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Events

- **Telling Our Untold & Unacknowledged Stories: Reflections from Black and Brown Bodies, September 7-8.** Discussion of how to explicitly integrate mental health, social justice, and community organizing as a way to optimally care for Black and Brown people in clinical settings, faith communities, educational institutions and the community-at-large. The event will include planning for a specific community organizing initiative to improve the mental health of Black and Brown youth who attend Chicago and Evanston public schools. Details: [https://www.garrett.edu/events/2018-coloring-mental-health-symposium-and-roundtable-discussion](https://www.garrett.edu/events/2018-coloring-mental-health-symposium-and-roundtable-discussion).

- **Northwestern University Navigating the Research Enterprise, September 10 – December 17.** Annual seminar series for early-career faculty and postdoctoral fellows at Northwestern who have protected research time. It’s designed to provide them with the support they need to focus on developing the key skills young scientists require in order to progress beyond just doing good research. Attendees will be introduced to issues such as finding sources for research funds, writing effective grants and building a network of professional colleagues. Details: [https://www.nucats.northwestern.edu/education-and-career-development/investigator-development/navigating-research-enterprise.html](https://www.nucats.northwestern.edu/education-and-career-development/investigator-development/navigating-research-enterprise.html).

- **The State of Black Health National Conference, Sept. 11-13, Atlanta, GA.** Will convene public health professionals, social justice leaders and community advocates in pursuit of health equity for African Americans. This inaugural annual event will examine the core influences on health including economic, institutional, and social inequalities. Aims to develop a cohesive policy platform that will address chronic disease and other health challenges unique to African Americans. Will equip attendees with actionable plan for improving Black health in their respective regions and energize a move toward achieving positive health outcomes for African Americans. Details: [https://www.stateofblackhealth.com/](https://www.stateofblackhealth.com/).

- **Becoming Evaluation Ready: Evaluation Training Session for Community Organizations, Sept 12.** The Chicagoland Evaluation Association, Northwestern University's Alliance for Research in Chicagoland Communities (ARCC), and the Evaluation Core at Lurie Children's Smith Child Health Research, Outreach and Advocacy Center are pleased to offer a training session on becoming evaluation ready. Designed for community organizations and will provide information on how to prepare for partnering with an evaluator and/or evaluating their programs. Details: [https://planitpurple.northwestern.edu/event/537647](https://planitpurple.northwestern.edu/event/537647).

- **2018 Midwest LGBTQ Health Symposium, Sept 14-15.** Theme: Moving Towards Health Equity. Strengthening our Community of Care. Gathering of healthcare professionals, social service providers, advocates, and researchers will highlight innovative best practices in LGBTQ patient-centered clinical care as well as community-driven approaches to addressing health disparities. Critical topics such as HIV elimination, racial equity in LGBTQ care, addressing violence, reproductive justice and others as both healthcare providers and advocates for meaningful change. Details: [https://events.bizzabo.com/MLHS2018/home](https://events.bizzabo.com/MLHS2018/home).

- **UIC Policy 101 Workshop, Working With Journalists, September 18.** Will feature panel of media professionals, including Adeshina Emmanuel (Chalkbeat Chicago), Rick Pearson (Chicago Tribune, WGN), and Amanda Vinicky (Chicago Tonight, WTTW) who will provide insight on how scholars can effectively collaborate with journalists in efforts to have research inform public discussions. Details: [https://irrpp.uic.edu/events/rsvp.shtml](https://irrpp.uic.edu/events/rsvp.shtml).


