Limited Submission Opportunity:
NIH 2014 Director’s Early Independence Awards (EIA)

The NIH recently opened a call for the 2014 Director’s Early Independence Awards (EIA) (http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-RM-12-018.html). HSPH is only permitted to submit two applications for this award.

This mechanism is for individuals who are within 12 months (before or after) receipt of the terminal research degree or completion of a clinical residency at the time of the application. As many are aware, this prestigious award supports exceptional investigators who wish to pursue independent research directly after completion of their terminal doctoral/research degree or clinical residency, thereby forgoing the traditional post-doctoral training period. The program is intended to help research intensive institutions invigorate their research departments by recruiting outstanding, early career scientists. Awards will be for up to $250,000 in direct costs, plus applicable F&A fees for a period of five years; cost-sharing is not required.

Because HSPH is only allowed to submit two applications, the Office of Research Strategy and Development (ORSD) will coordinate an internal competition to select the institution’s nominees. Students must be nominated by their Department Chair in order to be considered for the HSPH internal competition; Department Chairs must submit internal application materials to ORSD on behalf of the student no later than October 23, 2013.

Students interested in this opportunity should contact their faculty mentor and department chair immediately for additional details.
Other Federal Funding Announcements

**Department of Defense**
FY13 DOD CDMRP Program Pre-Announcements

The Fiscal Year 2013 (FY13) Defense Appropriations Act provides research funding for the peer reviewed programs managed by the Department of Defense (DOD) office of Congressionally Directed Medical Research Programs (CDMRP).

**Funding Opportunities now available:**

- Breast Cancer
- Defense Medical Research and Development Program
- Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy
- Gulf War Illness
- Lung Cancer
- Peer Reviewed Cancer
- Spinal Cord Injury

*New - USAID - Strengthening Local Capacity for Scientific Research and Knowledge Management in Health Sectors in Asia Modification 2*
Closing Date: October 25, 2013

*New - NIH - Evaluating Natural Experiments in Healthcare to Improve Diabetes Prevention and Treatment (R18) Grant*
Closing Date: November 1, 2016

*New - NIH: Pragmatic Research in Healthcare Settings to Improve Diabetes Prevention and Care (R18) Grant*
Closing Date: November 1, 2016

*New - NIH - Research on the Health Determinants and Consequences of Violence and its Prevention, Particularly Firearm Violence (R03) Grant*
Closing Date: January 7, 2017

*New - NIH - Research on the Health Determinants and Consequences of Violence and its Prevention, Particularly Firearm Violence (R01) Grant*
Closing Date: January 7, 2017

**FDA - Cigarette Tobacco Reference Products Program (UC2) Grant**
Closing Date: November 15, 2013

**NIH - Planning Grants for Pragmatic Research in Healthcare Settings to Improve Diabetes Prevention and Care (R34) Grant**
Closing Date: November 1, 2016

**NIH - Research on the Health Determinants and Consequences of Violence and its Prevention, Particularly Firearm Violence (R21) Grant**
Closing Date: January 7, 2017
NIH - Center for Evaluation and Coordination of Training and Research (CECTR) in Tobacco Regulatory Science (U54)
Closing Date: December 10, 2013

NIH - Disaster Mental Health Intervention Research Center (P60)
Closing Date: February 2, 2014

NIH - Opportunities for Collaborative Research at the NIH Clinical Center (U01)
Closing Date: November 20, 2014

NIH - Nutrition and Alcohol-Related Health Outcomes (R21)
Closing Date: February 7, 2017

HRSA: R40 Maternal and Child Health Policy Analysis Program
Closing Date: November 8, 2013

HRSA: R40 Maternal and Child Health Research Program (MCHR)
Closing Date: November 8, 2013

HRSA: R40 Maternal and Child Health Secondary Data Analysis Studies (MCH SDAS)
Closing Date: November 8, 2013

NIH: National Institute on Drug Abuse National Early Warning System (NEWS) Coordinating Center (U01)
Closing Date: December 3, 2013

NIH: Sustained Release of Antivirals for Treatment and Prevention of HIV
Closing Date: January 7, 2016

NIH: Translational Research to Improve Diabetes and Obesity Outcomes (R01)
Closing Date: January 7, 2017

NIH: Bridges to the Doctorate (R25)
Closing Date: September 25, 2015

NIH: Mechanisms of Alcohol and Stimulant Co-Addiction (R01)
Closing Date: January 7, 2017

