Health Behavior

Keywords: military personnel, veterans, alcohol and drug abuse prevention
National Institutes of Health
Prevention and Health Promotion Interventions to Prevent Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse and Associated Physical and Psychological Health Problems in U.S. Military Personnel, Veterans and their Families
Letter of Intent Due: April 1, 2013
Proposal Due: May 1, 2013
This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is issued by NIDA, the Department of Defense (DoD), Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs (OASD/HA), NIAAA, and NCCAM. The purpose is to accelerate research on health promotion and prevention interventions with foci on reducing the onset and progression of alcohol, tobacco, and other drug use and abuse (including illicit and prescription drugs) and associated mental and physical health problems and on the promotion of health-enhancing behaviors among active-duty or recently separated (e.g., Iraq and Afghanistan) military troops, Veterans, and their families.

Keywords: cancer prevention, cancer control, investigator-initiated projects
National Cancer Institute
National Cancer Institute Program Project (P01) Applications
http://grants1.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-12-005.html
Proposal Due: May 25, 2013
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Keywords: mHealth, patient-provider communication, chronic disease management
National Institutes of Health
mHealth Tools to Promote Effective Patient–Provider Communication, Adherence to Treatment and Self Management of Chronic Diseases In Underserved Populations
The purpose of this initiative issued by the National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR) and the Office of Dietary Supplements (ODS) is to stimulate research utilizing Mobile Health (mHealth) tools aimed at the improvement of effective patient–provider communication, adherence to treatment and self-management of chronic diseases in underserved populations. With the rapid expansion of cellular networks and substantial advancements in Smartphone technologies, it is now possible - and affordable - to transmit patient data digitally from remote areas to specialists in urban areas, receive real-time feedback, and capture that consultation in a database. mHealth tools, therefore, may facilitate more timely and effective patient-provider communication through education communication around goal setting, treatment reminders, feedback on patient progress and may improve health outcomes. This announcement encourages the development, testing and comparative effective analysis of interventions utilizing mHealth technologies in underserved populations.

**Keywords:** school nutrition, physical activity, policy

**National Institutes of Health**

**School Nutrition and Physical Activity Policies, Obesogenic Behaviors, and Weight Outcomes**


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**Keywords:** obesity, policy, evaluation

**National Institutes of Health**

**Obesity Policy Evaluation Research**


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This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) encourages Research Project Grant (R01) applications that propose to evaluate large scale policy or programs that are expected to influence obesity related behaviors (e.g., dietary intake, physical activity, or sedentary behavior) and/or weight outcomes in an effort to prevent or reduce obesity.

**Keywords: chronic illness management, children, adolescents**

National Institutes of Health

Chronic Illness Self-Management in Children and Adolescents


Proposal Due: Standard R series deadlines

([http://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/submissionschedule.htm](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/submissionschedule.htm))

The purpose of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) issued by the National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR) and the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD) is to encourage research to improve self-management and quality of life in children and adolescents with chronic illnesses. Children diagnosed with a chronic illness and their families have a life-long responsibility for self-management, to maintain and promote health and prevent complications. Biobehavioral studies of children in the context of family and family-community dynamics are encouraged. Research related to biological/technological factors, as well as, sociocultural, environmental, and behavioral mechanisms that contribute to successful and ongoing self-management of chronic illnesses in children is also encouraged. This FOA is restricted to studies of chronic illnesses in children and adolescents ages 8 to 21 grouped by developmental stages according to the discretion of the investigator. Studies of chronic mental illness or serious cognitive disability are beyond the scope of this FOA.

**Keywords: health disparities, minority and underserved children, rural**

National Institutes of Health

Reducing Health Disparities Among Minority and Underserved Children


Proposal Due: Standard R series deadlines

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workers, children from immigrant and refugee families, and language minority children. Specific targeted areas of research include biobehavioral studies that incorporate multiple factors that influence child health disparities such as biological (e.g., genetics, cellular, organ systems), lifestyle factors, environmental (physical and family environments), social (e.g., peers), economic, institutional, and cultural and family influences; studies that target the specific health promotion needs of children with a known illness and/or disability; and studies that test and evaluate the comparative effectiveness of health promotion interventions conducted in traditional and nontraditional settings.