- **ACCORDS Designing for Dissemination Workshop, October 2-3.** The Adult and Child Consortium for Health Outcomes Research and Delivery Science (ACCORDS) Consortium at University of Colorado is hosting this session on Bridging Science & Practice of Designing for Dissemination: Getting from Unicorns to
Workhorses. Intended for researchers who are interested in translating research to clinical practice, communities, and policy. Details: https://bit.ly/2n5PI3i


- Northwestern LGBTQ Faculty Reception, Oct 17. Northwestern’s Institute for Sexual and Gender Minority Health & Wellbeing is excited to invite all NU faculty members who identify as LGBTQ to join this inaugural reception! Supported by schools across Northwestern, this will serve as a community-building celebration for LGBTQ faculty to connect with each other in the Northwestern community. Details: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdy9HhPhFxAPnmtgq7Yww2YlCl2fL2i58unwOq3cYwZmiWmceA/viewform

- LEPH2018: 4th Intl. Conference on Law Enforcement & Public Health, October 21-24, Toronto, ON. Join fellow practitioners, researchers and policy makers to share skills and learnings or showcase “on the ground” experiences at this inter-sectional conference exploring the complex intersection of law enforcement, especially police, and the many and varied components of the public health field. Details: https://leph2018toronto.com/


- Third Coast Center for AIDS Research 2018 Symposium “Ending the HIV Epidemic: Think Globally, Act Locally”, Nov 1. Will draw important connections between HIV research in global settings and the lessons researchers can apply to their domestic work. Examples will include innovations in HIV testing, prevention, and care, as well as implementation science approaches to scale up of new interventions, and the role of research on non-communicable diseases and HIV. Keynote: Ambassador Deborah L. Birx, US Global AIDS Coordinator on scale up of HIV treatment through President’s Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) programs. Details: https://bit.ly/2FierQ.

- International Conference on Local Knowledge (ICLK), November 14-15, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. The main focus is to discuss investigations into local epistemology and its adaptability with the ultimate goal of enabling social transformation. Conference will be a venue in which experts, scholars and practitioners can present new findings, insights and experiences in specific areas of study on Local Knowledge (LK) from all over the world. Details: https://localknowledge572601523.wordpress.com/2018/04/04/the-journey-begins/.

- 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.

• National LGBTQ Health Conference: Bridging Research & Practice, May 30-June 1 2019. 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

- **Northwestern- Chicago Public Schools (CPS) Rapid Impact Grants Program.** The program’s goal is to fund small grants for research projects that are of high scholarly quality; that are completed along an accelerated timetable; that are immediately actionable; and that align with CPS programmatic priorities. While the program is administered and supported by Northwestern’s School of Education and Social Policy, all Northwestern faculty and postdoctoral researchers are eligible. Postdocs must include faculty mentor. **Deadline:** Sept 7. Details: https://ocep.northwestern.edu/files/pdf/rapid-impacts-invitation-proposals-v5.pdf.

- **Request for Application: NUCATS TL1.** The Multidisciplinary Training Program in Child and Adolescent Health (TL1) Award is now accepting applications for a tentative Nov 1, 2018 start date. Award provides mentoring, protected research time and professional development opportunities to postdoctoral fellows in pediatrics, engineering and data science who are interested in conducting child health research. **Deadline:** Sept 10. Details: https://bulkmail.northwestern.edu/trk/click?ref=zstwe3vud_2-6065x36cd5x03279&.

- **Supporting Home & Community-based Health Services for Chicago’s Medically Underserved. VNA Foundation awards grants to support home- & community-based healthcare & health services for medically underserved in Cook, Lake, McHenry, DuPage, Kane and Will counties- with focus on Chicago. Will consider funding program, operating, & capital grants, in support of following areas: Home health care services, Community & school-based services, Primary care & chronic disease management, Health promotion. **LOI deadline:** Sept 20. Details: https://vnafoundation.net/guidelines-procedures/.

- **Third Coast Center for AIDS Research in Chicago Community Collaborative Awards for HIV/AIDS Research.** Specifically support development of partnerships between community organizations and TC-CFAR faculty members that can lead to new opportunities for innovative, partnered research projects. Funds can be designated for use at university and community organization in configuration that will assure success of the partnership and likelihood of future development of successful NIH application. Funding is open to all investigators (new and established) in the area of HIV/AIDS research. **Deadline:** Oct 1. Details: http://www.thirdcoastcfar.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/RFA-CFAR-CommCollab-Awards-July2018.pdf.

