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ANNOUNCEMENTS
Benedum Foundation Funding - The Benedem Foundation is planning for the 3rd and 4th quarter funding cycles. If you're thinking about requesting Benedum funding in the fall, contact Karen **now** to discuss your planned proposal. If not, your proposal will not be considered until at least the first quarter of 2018.

HSC Internal Study Section Review - The HSC Office of Research and Graduate Education will begin their next Internal Study Section Review in April. Intent for Pre-Review forms will be due for new NIH Research Application by April 1st. Full Proposals will be due on April 28th. Panel discussions will be held on May 5th. Renewal application study section deadlines will be in May. The SPH Office of Research encourages all investigators interested in pursuing NIH research funding to take advantage of this opportunity and will help you develop you application materials prior to the HSC deadlines. Questions? Contact Erica Bentley or Valerie Lemasters.

FACULTY RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES

Community Partnerships to Advance Research (CPAR) (R01) - This funding opportunity announcement (FOA) encourages researchers to partner with communities using Community Engaged Research (CEnR) methodologies that will enhance relationships leading to better interventions and positive health outcomes. Companion Funding Opportunities Include PA-14-141, R21 Exploratory/Developmental Grant PA-14-140, R15 Academic Research Enhancement Award (AREA). **Application Due Date(s): Standard dates apply.** https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-14-142.html

National Telehealth Resource Center Program - The purpose of the NTRCs is to support the delivery of telehealth technical assistance by Regional Telehealth Resource Centers (RTRCs) Cooperative Agreement (HRSA-17-015) recipients. Two NTRCs, focused on policy and technology, respectively, will provide training and support, disseminate information and research findings, support effective collaboration, and foster the use of telehealth technologies to increase access, timeliness, cost effectiveness or quality of health care service delivery in rural and medically underserved areas and populations. NTRCs will share expertise through individual consultations, training, webinars, conference presentations, and a significant web presence. The program seeks entities with proven, successful records in providing technical assistance in the development of sustainable telehealth programs. **Application Due Date: May 2, 2017.** https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=292136

The Health and Retirement Study (U01) - The purpose of this FOA is to solicit applications for the next 6-year cycle of the Health and Retirement Study (HRS), which is the leading longitudinal data resource on patterns of age-related changes in the health and well-being of adults age 50 and older in the U.S. The goals of the next cycle are to: 1) continue the current structure and design elements of the HRS while reducing respondent burden; 2) establish a repository of blood samples for future study; 3) enrich administrative linkages and collaborations with genetics consortia; 4) conduct follow-up dementia assessment using the Harmonized Cognitive Assessment Protocol (HCAP) to update data on the prevalence of dementia including Alzheimer's Disease and related dementias (AD/ADRD); 5) enhance harmonization with comparable surveys of population aging; and 6) augment data dissemination and user support. **Application Due Date: May 16, 2017.** https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-AG-18-005.html

Innovations in HIV Testing, Adherence, and Retention to Optimize HIV Care Continuum Outcomes (R21) - The health and preventive benefits of treatment for HIV/AIDS, regardless of CD4 count, are now unequivocal. In the United States and globally, ambitious goals have been targeted for HIV testing, adherence, and retention in care, to optimize HIV clinical outcomes and preventive benefit. Additional tools are needed to inform the gaps and strategies that are unique to particular populations, cities, regions, and countries. Applications appropriate for this FOA could include formative basic behavioral and social science to better understand a step in the care continuum and/or multiple steps in the HIV care continuum, and initial development and pilot tests of innovative approaches for intervention. PA-17-182 uses the R01 grant mechanism while this PA-17-181 uses the R21 mechanism. High risk/high payoff projects that lack preliminary data or utilize existing data may be most appropriate for the R21 mechanism, while applicants with preliminary data and/or including longitudinal analysis may wish to apply using the R01 mechanism. **Application Due Date(s): Standard AIDS dates apply**.
https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-17-181.html

Epidemiology and Prevention in Alcohol Research (R01) - This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) encourages the submission of investigator-initiated research grant applications to support research investigating the epidemiology of alcohol use, alcohol-related harms, and alcohol use disorders and the prevention of underage drinking, alcohol-related harms, and alcohol use disorders. Companion Funding Opportunities Include PA-14-189, R03 Small Grant Program and PA-14-188, R21 Exploratory/Developmental Grant. **Application Due Date(s): Standard dates apply.**
https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-14-190.html

AARP Foundation Grant Competition: Identifying Evidence-Based Solutions for Vulnerable Older Adults - AARP Foundation works to ensure that low-income vulnerable older adults have nutritious food, safe, secure and affordable housing, a steady income, and strong and sustaining social bonds. To address those needs, the grant competition is seeking evidence-based solutions that are guided by a deep level of engagement with AARP Foundation and that can be nurtured, evaluated and brought to scale. Through this grant competition the Foundation hopes to achieve multiple goals: Create a portfolio of grant-funded programs that includes projects with different levels of evidence with the goal of scaling, at the appropriate time, to serve more low-income older adults; Identify solutions that seek to achieve a double bottom line (sustainable programs that achieve a positive financial and social return). **Application Due Date(s): Pre-Applications Due by April 7, 2017. Application Deadline is May 19, 2017.**
http://www.aarp.org/aarp-foundation/grants/info-2016/Identifying-Evidence-Based-Solutions.html