**Health Services Management**

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National Institutes of Health

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National Institutes of Health

Obesity Policy Evaluation Research


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Keywords: communication disorders, health services
National Institutes of Health Disorders of Human Communication: Effectiveness, Outcomes and Health Services Research
Proposal Due: Standard R series deadlines
(http://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/submissionschedule.htm)
The purpose of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is to support effectiveness, outcomes and health services research in the NIDCD mission areas of hearing, balance, smell, taste, voice, speech and language.

Epidemiology

Keywords: cancer epidemiology, pilot tests, secondary data analysis
National Cancer Institute
Small Grants Program for Cancer Epidemiology
This funding opportunity announcement (FOA), issued by the National Cancer Institute (NCI), encourages the submission of Small Research Grant (R03) applications for research on cancer etiology and epidemiology. The overarching goal of this FOA is to provide support for pilot projects, testing of new techniques, secondary analyses of existing data, development and validation of measurement methods, linkage of genetic polymorphisms with other variables related to cancer risk, and development of innovative projects for more comprehensive research in cancer etiology and epidemiology.

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National Cancer Institute
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Keywords: health and longevity in aging, large-scale datasets
National Institute on Aging
Regional and International Differences in Health and Longevity at Older Ages
This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) encourages Research Project Grant (R01) applications from institutions/organizations proposing to advance knowledge on the reasons behind the divergent trends that have been observed in health and longevity at older ages, both across industrialized nations and across geographical areas in the United States. This FOA is intended to capitalize on provocative findings in the literature which have been insufficiently understood and addressed. This FOA is also intended to capitalize on NIA’s investment in the development of cross-nationally comparable datasets that can be harnessed to study these research questions; these include the Health and Retirement Study (HRS), the English Longitudinal Study on Ageing (ELSA), the Survey of Health, Ageing and Retirement in Europe (SHARE), and the Human Mortality Database. Applications proposing secondary analysis, new data collection, calibration of measures across studies, development of innovative survey measures, and linkages to administrative sources are encouraged. Applications are not restricted to projects using the NIA-supported datasets above and may propose research using any relevant data.

**Keywords:** alcohol abuse

**National Institutes of Health**

**Epidemiology and Prevention in Alcohol Research**


**Proposal Due: Standard R series deadlines**

The National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA), National Institutes of Health (NIH), 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.

**Gerontology**

**Keywords:** investigator-initiated, aging research

**National Institute on Aging**

**NIA Program Project Applications (P01)**


**Proposal Due: May 25, 2013**

The National Institute on Aging invites the submission of investigator-initiated program project (P01) applications. The applications may address scientific areas relevant to the NIA mission.
P01 submitted in response to this FOA must include at least three related research projects that share a common central theme, focus, and overall objective.

**Keywords: research infrastructure support, interdisciplinary**

National Institute on Aging

Network and Infrastructure Support for Development of Interdisciplinary Aging Research (R24)


Proposal Due: Standard R series deadlines

The purpose of this FOA is to provide network and infrastructure support to foster development of novel interdisciplinary research approaches on important topics in aging research. This FOA will use the NIH Resource-Related Research Project (R24) mechanism to facilitate research networks that will advance specific scientific goals through activities such as meetings, conferences, small scale pilots, short term training opportunities, and visiting scholar programs, and dissemination activities to encourage growth and development in these interdisciplinary areas.

**Keywords: undergraduate education**

National Institute on Aging

NIA MSTEM: Advancing Diversity in Aging Research (ADAR) through Undergraduate Education (R25)