HRSA: Social and Behavioral Interventions to Increase Solid Organ Donation
Closing Date: November 20, 2013

NIH: Inner City Asthma Consortium (UM1)
Closing Date: December 20, 2013

NIH: Neuroscience Research on Drug Abuse (R21)
Closing Date: January 7, 2017

HRSA: Public Education Efforts to Increase Solid Organ Donation
Closing Date: December 13, 2013

NIH: National Cancer Institute Program Project Applications (P01)
Closing Date: January 7, 2015
NIH: Increased Knowledge and Innovative Strategies to Reduce HIV Incidence-iKnow Projects  
Closing Date: January 7, 2016

NIH: Methods for Prevention Packages Program III (MP3 III) (R01)  
Closing Date: January 7, 2016

NIH: Behavioral and Social Science Research on Understanding and Reducing Health Disparities (R01)  
Closing Date: September 7, 2016

NIH: Exploratory/Developmental Research Grant Program (Parent R21)  
Closing Date: September 7, 2016

NIH: Research Centers in Injury and Peri-operative Sciences (P50)  
Closing Date: September 7, 2016

NIH: Research Project Grant (Parent R01)  
Closing Date: September 7, 2016

NIH: Small Research Grant Program (Parent R03)  
Closing Date: September 7, 2016

NMSS: Health Care Delivery and Policy Research Program  
Closing Date: January 8, 2014

NIH: NIMHD Basic and Applied Biomedical Research on Minority Health and Health Disparities (R01)  
Closing Date: November 27, 2013

PCORI Funding Opportunities  
PCORI has three broad funding cycles a year. Starting with May 2013, cycles are designated by the month and year that applications are due. More targeted and special funding opportunities may be available outside of these cycles.

NIH: Research Linking Environmental Exposure to Alzheimer’s Disease (R01)  
Closing Date: October 31, 2013

NIH: Research Linking Environmental Exposure to Neurodegenerative Disease (R21)  
Closing Date: October 31, 2013

HRSA: Social and Behavioral Interventions to Increase Solid Organ Donation  
Closing Date: November 20, 2013

NIH: Novel NeuroAIDS Therapeutics: Integrated Preclinical/Clinical Program (P01)  
Closing Date: January 7, 2016

NIH: Implications of New Digital Media Use for Underage Drinking, Drinking-Related Behaviors, and Prevention Research (R21)  
Closing Date: September 7, 2016

NIH: NIA Program Project Applications (P01)  
Closing Date: September 7, 2016

NIH: NICHD Program Project Grant (P01)  
Closing Date: September 7, 2016
**NIH: Secondary Analyses of Alcohol and Chronic Disease (R21)**
Closing Date: September 7, 2016

**NIH: Sexually Transmitted Infections Cooperative Research Centers**
Closing Date: October 23, 2013

**CDC: Prevention NIOSH Small Research Program**
Closing Date: September 8, 2015

**CDC: Prevention NIOSH Exploratory/Developmental Grant Program**
Closing Date: September 8, 2015

**CDC: Occupational Safety and Health Research**
Closing Date: March 5, 2018

**NIH: Tobacco Control Regulatory Research**
Closing Date: January 16, 2015

**NIH: Comorbid HIV, Chronic Pain, and Substance Use among Older Adults**
Closing Date: November 15, 2013

**NIH: HIV/AIDS and Substance Use Among the Homeless and Unstably Housed**
Closing Date: November 15, 2013

**NIH: HIV/AIDS and Substance Use among Black/African American Women and Young MSM**
Closing Date: November 15, 2013

**NIH: Integrating Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment within HIV/AIDS Service Delivery Settings**
Closing Date: November 15, 2013

**NIH: NIAID Resource-Related Research Projects (R24)**
Closing Date: September 7, 2016

**NIH: NINDS Research Education Opportunities (R25)**
Closing Date: September 7, 2016

**NIH: Services Research for Autism Spectrum Disorder across the Lifespan (ServASD): Pilot Research on Services for Transition-Age Youth**
Closing Date: October 22, 2013

**NIH: FY14 NIDA Avant-Garde Award Program for HIV/AIDS Research (DP1)**
Closing Date: November 6, 2013

**NIH: Chronic Inflammation and Age-related Disease (R01) Grant**
Closing Date: September 7, 2014

**FDA: Advancing Medical Device Postmarket Surveillance Infrastructure and Epidemiologic Methodologies through Multi-stakeholder Partnership**
Closing Date: April 30, 2017

