Health Behavior

Keywords: health disparities, cancer, tobacco
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
Consortium of National Networks to Impact Populations Experiencing Tobacco-Related and Cancer Health Disparities
http://www.cdc.gov/tobacco/osh/foa/national_networks/
Letter of Intent Due: June 7, 2013
Application Due: July 18, 2013
The Office on Smoking and Health (OSH) and the Division of Cancer Prevention and Control (DCPC) are working together in this collaborative Funding Opportunity Announcement to support a consortium of national networks to advance commercial tobacco use prevention and cancer prevention in populations experiencing tobacco-related and cancer health disparities. The five-year project is expected to begin on September 1, 2013.

Keywords: dissemination and implementation, PCOR, healthcare disparities
Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality
Closing the Gap in Healthcare Disparities through Dissemination and Implementation of Patient Centered Outcomes Research (U18)
Letter of Intent Due: June 14, 2013
Application Due: July 31, 2013
The purpose of this funding opportunity announcement (FOA) is to identify strategies to engage stakeholders through shared decision making that can be used to effectively implement interventions specific to health care delivery systems, clinicians, and/or patients that focus on the reduction of racial/ethnic healthcare disparities in under-resourced settings. The effective strategies will incorporate the translation, dissemination, and implementation of patient-centered outcomes research (PCOR) findings for racial/ethnic minority populations. Successful applicants are required to demonstrate an ability to leverage the capacities of relevant and diverse stakeholders in their strategies to reduce healthcare disparities in under-resourced settings.

Keywords: childhood obesity, policy, disparities
Robert Wood Johnson Foundation - HB
Healthy Eating Research: Building Evidence to Prevent Childhood Obesity-Round 8
Application Due: July 10, 2013
Healthy Eating Research: Building Evidence to Prevent Childhood Obesity is a national program of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF). The program supports research on environmental and policy strategies with strong potential to promote healthy eating among children to prevent childhood obesity, especially among lower-income and racial and ethnic populations at highest risk for obesity. Findings are expected to advance RWJF’s efforts to reverse the childhood obesity epidemic by 2015. This call for proposals (CFP) is for two types of awards aimed at providing advocates, decision-makers, and policy-makers with evidence to reverse the childhood obesity epidemic.
Keywords: cancer, career transition
National Cancer Institute
The NCI Transition Career Development Award (K22)
http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-12-121.html
Deadline: Standard K deadlines
This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) represents the continuation of an NCI program to facilitate the transition of investigators in mentored, non-independent cancer research positions to independent faculty cancer research positions. This goal is achieved by providing protected time through salary and research support for the initial 3 years of the first independent tenure-track faculty position, or its equivalent.

Keywords: LGBTI populations, interventions, services
National Institutes of Health
Research on the Health of LGBTI Populations [R03]
Deadline: Standard R deadlines
The National Institutes of Health (NIH) is committed to supporting research that will increase scientific understanding of the health status of various population groups and improve the effectiveness of health interventions and services for individuals within those groups. High priority is placed on research on populations that appear to have distinctive health risk profiles but have received insufficient attention from investigators. This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) highlights a particular community: lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex, and related populations (designated here as LGBTI populations). Basic, social, behavioral, clinical, and services research relevant to the missions of the sponsoring Institutes and Centers may be proposed.

Health Services Management

Keywords: patient-centered care, healthcare quality, service integration
The Commonwealth Fund
Patient-Centered Coordinated Care Program
Letter of Inquiry Accepted without Deadline
The Patient-Centered Coordinated Care Program, an initiative of the New York City-based Commonwealth Fund, is accepting Letters of Inquiry for projects designed to improve the quality of primary health care in the United States, including efforts to center care around the needs and preferences of patients and their families. The program supports efforts to strengthen primary care by promoting the collection and dissemination of information on patients’ healthcare experiences and on physician office systems and practices that are associated with high-quality patient-centered care; assist primary care practices with the adoption of practices, models, and tools that can help them both become more patient-centered and coordinate more closely with hospitals, specialists, and other public and private healthcare providers in their communities; and inform the development of policies to encourage patient- and family-centered care in medical homes.

Keywords: healthcare financing, CER
Health Care Financing and Organizations
Large and Small Grant Opportunities
http://www.hcfo.org/funding/online-application-instructions-/large-grant-application-instructions
Letter of Inquiry Accepted without Deadline
HCFO funds studies designed to: •Examine significant issues and interventions related to health care financing and organization and their effects on health care costs, quality and access. •Explore or test major new ways to finance and organize health care that have the potential to improve access to more affordable and higher quality health services. •Promote the work of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation to provide grants for projects in the United States and U.S. territories that advance the mission to improve the health and health care of all Americans.