Proposal Due: Standard R series deadlines

This funding opportunity announcement (FOA) issued by the National Institute on Aging (NIA), NIA MSTEM: Advancing Diversity in Aging Research (ADAR) through Undergraduate Education, encourages institutional Research Education Grant (R25) applications from institutions that propose creative and innovative research education programs to diversify the workforce in aging by (1) supporting undergraduate competency and completion in medicine, science, technology, engineering and mathematics (MSTEM) to be referred to as “NIA MSTEM fields” henceforth), as they relate to aging and, also, by (2) application and transition to graduate study that advances a cadre of students from diverse backgrounds into NIA MSTEM fields. The interests of the NIA span biological, biomedical, behavioral, clinical and social sciences research across the lifespan with a focus on processes of aging through midlife and into old age. This FOA is part of NIA’s coordinated effort to (a) fill a gap in the pipeline transitioning from undergraduate to graduate education in aging as it relates to medicine, science, technology, engineering, and mathematics and to (b) fulfill the objectives of the NIA Health Disparities Strategic Plan, [http://www.nia.nih.gov/AboutNIA/HealthDisparities](http://www.nia.nih.gov/AboutNIA/HealthDisparities). Evaluation metrics for participants may include graduation rates in these fields, as well as application and enrollment in aging-related and doctoral programs in these fields.
**Keywords: health and economic outcomes, economic downturn**
National Institute on Aging
Implications of the Economic Downturn for Health, Wealth, and Work at Older Ages (R01)
Proposal Due: Standard R series deadlines
([http://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/submissionschedule.htm](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/submissionschedule.htm))
This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) invites research on the implications of exogenous shocks, such as those produced by the recent economic downturn, for health, economic circumstances, and planning throughout the life-cycle.

**Keywords: fatigability, aging, intervention and evaluation**
National Institute on Aging
Fatigability, Activity Limitations, and Bioenergetics in Aging (R01)
Proposal Due: Standard R series deadlines
([http://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/submissionschedule.htm](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/submissionschedule.htm))
Fatigability is defined as fatigue in the context of activity level. This FOA invites applications proposing to 1) investigate the role of specific bioenergetic factors in increased fatigability, reduced activity, and diminished sense of well-being in older persons; 2) test the effects of interventions targeted at such factors on performance capabilities, functional status, and other outcomes that relate to quality of life; or 3) develop and evaluate measures of fatigability applicable for observational and/or interventional studies.

**Keywords: Alzheimer's disease, intervention trial, pilot study**
National Institute on Aging
Alzheimer's Disease Pilot Clinical Trials (R01)
Proposal Due: Standard R series deadlines
([http://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/submissionschedule.htm](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/submissionschedule.htm))
The objective of the Alzheimer’s Disease Pilot Clinical Trials initiative is to improve the quality of clinical research designed to evaluate interventions for the prevention and treatment of Alzheimer's disease (AD), mild cognitive impairment (MCI), and age-associated cognitive decline by stimulating applications for pilot clinical trials to test drug and/or behavioral interventions aimed at delaying the onset of or preventing AD, MCI, and age-associated cognitive decline; slowing, halting, or, if possible, reversing the progressive decline in cognitive function; and modifying the cognitive and behavioral symptoms in AD and MCI.

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National Institute on Aging
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**Keywords:** genome-wide association studies, aging

National Institute on Aging
Behavioral and Social Genomics of Aging: Opportunities in the Health and Retirement Study

Proposal Due: Standard R series deadlines
(http://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/submissionschedule.htm)
The Health and Retirement Study (HRS; see at http://hrsonline.isr.umich.edu/) is a longitudinal, nationally representative sample of the US population aged 50 years and older (plus spouses) with an oversample of African and Hispanic Americans and a total sample size of over 20,000. Using funds from the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act, the HRS is currently conducting genome-wide scans of DNA samples from approximately 20,000 participants, using the Illumina HumanOmni 2.5 Quad chip. It is anticipated that the genotype data for the first 13,000 subjects will be released to the public via dbGaP in the Fall of 2011, with data from the remaining participants to be released by the end of 2012. This FOA encourages applications taking advantage of the newly available genetic data to advance our understanding of how genetic, behavioral, and psychosocial factors affect the health and well-being of older Americans.