**NIH: National Cooperative Reprogrammed Cell Research Groups (NCRCRG) to Study Mental Illness (U19)**
Closing Date: January 7, 2016
NIH: Countermeasures Against Chemical Threats (CounterACT) Cooperative Research Projects (U01)
Closing Date: September 16, 2015

NIH: Innovative Measurement Tools for Community Engaged Research Efforts (R01)
Closing Date: September 7, 2016

NIH: Symptom Management in HIV-Infected Individuals with Comorbid Conditions (R01)
Closing Date: September 7, 2016

NIH: MARC Undergraduate Student Training in Academic Research (U-STAR) National Research Service Award (NRSA) Institutional Research
Closing Date: June 24, 2015

NIH: Dissemination and Implementation Research in Health
Closing Date: January 7, 2016

NIH: Understanding and Promoting Health Literacy
Closing Date: May 7, 2016

NIH: Research on Alcohol and HIV/AIDS (R03)
Closing Date: May 7, 2016

NIH: Regional and International Differences in Health and Longevity at Older Ages (R03)
Closing Date: September 7, 2016

NIH: Obesity Policy Evaluation Research (R01)
Closing Date: May 7, 2016

AHRQ: Grants for Health Services Research Dissertation Program (R36)
Closing Dates: May 1, August 1, and November 1, 2013

NIH: School Nutrition and Physical Activity Policies, Obesogenic Behaviors, and Weight Outcomes
Closing Date: May 7, 2016

CDC: NIOSH Exploratory/Developmental Grant Program
Closing Date: September 8, 2015

CDC: NIOSH Small Research Program
Closing Date: September 8, 2015

**Other Funding Opportunities**

*New - Limited Submission Opportunity: Rita Allen Foundation Scholars Program.*

Sponsor: Rita Allen Foundation
Program: Rita Allen Foundation Scholars Program
Internal Due Date: Monday, December 2, 2013, 5:00 pm EST

Internal Competition Instructions:
Interested applicants from HSPH and the Cambridge Campus are requested to send the following to autumn_bennett@harvard.edu by the stated deadline:

- A 2 page proposal/ narrative plan of work. A third page may be used for related graphics
- A current CV (any format acceptable)
- Nomination letter from a Department Chair or Center Director
- Details of current and pending support from other funding sources

Sponsor Due Date: Applications accepted on a rolling basis until January 26, 2014

Overview of Opportunity:
The Rita Allen Foundation Scholars Program provides grants to scientists in the early stages of their career who do basic biomedical research in the following areas: analgesics, cancer, immunology, and neuroscience.

Key Features of the FOA:
- Scholars can receive up to $110,000 for a maximum of five years
- Applicants should be in the first three year of their appointment to Assistant Professor
- Scholar grant funds may be used for direct project expenses including up to 50% of the Scholar’s Compensation
- Post Docs and Associate Professors are not eligible to apply for this opportunity

For this opportunity Harvard is viewed as two institutions, each allowed one nomination. The division of the University is as follows:

Harvard Medical School (Interested Applicants from HMS please refer to the HMS Foundation Funds office/ Betty Carbunari 617-432-7463)
and
Harvard School of Public Health and the Cambridge Campus

The Office of the Vice Provost for Research will run an internal competition to select an applicant from HSPH/Cambridge Campus for submission to the Rita Allen Foundation.

*New – Rita Allen Foundation and American Pain Society – 2014 Award in Pain*

This year the Rita Allen Foundation has partnered with the American Pain Society to offer an additional 2014 Award in Pain.

Applications open November 1, 2013 and close January 17, 2014.

The Rita Allen Foundation (RAF) and American Pain Society (APS) announce the 2014 Award in Pain. The RAF and APS may award two grants in the amount of $50,000 annually, for a period of up to three years to those research proposals demonstrating the greatest merit and potential for success. Eligible candidates will have completed their training and provided persuasive evidence of distinguished achievement or extraordinary promise in basic science research in pain. Candidates should be in the early stages of their career with an appointment at faculty level. The entire award is to be allocated to projects specifically chosen by the recipient. Overhead is not supported.

Research Topics
Proposed research projects should be directed towards the molecular biology of pain and/or basic science topics related to the development of new analgesics for the management of pain due to terminal illness.