- **Third Coast CFAR Community Mini-Award Instructions.** Third Coast affiliate members from community organizations can request these rapid, flexible funds to support workshops, seminars, or small conferences where HIV-related research can be disseminated to and with the community. Creative mechanisms for disseminating research are invited. Budget is limited to $2K in one year. Funds can be used for materials, expenses to host speaker for community event, expenses to host community event or conference, and related types of expenses. Salary not allowed. **Deadline:** Rolling. Details: http://www.thirdcoastcfar.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/06/Instructions-Community-Mini-award-updated-060916.pdf.

- **Call for Proposals: RWJF Systems for Action: Systems and Services Research for a Culture of Health.** Offering up to 6 awards of $250K each for research on how to better align the many financing and delivery systems that impact health. All proposals should include a focus on health equity, by examining how better aligning systems can ensure everyone has the opportunity to achieve their full health potential. **Deadline:** Oct 10. Details: https://rwjf.wf/2Mi4c1B

- **UIC Center for Health Equity Research (CHER Chicago) Community Discussion & Dissemination Seed Grants.** NIH-funded Center of Excellence, based at UIC Cancer Center and School of Public Health, in collaboration with Univ of Chicago. Seed Grants aim to stimulate discussion around structural violence within diverse communities throughout Chicago, and to support the dissemination of new ideas & knowledge about how to address/minimize structural violence. **Deadline:** Nov 6. Details: https://bit.ly/2wGaZF8.

- **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

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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 $60K 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**

- **Innovations for Healthy Living - Improving Minority Health & Eliminating Health Disparities (R43/R44).** Invites eligible US small business concerns to submit Small Business Innovation Research grant applications that propose to develop product, process or service for commercialization with aim of improving minority health and/or reducing health disparities in one or more NIH-defined health disparity population groups. Appropriate technologies should be effective, affordable, and culturally acceptable. **Deadline:** Oct 1. **Details:** [https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-MD-18-009.html](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-MD-18-009.html).

- **Technologies for Improving Minority Health & Eliminating Health Disparities (R41/R42).** This Funding invites eligible US small business concerns to submit Small Business Technology Transfer grant applications that propose to develop product, process or service for commercialization with aim of improving minority health &/or reducing health disparities in one or more NIH-defined health disparity population groups. Appropriate technologies should be effective, affordable, and culturally acceptable. **Deadline:** Oct 1. **Details:** [https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-MD-18-010.html](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-MD-18-010.html).

- **Clinical Trials to Test Effectiveness of Treatment, Preventive, and Services Interventions (R01, R61/33, R33, R34).** Support clinical trials to establish the effectiveness of interventions and to test hypotheses regarding moderators, mediators, and mechanisms of action of these interventions. Supports clinical trials designed to test the therapeutic value of treatment and preventive interventions for which there is already evidence of efficacy, for use in community and practice settings. Also supports clinical trials to test patient-, provider-, organizational-, or systems-level services interventions to improve access, continuity, quality, equity, and/or value of services. The intervention research covered under this announcement is explicitly focused on practice-relevant questions. Given the focus on practice-relevant questions in community and practice settings, collaborations between academic researchers and clinical or community practice partners or networks are expected. When possible, studies should capitalize on existing infrastructure (e.g., practice-based research networks such as the NIMH-sponsored Mental Health Research Network (MHRN), electronic medical records, administrative data bases, patient registries, institutions with CTSAs). **Expires:** 10/16/18 **Details:** [https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-MH-18-701.html](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-MH-18-701.html)

- **Social Epigenomics Research Focused on Minority Health & Health Disparities (R01):** Support & accelerate human epigenomic investigations focused on identifying & characterizing mechanisms by which social experiences at various stages in life, both positive & negative, affect gene function & thereby influence...
health trajectories or modify disease risk in racial/ethnic minority & health disparity populations. Details: https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-16-355.html. Expires 11/16/18

- 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

- 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 sub-populations; 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


- 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. Expires 1/8/19


- 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 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. 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/PAR-16-083.html Expired 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 Expired 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 Expired 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/PAR-16-167.html Expired 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/PAR-16-169.html Expired 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 Expired 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

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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

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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 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

- **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.

