementia (BPSD) and the association of BPSD with unmet physical, social, or environmental needs in persons with dementia. Details: https://grants.nih.gov/grants-guide/pa-files/PA-18-148.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

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home or care settings (daycare, residential care facility). This concept focuses on informal caregivers.

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

- **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.

- **End-of-Life and Palliative Needs of Adolescents and Young Adults (AYA) with Serious Illnesses (R01):** The purpose of this funding opportunity announcement (FOA) is 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. Expires 1/8/22.

Patient Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI) Funding


- **Improving Methods for Conducting PCOR. Application Deadline:** Feb 12. https://www.pcori.org/funding-opportunities

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/2CO0B2C.

- **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.

- **CDPH Forces of Changes Assessment.** The Chicago Department of Public Health (CDPH) and the Partnership for Healthy Chicago (Partnership) need your insights to identify the forces influencing the public's health over the next five years. This Forces of Change assessment, which analyzes the forces (trends, factors and events) and the possible threats and/or opportunities they pose, is being completed by organizations, agencies, businesses and entities across Chicago. **Deadline:** Jan 9. **Details:** https://uic.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9te6mkZ4VriL1dj.

- **Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Culture of Health Leaders Program.** Leadership development opportunity for visionary individuals from all sectors and professions. Culture of Health Leaders share the vision and drive to build thriving communities where every resident has a fair opportunity at living a long, healthy life. They seek out diverse perspectives, value the dignity and worth of all people, and embrace learning as much as they lead. **Deadline:** Jan 11. **Details:** http://cultureofhealth-leaders.org/
Illinois Department of Public Health Health Equity Council (HEC) Seeking Partner Agency members. HEC is looking for interested and enthusiastic agencies to partner in our work to promote health equity across the state. HEC purpose is to help increase the capacity to advance health equity, inform policy, and support systems-level changes that address inequities in health outcomes. Agency input and participation is vital to IDPH’s vision for all "communities to achieve & maintain optimal health & safety." **Deadline:** Jan 11. **Details:** [https://bit.ly/2F0Oxwa](https://bit.ly/2F0Oxwa).

AcademyHealth Delivery System Science Fellowship. Now in its 8th year, offers paid, year-long learning opportunity for highly qualified, post-doctoral researchers to gain more applied experience in delivery system setting. As part of fellowship, individuals with background in health services research or related fields are placed within 1 of 10 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](https://www.academyhealth.org/dssf).

Photovoice Professional Development Online Course: ‘Talking with Pictures’: February 2-13. Provides hands-on experience with adapting Photovoice to clinical care, programming, evaluation, and research. Upon completion, participants will have knowledge, skills and tools to implement their Photovoice Plan. Photovoice is a participatory approach to communication that generates powerful data (photos, captions); engages clients, clinicians, and the public in identifying opportunities for change; and helps people to feel their ‘voices’ are heard. **Details:** [http://www.photoviceworldwide.com/#sthash.Cmc5EGgy.dpbs](http://www.photoviceworldwide.com/#sthash.Cmc5EGgy.dpbs).

Call for Proposals: 3rd Annual Conference of Northwestern’s Center for Bioethics & Medical Humanities. We invite everyone with ties to Northwestern University and its affiliated medical centers, who are working on projects in bioethics and/or medical humanities, to submit an abstract. This includes teaching faculty, health-care providers, fellows, alumni of the Medical Humanities and Bioethics graduate program, NU graduate students, and Feinberg medical students. Encourage proposals related to conference 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/1FAIpQLSeemGpcwSphTVQqx0Ca7yuP9iIPw4OMhOXZbuMZMr7cSZYZbeUw/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeemGpcwSphTVQqx0Ca7yuP9iIPw4OMhOXZbuMZMr7cSZYZbeUw/viewform).


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 the Chicago Department of Public Health (CDPH) conducted a telephone survey of 3,310 adult Chicagoans in 2017-2018. Individuals were asked what their biggest concerns were for health of children in Chicago. Report shares “Top 10” problems –biggest health problems facing kids that adults are most concerned about. 7 of Top 10 problems are related to mental health, either directly (stress, depression, and suicide) or through health conditions connected to mental health (drug abuse, alcohol abuse, obesity, smoking & tobacco use). **Details:** [https://www.luriechildrens.org/globalassets/voices-of-child-health-in-chicago/voices-of-child-health-report1.pdf](https://www.luriechildrens.org/globalassets/voices-of-child-health-in-chicago/voices-of-child-health-report1.pdf).


- **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](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](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