**Maternal and Child Health**

**Keywords:** technical assistance, workforce development, nutrition training

Health Resources and Services Administration
Maternal and Child Health Nutrition Training Program
Proposal Due: March 22, 2013
Maternal and Child Health Bureau (MCHB) grant funds are awarded to establish and enhance nutrition centers of excellence to improve MCH by promoting the healthy nutrition of the mother, child, and family. The Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Nutrition Training Program improves access to quality health care by providing graduate education to nutritionists designed to: 1) foster leadership in administration, systems integration, continuous quality improvement, education, and nutrition services with a public health focus, for populations of women and children (infants through adolescents) and families; (2) the development and dissemination of curricula, teaching models, and other educational resources to enhance MCH nutrition programs; and (3) the continuing education, consultation and technical assistance in nutrition which address the needs of the MCH community with a special focus on Title V programs, community-based programs, and other Federal programs, such as the US Department of Agriculture’s WIC and Summer Feeding Programs. Unlike other master’s level nutrition training programs, MCH Nutrition students receive specialized training in core MCH public health principles, epidemiology, environmental approaches to population intervention, leadership skills, and the development and evaluation of nutrition-related, cost-effective interventions for specific populations. Training is also provided in identifying and designing outcome evaluations and in evaluating the potential physiological and biochemical mechanisms linking diet and nutritional status with risk or disease status. Training is designed to provide both clinical and public health approaches to working with the MCH population. Nutrition as a discipline focuses on life course for the population, and is a critical link between public health and chronic disease prevention.

**Keywords:** technical assistance, workforce development

Health Resources and Services Administration

**MCH Knowledge to Practice**

https://grants.hrsa.gov/webExternal/SFO.asp?ID=71e8b6d5-2daf-4124-aad8-87a88d83ee78

**Proposal Due: March 26, 2013**

In addition to supporting graduate training of maternal and child health (MCH) professionals, the Maternal and Child Health Bureau is committed to advancing the knowledge and skills of practicing MCH professionals. Knowledge to practice (KP) education methodologies, including distance learning and blended methods (some in-person meeting time with distance follow-up), provide effective and efficient means by which MCH professionals in practice enhance and advance their analytic, managerial, and clinical skills while continuing to meet their daily on-site responsibilities. This program strongly supports HRSA goals to improve access to quality health care and services, strengthen the health workforce and improve health equity. Current barriers to continuing education include ever-tightening travel restrictions, capacity shortages, difficulty in taking time away from work, and the cost of trainings. Distance learning and/or blended learning methods can help address these barriers[1]. In addition, in times of severely limited resources, innovation assists in reaching MCH populations, including busy professionals. Therefore, both KP and MCH Navigator projects should be designed to implement new and emerging technologies.

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Health Resources and Services Administration
MCH Navigator Program
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Environmental Health

Keywords: environmental exposure in non-traditional settings
National Institutes of Health
Environmental Exposures and Health: Exploration of Non-Traditional Settings
(R01): http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-12-133.html
(R21): http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-12-134.html

Proposal Due: Standard R series deadlines
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The purpose of this funding opportunity announcement (FOA) issued by the National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR) and the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS) is to encourage interdisciplinary research aimed at promoting health, limiting symptoms and disease, and reducing health disparities in children and older adults living or spending time in non-traditional settings. These settings result in exposure to environmental pollutants and toxins that result in health risks, symptoms, and other health conditions/diseases including lower respiratory diseases, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, and cardiovascular diseases. Risk identification and symptom management include prevention and behavior changes and actions to maintain health and prevent disease with an emphasis on the individual, family, and community which will advance nursing science. For purposes of this FOA, non-traditional settings, for children and older adults, include, but are not limited to places such as community centers, pre-school and non-traditional school environments (e.g., churches, daycare, home-based schools, dormitories, and alternative schools), child and older adult foster care facilities, older adult day care facilities, half-way homes, assisted living and long-term care facilities.
Bioinformatics

Keywords: Electronic Data Methods Forum
Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality
Electronic Data Methods (EDM) Forum: Second Phase (U18)
Letter of Intent Due: March 15, 2013
Proposal Due: April 18, 2013
This FOA solicits Research Demonstration and Dissemination grant (U18) applications from organizations that propose to continue and expand the work of the Electronic Data Methods (EDM) Forum. The Forum will convene investigators from projects similar in scope and capability to those in three programs: PROSPECT (Prospective Outcome Systems using Patient-specific Electronic data to Compare Tests and therapies), scalable distributed research networks, and enhanced registries for QI and CER (for further details please visit: http://www.edm-forum.org/publicgrant/About/projectprofiles/), experts in health information technology and in outcomes research, practicing clinicians, patients, representatives from relevant organizations, and other relevant stakeholders.