Deadlines
Applications may be submitted online and are due by midnight Eastern Time on January 17, 2014. Grant awards will be announced in April 2014 and funds will be awarded for the initial twelve month grant period upon satisfactory execution of the grant agreement between the RAF and the grant recipient’s institution. For any questions regarding the application please see the detailed program guidelines.

**General Information**
The application must include a written proposal in English of no more than six pages, including a page of no more than 20 references, and curriculum vitae. The candidate’s application must include a letter of support from the Department Chair or Institute Head demonstrating strong support for the candidate’s proposed research and career development. Two other required letters of support are from the candidate’s PhD advisor, and a mentor who has impacted the candidate’s research. The candidate will provide the e-mail contact information for the individuals requested to submit letters of support and each individual will be contacted by the online system requesting that their letters be uploaded directly into the candidate’s application. The candidate should list current and pending research support from all sources.

**Eligibility**
- To be eligible for the Rita Allen Foundation Award in Pain the applicant:
- Must demonstrate the strong support of the appropriate administrators and Department Chair or Institute Head.
- Should have been on a tenure track for no more than three years and support will be reconsidered if a Rita Allen Foundation Scholar is awarded tenure.
- Must conduct the research and be appointed at an institution in the United States or Canada.
- Each candidate must indicate if an application has been submitted for another APS research award and the candidate may accept only one APS research award.

**Grant Budget and Grantee Obligations:**
- Eligible grant expenses may include Principal Investigator salary but not institutional overhead
- Recipients are required to submit a 500 word annual progress report and a financial report to the RAF in accordance with the terms of the grant agreement.
- Investigators are required to present an abstract presentation of the sponsored research at a future APS Annual Scientific Meeting.

**Click here** to view previous Rita Allen Foundation Award in Pain recipients.

**The Award in Pain is not a limited submission, so there are no restrictions on how many applicants may apply. However, applicants will need their applications physically signed by the Institution’s Signing Official.**

The Rita Allen Foundation and the American Pain Society have informed the OVPR that they consider the Financial Officer of the applicant’s respective school the signing official for this opportunity.

**Limited Submission Opportunity:** Brain Research Foundation/ 2014 Seed Grant Program (Neuroscience)

The Brain Research Foundation has invited Harvard to nominate two (2) faculty members to submit a Letter of Intent for the 2014 Seed Grant Program. The BRF considers Harvard one institution for this opportunity, and as such HMS is not eligible to make two separate nominations.

Eligible PIs for this opportunity must be full time Assistant or Associate Professors working in the field of Neuroscience. This includes molecular and clinical neuroscience as well as studies of neural, sensory, motor, cognitive, behavioral and emotional functioning in health and disease. The grant period is for one year in the amount of 50,000 (direct costs).
Proposals must be new research projects not funded by other sources.

To facilitate the interest in this opportunity the Office of the Vice Provost for Research is running the following internal competition:

**Sponsor:** Brain Research Foundation  
**Program:** 2014 Seed Grant Program  
**Internal Due Date:** Monday, November 25th, 2013 at 5:00 pm EST  
**Internal Competition Instructions:** Interested applicants should submit the following to autumn_bennett@harvard.edu

- Nomination letter from a Department Chair/ Center Director
- A two page research proposal. A third page may be used for related graphics, if needed.
- A current CV (no specific format required)
- A budget (one page max.) describing how the award funds would be used. The budget may be in table or narrative form and does not need to follow an established template. If, after internal review, more information or clarification is needed, follow up will not affect the standing of an otherwise completed and timely submission.

**Sponsor Due Date:** January 8, 2014

**Overview:**
“The purpose of our Program is to provide start-up monies for new research projects in the field of Neuroscience that will likely lead to extramural funding from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) or other outside funding sources.”

**Limited Submission Opportunity:**  
**National Science Foundation: Major Research Instrumentation Program/ NSF 13-517**

Harvard, as one institution, may submit up to three proposals*. The Office of the Vice Provost for Research will facilitate the internal process to determine the entries from Harvard.

**Sponsor:** National Science Foundation  
**Program:** Major Research Instrumentation Program/ NSF 13-517  
**Internal Due Date:** Monday, October 28, 2013, 5:00 pm EST  
**Internal Competition Instructions:**
- Letter of endorsement from department chair or center director that also specifies how the cost sharing requirement will be met.
- Two page research proposal (a third page may be used for graphics)
- Current CV for Principal Investigator (no specific format requested for internal submissions)

**Sponsor LOI:** Not applicable  
**Sponsor Due Date:** January 23, 2014

**Overview of Opportunity:**

* There are two tracks to consider when applying for this opportunity.
  - Acquisition: Track 1
  - Development: Track 2
  - If three proposals are submitted, at least one of the proposals must be for instrument development (i.e., no more than two proposals may be for instrument acquisition)
• The Major Research Instrumentation Program (MRI) “seeks to increase access to shared scientific and engineering instruments for research and research training...” by providing funds to assist with the purchase or development of research tools that are otherwise too costly and/or not appropriate to acquire through other sources of NSF funding.