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

- **Engagement Award: Capacity Building.** The Engagement Award program supports PCORI’s Engagement Imperative and provides a platform to increase engagement in research, that is, the meaningful involvement of patients, caregivers, clinicians, and other healthcare stakeholders throughout the research process. Projects selected for an Engagement Award are expected to result in tools and resources that may be useful to other awardees for increasing patient and/or other stakeholder engagement in PCOR and CER, PCORI, and the broader PCOR community. **LOI Deadline: Oct 1** Details: https://www.pcori.org/funding-opportunities/announcement/engagement-award-capacity-building.

- **Engagement Award: Dissemination Initiative.** This new Engagement Award will give organizations and communities the opportunity to propose meaningful dissemination projects aimed at spreading awareness and increasing knowledge of new evidence from PCORI-funded research, targeted directly to patients, clinicians, and others who can use this information to inform healthcare decisions. **LOI Deadline: Oct 1** Details: https://www.pcori.org/funding-opportunities/announcement/engagement-award-dissemination-initiative.

- **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**

- **Call for Applications: 2018 Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Award For Health Equity presented by Community Campus Partnerships for Health** highlights exemplary partnerships between communities & academic institutions striving to achieve healthequity & socialjustice. **Deadline 9/4.** Details: bit.ly/2ogwfo

- **Call for Abstracts: Third Coast CFAR 2018 Annual Symposium Ending the HIV Epidemic:** Multidisciplinary symposium will draw important connections between HIV research in global settings and the lessons researchers can apply to their domestic work. **Deadline: Sept 5.** Details: http://www.thirdcoastcfar.org/annual-symposium/.

- **Call for Sessions: 2019 Collective Impact Forum,** Chicago on May 14-16. This convening will bring together funders, partners, & community members for cross-sector dialogue & peer learning to tackle complex

- **"Off the Record" Monologue Show Submissions Requested.** Northwestern medical & law school students are planning new monologue show exploring personal identity. As professionals, it can be hard to find an outlet to share stories that are nuanced, intensely personal or even funny. Show will feature anonymous stories from Northwestern community. Seek submissions from students, faculty and staff regarding topics such as identity, feminism and race. Stories can be of any format and length; we want to give voice to the common — and not-so-common — experiences that each of us has, those stories that we feel are not heard, not told, or that we may not feel comfortable sharing individually. **Deadline:** Sept 16. **Details:** [https://bulkmail.northwestern.edu/trk/click?ref=ztwe3vud_2-6106x36d64x02840&](https://bulkmail.northwestern.edu/trk/click?ref=ztwe3vud_2-6106x36d64x02840&).

- **Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Illinois Healthy Community Award.** Will celebrate work of successful place-based initiative improving health of residents and/or environment of a community in a way that contributes to improvement in overall community health. Will recognize efforts that take “Health in all Policies” approach to community development; an effort that plans and implements specific policies, programs, & processes that focus on improving health of community with attention to equity, collaboration & sustainability. **Deadline:** Sept 17. **Details:** [http://www.lisc-cnda.org/About-CNDA/Overview/Chicago-Neighborhood-Development-Awards.html](http://www.lisc-cnda.org/About-CNDA/Overview/Chicago-Neighborhood-Development-Awards.html).

- **Obama Foundation Fellowship.** Supports outstanding civic innovators-leaders who are working with their communities to create transformational change, addressing some of the world’s most pressing problems. Program selects 20 community-minded rising stars from around the world for 2-yr, non-residential program, designed to amplify impact of their work & inspire wave of civic innovation. **Deadline:** Sept 18. **Details:** [https://bit.ly/2w5VXZV](https://bit.ly/2w5VXZV).