Keywords: evaluation
Administration for Community Living
Measuring the Value of Prevention within the SMP Program
Letter of Intent Due: June 13, 2013
Application Due: July 8, 2013
Educating consumers to prevent health care fraud is the essence of the mission and message of the Administration for Community Living’s (ACL) Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP) program. However, since there is not currently a way to quantify the effects of prevention education, measuring the impact of the SMP program on the extent and cost of fraud and abuse is difficult. For that reason, with this Funding Opportunity Announcement, ACL seeks applications that will describe how to best conduct research on prevention education, such as that conducted by the SMP program, to determine how to best measure and quantify the effects of these efforts. This research may include, but is not limited to, identification of methodologies for measuring cost savings or avoidance associated with SMP’s fraud prevention efforts.

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Keywords: payment and service delivery models, Medicare/Medicaid/CHIP
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
Healthcare Innovation Awards Round Two
Letter of Intent Due: June 28, 2013
Application Due: August 15, 2013
This is the second round of an initiative that will fund applicants who propose new payment and service delivery models that will provide better health, better health care, and lower costs through
improved quality for Medicare, Medicaid, and Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP) enrollees. Applicants will propose new service delivery models along with the design of corresponding new payment models. If their applications are funded, awardees will be required to implement the service delivery models at the start of the three-year cooperative agreement period and submit a fully developed new Medicare, Medicaid, or CHIP payment model by the end of the cooperative agreement period. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), at its discretion and consistent with the requirements of Section 1115A of the Social Security Act, may further develop one or more of these payment and service delivery models and open them to participation through a subsequent solicitation. Successful applicants will demonstrate that they can implement a model that improves quality of care and reduces cost within the first six months of the award and delivers net savings to CMS within three years.

**Keywords: career award, PHSSR**
Robert Wood Johnson Foundation
Mentored Research Scientist Development Awards
http://www.publichealthsystems.org/mentored-research-scientist-awards.aspx
**Application Due: August 21, 2013**
This solicitation supports mentored research scientist development awards to strengthen the pool of researchers available to conduct PHSSR and to build on successful principles and models previously demonstrated in public health and health services research. The awards support mentored, intensive career development experiences through funding, educational experiences and protected research time, leading to research independence for the awardees. The mentored research scientist development awards will support junior investigators through a career-building PHSSR research experience. The awards are designed to enhance researchers’ attainment of advanced research skills in PHSSR, and prepare them to viably compete for larger awards from organizations such as the National Institutes of Health, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality. Preferred applicants will demonstrate significant research experience, potential to become a major investigator in PHSSR, and a long-term career commitment to PHSSR.

**Keywords: career award**
Robert Wood Johnson Foundation
Health & Society Scholars Program
**Application Due: September 20, 2013**
The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health & Society Scholars program provides two years of support to postdoctoral scholars at all stages of their careers to build the nation’s capacity for research and leadership to address the multiple determinants of population health and contribute to policy change. The program is based on the principle that progress in the field of population health depends upon collaboration and exchange across disciplines and sectors. Its goal is to improve health by training scholars to: 1. investigate the connections among biological, genetic, behavioral, environmental, economic, and social determinants of health; and 2. develop, evaluate and disseminate knowledge, interventions, and policies that integrate and act on these determinants to improve health.

**Keywords: HIT, consumer needs, application design**
Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality
Understanding User Needs and Context to Inform Consumer Health Information Technology (IT) Design (R01)
Deadline: Standard R01 deadlines
This is a Large Research Project (R01) FOA to express AHRQ's interest in funding research projects that will build a knowledge base of individuals' personal health information management (PHIM) needs and practices and the design principles related to these activities. The increased interest in and availability of consumer health information technology (IT) applications meant to assist consumers in managing their personal health information has rapidly increased over the past decade. Many other industries have greatly benefited from design principles that take into account user needs and context, which help designers improve the utility of information management tools among a heterogeneous population of users. Individuals are the end users of consumer health IT; however, there is still a lack of basic research around these end users’ PHIM practices and needs and how these methods are influenced by a multitude of other contextual factors (e.g., care settings, demographics, motivations, user capabilities and limitations, informal caregiving networks, technology sophistication, and access to Internet) that, typically, represent a mixture of facilitators or barriers to adequate PHIM. This FOA looks to bridge the chasm that currently exists between consumer health IT designers and the users themselves, by bolstering basic research to better understand users’ PHIM practices, needs, and goals as they are intrinsically shaped by an array of contextual factors.