• Cost sharing of precisely 30% of the total project cost is required. Other budgetary information applies. Please carefully read over the announcement for further details.

• Estimated number of awards: 175

• Anticipated Funding Amount: $90 million

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**The Life Sciences Research Foundation – Postdoctoral Fellowship Program**

The LSRF solicits monies from industry, foundations and individuals to support postdoctoral fellowships in the life sciences. Active solicitation of funds continues, for which we need the assistance of all concerned individuals. We recognize that discoveries and the application of innovations in biology for the public's good will depend upon the training and support of the highest quality young scientists in the very best research environments. LSRF awards fellowships across the spectrum of the life sciences: biochemistry; cell, developmental, molecular, plant, structural, organismic population and evolutionary biology; endocrinology; immunology; microbiology; neurobiology; physiology; virology.

[Click here](#) for more information.

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**United States-Israel Educational Foundation (USIEF), the Fulbright commission for Israel**

The United States-Israel Educational Foundation (USIEF), the Fulbright commission for Israel, offers 8 fellowships to American post-doctoral researchers in support of work to be carried out at Israeli universities during the course of the 2014/2015-2015/2016 academic years.

The US Post-Doctoral Fellowship Program is open to candidates in all academic disciplines. Please click below for further details:

[http://www.bsf.org.il/data/FormsToDownload/Fulbright_Israel_Post_Doctoral2013.doc](http://www.bsf.org.il/data/FormsToDownload/Fulbright_Israel_Post_Doctoral2013.doc)

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**Keystone Symposia Early Career Investigator Travel Awards (ECITA)**

Keystone Symposia has now some additional funds for Early Career Investigator Travel Awards (ECITA). These awards are for Assistant Professors from designated URM backgrounds in the U.S., who are “bench” researchers. The purpose is to support their research success by providing funds for them to attend one of the Keystone Symposia research meetings (Up to $1800).

The application may be found on-line at www.keystonesymposia.org/diversity [see ECITA](http://www.keystonesymposia.org/diversity).

* There will be (9) awards for the 2013/2014 Keystone Symposia meeting season.
The applicants must choose a scheduled meeting from March 1, 2013 through February 28, 2014 and have all receipts submitted for reimbursement to Keystone Symposia within 2 weeks post the end of the meeting.

Reimbursement is only for registration, ground and air transportation, and lodging.

Applications are reviewed by meeting organizers and the DLSP office.

Awards are made based on the applicant’s research question and the likelihood of getting the question answered at the meeting selected.

All awards will be made on a "first come - first served" basis.

Award Amount: 1,950 USD. This is a reimbursement award - all receipts must be submitted at one time for reimbursement.

The application process for such awards will open March 1, 2013.

Click here to download the application.

Applicants MUST be engaged in laboratory research and focused on a career in “bench” research.

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation: Active Calls for Proposals

*New - Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Executive Nurse Fellows

The RWJF Executive Nurse Fellows program is a three-year advanced leadership program for nurses who aspire to lead and shape health care locally and nationally.

Deadline: Tue, 14 Jan 2014
3:00 p.m. ET

*New - Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Nurse Faculty Scholars

The goal of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Nurse Faculty Scholars (NFS) program is to develop the next generation of national leaders in academic nursing through career development awards for outstanding junior nursing faculty.

Deadline: Wed, 12 Feb 2014
3:00 p.m. ET

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health Policy Fellows

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health Policy Fellows program provides the nation’s most comprehensive fellowship experience at the nexus of health science, policy and politics in Washington, D.C.

Deadline: Wed, 13 Nov 2013
3:00 p.m. ET
Changes in Health Care Financing and Organization

Open

HCFO supports research, policy analysis and evaluation projects that provide policy leaders timely information on health care policy, financing and organization issues.

Changes in Health Care Financing and Organization: Small Grants

Open

Small grants: HCFO supports research, policy analysis and evaluation projects that provide policy leaders timely information on health care policy, financing and organization issues.