- **Request for Proposals: West Side United Co-location of Mental & Behavioral Health Services in a Community Based Organization.** RFP to increase access to mental and behavioral health services through co-location or integration. The intent is to support implementing or expanding a co-location or integration program for communities and underserved individuals with barriers to receiving mental and behavioral healthcare services. **Deadline:** Sept 21. **Details:** [https://westsideunited.org/](https://westsideunited.org/)

- **Leshner Leadership Institute for Public Engagement with Science.** 15 AAAS Leshner Fellows are selected from disciplines at the nexus of an important science-society issue. They convene for week of intensive public engagement & science communication training & public engagement plan development. They’re also encouraged to consider collaborative projects with other fellows to pursue over the year. Fellows return to their institutions with renewed commitment to develop & implement public engagement activities, train & mentor other scientists in their communities, & promote public engagement within their institutions. **Deadline:** Oct 1. **Details:** [https://www.aaas.org/pes/leshner-leadership-institute](https://www.aaas.org/pes/leshner-leadership-institute).

- **RWJF Culture of Health Prize.** At RWJF, building a Culture of Health has become the central aim of what we do, with a goal of giving every person across the nation an opportunity to live the healthiest life possible. Communities are already leading the way to drive local change, and ensuring all residents have an opportunity to make healthy choices in their schools, workplaces and neighborhoods. The RWJF Culture of Health Prize, a collaboration between RWJF and the University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute, is the Foundation’s way of honoring communities—urban, rural, tribal, large or small—that are beacons of hope and progress for healthier people, families, and places. **Deadline:** Nov 1. **Details:** [https://rwjf.ws/2LVHNj2](https://rwjf.ws/2LVHNj2).

- **Call for Nominations & Proposals: Northwestern University 2019 Linzer Awards for Faculty Excellence in Diversity & Equity & Grants for Innovation in Diversity & Equity.** Goals are to build a more diverse, inclusive and equitable climate on campus. Both programs are aimed at enhancing diversity across the spectrum, including race, gender, religion, sexual orientation, socioeconomic status, age and political affiliation. Awards recognize faculty exemplars who are working collaboratively to build a more diverse, inclusive, and equitable climate at Northwestern. Two awards of $5K each year. Grants fund novel & innovative faculty projects that will enhance our academic enterprise through improving diversity and inclusivity at Northwestern (E.g. curricular innovation, pipeline advancement projects, or community outreach in Chicago or Evanston). Grants range $2-25K depending nature and scope of project. **Deadline:** Nov 1, 2018. **Details:** [https://www.northwestern.edu/provost/faculty-honors/diversity-and-equity-grants/about.html](https://www.northwestern.edu/provost/faculty-honors/diversity-and-equity-grants/about.html)

- **Call for Papers: Collection on Population Health Improvements.** Preventing Chronic Disease (PCD) invites authors to submit manuscripts for publication in a collection entitled “Health Care Systems, Public Health, and Communities: Population Health Improvements.” PCD invites manuscripts on research,
evaluation, & other work describing innovative and effective work to link health care & community health in ways that improve population health. **Deadline:** Nov 16. **Details:** [https://bit.ly/2q62sJ7](https://bit.ly/2q62sJ7).

- **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**

- **Video series for building evidence on effective programs** Child Trends is sharing these resources. [https://www.childtrends.org/project/video-series-building-evidence-effective-programs](https://www.childtrends.org/project/video-series-building-evidence-effective-programs)

- **NIH HDPulse Data Portal:** The objective is to provide an ecosystem to characterize health disparities to motivate action to reduce health disparities. Interactive graphics and maps provide visual support for deciding where to focus public health disparities control efforts. Target audiences: health planners, policy makers, public health information providers, and researchers who need quick and easy access to pertinent data to explore statistics to identify research opportunities. **Details:** [https://hdpulse.nimhd.nih.gov/about/?ct=t(EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2_22_2018_COPY_01)&mc_cid=37c6833877&amp;mc_eid=deeb4b601d](https://hdpulse.nimhd.nih.gov/about/?ct=t(EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2_22_2018_COPY_01)&mc_cid=37c6833877&amp;mc_eid=deeb4b601d).

- **Neighborhood Atlas:** New tool to help researchers visualize socioeconomic data at the community level. This online platform allows for easily ranking & mapping neighborhoods according to socioeconomic disadvantage. Seeing neighborhood’s socioeconomic measures, such as income, education, employment & housing quality, may provide clues to the effects of those factors on overall health, & could inform health resources policy &

- **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](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](http://www.ARCCresources.net)