Keywords: HIT, decision-making, care coordination
Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality
Understanding Clinical Information Needs and Health Care Decision Making Processes in the Context of Health Information Technology (IT) (R01)
Deadline: Standard R01 deadlines
This is a Large Research Project (R01) FOA to express AHRQ's interest in funding research aimed at elucidating the nature of cognition, task distribution, and clinical work in various health care delivery settings. Research projects funded under this FOA will address current knowledge gaps regarding our understanding of health care providers’ information needs and health care decision making processes, both individually and collectively, and as a health care team (composed of doctors, nurses, therapists, and administrative staff). As the U.S. population continues to make strides in longevity, there also are a growing number of chronic conditions that require consideration when seeking medical attention. Accordingly, health care teams are progressively becoming overwhelmed by the mounting number of tasks that require attention during a typical clinical encounter. These conditions and/or set of conditions are often coupled with various clinical guidelines or best practices meant to guide and inform health care providers when caring for their patients. Furthermore, the volume of clinical guidelines that health care teams are expected to incorporate into patient care is also rapidly increasing. Consequently, these teams must balance information, cognitive tasks, and workflow processes as they make health care decisions. While health information technology (IT) has shown the potential to assist and support health care teams with these requisite tasks in a manner that improves the quality of care while minimizing risk and harm to patients, many health care organizations continue to struggle with the implementation and adoption of health IT. This stems from a variety of contextual factors (e.g., workflow integration, usability of the health IT applications, provider dynamics). To better understand provider needs, basic research is needed on how clinical work is actually done and how it could be done, while incorporating a
variety of cognitive analyses (e.g., cognitive work analysis, cognitive task analysis), workflow analyses (e.g., hierarchical task analysis, sequence diagrams), and human-centered design evaluations.

**Keywords:** HIT, investigator-initiated small research projects

**Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality**

Small Research Grant to Improve Health Care Quality through Health Information Technology (IT)


**Deadline:** Standard R deadlines

The purpose of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is to support studies that will inform larger scale real world health IT implementation and use or the conduct of more comprehensive health IT implementation research. Research Areas. This FOA is focused on three research areas of interest: Health IT to improve the quality and safety of medication management via the integration and utilization of medication management systems and technologies; Health IT to support patient-centered care, the coordination of care across transitions in care settings, and the use of electronic exchange of health information to improve quality of care; and Health IT to improve health care decision making through the use of integrated data and knowledge management.

**Keywords:** investigator-initiated small research projects

**Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality**

AHRQ Small Research Grant Program (R03)


**Deadline:** Standard R deadlines

This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) encourages Small Research Grant (R03) applications, and expresses AHRQ portfolio priority areas of interest for ongoing small research projects. The R03 grant mechanism supports different types of health services research projects including pilot and feasibility studies; secondary analysis of existing data; small, self-contained research projects; development of research methodology; and, development of new research technology.

**Keywords:** LGBTI populations, interventions, services

**National Institutes of Health**

Research on the Health of LGBTI Populations [R03]


**Deadline:** Standard R deadlines

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Epidemiology

Keywords: secondary data analysis, obesity, diabetes, digestive and kidney diseases

National Institutes of Health
Secondary Analyses in Obesity, Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (R21)
Deadline: Standard R deadlines
This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA), issued by the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK), the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA), and the Office of Dietary Supplements (ODS) encourages R21 applications that propose to conduct secondary analysis of existing data sets relevant to diabetes and endocrine and metabolic diseases; digestive diseases and nutrition, including obesity and eating disorders; and kidney, urologic, and hematologic diseases. The goal of this program is to facilitate research that explores innovative hypotheses through the use of existing data sets.

Gerontology

Keywords: research, advocacy, training

Retirement Research Foundation
Projects to Improve Lives of Aging Americans
http://www.rrf.org/apply/the-new-rrf-website-learn-more
Letter of Intent Due: July 11, 2013
Application Due: August 1, 2013
The Retirement Research Foundation is accepting proposals from nonprofit organizations for local and national projects designed to improve quality of life for older Americans. Grants will be awarded for projects that provide direct services, advocacy, education and training for professionals working with elders, and research that investigates causes of and solutions to significant problems of older adults. Projects and the organizations leading them must have a local focus on communities in Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Missouri, Wisconsin, or Florida. However, advocacy, training, and research projects of national relevance are considered from organizations located anywhere in the United States.

Preventive Medicine/Environmental Health

Keywords: occupational injury, workplace hazards

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
NIOSH Exploratory/Developmental Grant Program (R21)
Deadline: Standard R deadlines
The purpose of this grant program is to develop an understanding of the risks and conditions associated with occupational diseases and injuries, to explore methods for reducing risks and for preventing or minimizing exposure to hazardous conditions in the workplace, and to translate significant scientific findings into prevention practices and products that will effectively reduce work-related illnesses and injuries.
Biostatistics

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