Patrick and Catherine Weldon Donaghue Medical Research Foundation Greater Value Portfolio Grant Program - The Donaghue Foundation announces its 2017 Greater Value Portfolio grant program that will fund research projects for the purpose of creating new approaches to achieving a higher value healthcare system. The goal of this program is to test new approaches and tools that organizations can readily use to improve the value of the healthcare they provide to their patients and communities. The Foundation believes value in health care is achieved with uniformly high quality outcomes and favorable patient experience for the money we spend. Symptoms of poor healthcare value are high and rising healthcare costs, unwarranted variation in prices, unacceptable variation in quality, and a lack of transparency in both price and outcomes. Investigators conducting research that expect to develop actionable solutions to one or more of these symptoms of low value healthcare are encouraged to apply to the Greater Value Portfolio program. **Application Due Date: Letters of Intent Due May 1, 2017. Full Applications Due July 31, 2017.** http://donaghue.org/grant-programs/grant-opportunities/

Limited Competition: NIMHD Endowment Program for Increasing Research and Institutional Resources (S21) - The purpose of this program is to strengthen the research and training capacity/infrastructure at eligible institutions of higher education to facilitate minority health and health disparities research. NIMHD Research Endowment grants are made to create a permanent institutional endowment fund to support institutional resources and research capacity building. 'Institutional endowment' refers to corporate or system-wide endowment fund that is the sum total of the endowment assets of all campuses and their components. This includes, but is not limited to, endowments managed by an institution's foundations/associations as well as state university systems. The NIMHD Research Endowment Program does not directly support research projects itself. Specific activities may be designed to include, but are not limited to: Strengthen the research infrastructure through the development and enhancement of information systems and technology that support research capacity; Enhance the academic environment by creating challenging courses in such topics as research methodology and health disparities as additions to the curriculum; and Enhance the recruitment and retention of established scientific faculty with exceptional expertise in the clinical, population, behavioral, and social sciences or facilitate the recruitment of new scientists in these disciplines. **Application Due Date(s): May 1, 2017.** https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-MD-17-004.html **Only One Application Per Institution is Allowed.**

Marijuana, Prescription Opioid, or Prescription Benzodiazepine Drug Use Among Older Adults (R01) - Despite significant scientific advancements made in substance use disorder research over the last century, the causes and consequences of drug use in later life remain poorly understood. The intent of this funding opportunity announcement is to support innovative research that examines aspects of marijuana and prescription opioid and benzodiazepine use in adults aged 50 and older. This FOA encourages research that examines the determinants of these types of drug use and/or characterizes the resulting neurobiological alterations, associated behaviors, and public health consequences. This initiative will focus on two distinct populations of older adults: individuals with earlier onset of drug use who are now entering this stage of adult development or individuals who initiate drug use after the age of 50. Applications are encouraged to utilize broad methodologies ranging from basic science, clinical, and epidemiological approaches. The insights gleaned from this initiative are critical to our understanding of the determinants of drug use in later life, as well as its consequences in the aging brain and on behavior. This knowledge may have the potential to identify risk factors and to guide clinical practices in older populations. **Standard dates** apply. https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-17-196.html

Gerber Foundation Pediatric Research Grants - The Foundation's mission focuses on the nutrition, care and development of infants and young children. Therefore, grant-making interests are focused on health and/or nutrition-related research having a significant impact on issues facing infants and young children from the first year before birth to age 3. The Foundation is particularly interested in fresh approaches to solving newborn or pediatric problems or emerging issues with a predictable time frame to clinical application. Projects should be focused on issues faced by care providers that, when implemented, will improve the health, nutrition and/or developmental outcomes for infants and young children. The Foundation offers research grants in the following categories: Pediatric Health, Pediatric Nutrition and Environmental Hazards (Nutrient Competitors). **Application Due Date(s): Concept Papers Accepted June 1 and December 1 annually. Full Proposals Accepted February 15 and August 15 annually.** http://www.gerberfoundation.org/how-to-apply/

Sprint Foundation Community Development Grants - Since its establishment in 1989, the Foundation (the philanthropic arm of Sprint) has provided millions of dollars to community organizations across the

country. A separate legal entity from Sprint, the Sprint Foundation is able to make a huge impact where it is needed most, supporting hundreds of organizations every year that focus on education, arts and culture, youth development, community development, and disaster relief. Through direct grants and a robust Matching Gifts Program for employees and retirees, the Sprint Foundation creatively and thoughtfully acts as a champion for communities. **Application Due Date: Applications Accepted on a Continuous Basis.** http://goodworks.sprint.com/people/communities/sprint-foundation/