# Weekly Funding Opportunity Announcements

**Monday, February 4th, 2013**

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## NIH Funding Announcements – New This Week

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Other Federal Funding Announcements

**PCORI's inaugural innovation challenge.**

We are pleased to tell you that today we officially announced the challenge- a competition to create a "matching" system or service that can connect researchers with patient partners to advance patient-centered outcomes research. The PCORI Challenge is managed for us by Health 2.0 as part of their [Health 2.0 Developer Challenge](#) series.
As you may know, PCORI believes patients, caregivers and other stakeholders should be an integral part of research. In fact, our funding announcements require applicants to include a plan for patient and stakeholder engagement throughout the research process. We hope the PCORI Challenge will help make this goal a reality.

PCORI will award cash prizes to the winning entries in two categories: one first-place prize of $10,000 for a matching plan, and one first-place prize of $40,000 for a working prototype of a web-based solution and/or application. A panel of reviewers, including researchers, technologists, patients and other stakeholders, will assess the entries. The submission period opens today and the deadline for entries is 11:59 p.m. ET on April 15, 2013. Winners will be announced at a major national health conference in spring 2013.

Learn more and register to enter the challenge at www.pcori.org/challenge/.

PCORI

PCORI recently released a funding announcement to support research that addresses methodological gaps in patient-centered outcomes research (PCOR). PCORI will award $12 million for up to 14 contracts that collaborate with patients and stakeholders advance address knowledge gaps and advance the field of comparative clinical effectiveness research.

This PCORI Funding Announcement (PFA) corresponds to PCORI's fifth priority area, Accelerating Patient-Centered and Methodological Research, from its National Priorities for Research and Research Agenda. The results of these studies will inform future iterations of the PCORI Methodology Report and its standards.

Application materials for this PFA can be downloaded from the “Funding Opportunities” section of PCORI’s website. The online application system will open on December 17, 2012, and letters of intent are due January 31, 2013.

Information on all PCORI funding opportunities is available online at www.pcori.org/funding-opportunities.

PCORI: Assessment of Prevention, Diagnosis, and Treatment Options
Closing Date: March 31, 2013

PCORI: Improving Healthcare
Closing Date: March 31, 2013

PCORI: Communication and Dissemination
Closing Date: March 31, 2013

PCORI: Addressing Disparities
Closing Date: March 31, 2013

CDC: Occupational Safety and Health Research (R01)
Closing Date: May 8, 2013

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

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

United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) - Exploratory and Developmental Grant to Improve Health Care Quality Through Health Information Technology (IT) (R21)
**New - CDC: Technical Assistance Services to Countries Supported by the President’s Emergency Plan for HIV/AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) and the Global Fund to Fight HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria**
Closing Date: March 18, 2013

**New - SAMHSA: FY 2013 Targeted Capacity Expansion-Peer-to-Peer**
Closing Date: March 15, 2013

**Department of Defense: (FY13) Defense Medical Research and Development Program**

**Assistive Technologies Research Award**

Program Announcement
Application Instructions

Release Date
November 30, 2012

Pre-Application (Pre-Proposal) Due Date: January 8, 2013
Application Due Date: March 13, 2013

Funding Amount
Maximum funding of $2M for total costs (direct + indirect). Period of performance not to exceed 4 years

**New - Department of Defense: (FY13) Psychological Health/Traumatic Brain Injury Research Program (PH/TBIRP)**

**Traumatic Brain Injury Research Award**

Program Announcement
Application Instructions

Release Date
January 23, 2013

Submission Deadline
Pre-Application: February 27, 2013
Application: May 21, 2013

**Internal Harvard Funding Opportunities**

**New - Harvard Biomedical Accelerator Fund**

The Biomedical Accelerator Fund supports Harvard faculty in the performance of applied research in the Life Sciences—support that can often be difficult to obtain from traditional funding sources and granting agencies. A significant obstacle to the development and transfer of university technology is the lack of funding for proof-of-concept and validation studies, essential steps required to demonstrate commercial potential. The Accelerator
Fund is designed to overcome this barrier by providing funding assistance to faculty in the early stages of developing and validating nascent technologies originating in their labs. The strategic objective of the Accelerator is to assist Harvard to license such technologies more effectively and to expedite the transfer and public availability of promising new technologies. With this objective in mind, the Accelerator seeks to support innovative research aimed at extending preliminary observations, establishing proof-of-principle, and generating (or enhancing) intellectual property positions. Anyone with rights as a principal investigator and whose employer is Harvard University is eligible to apply.

Applicants should work closely with the Office of Technology Development team to develop a short pre-proposal to submit by February 25, 2013. For more information about this opportunity and submission guidelines, see the full funding opportunity announcement. Questions may be addressed to Debra Peattie or David Jacobson at debra_peattie@harvard.edu or david_jacobson@harvard.edu, respectively.

HSPH Office of Research Strategy and Development
Career Incubator Funds (CIF)

SUBMISSION INFORMATION
Deadline: March 8, 2013
Submission requirements: An electronic (PDF) copy of application; 5 page limit
Submit to: Office of Research Strategy and Development (ORSD), orsd@hsph.harvard.edu
Contact regarding questions: Amanda Spickard, Senior Associate Director, ORSD, Phone: (617) 432-1711

OVERVIEW AND GOALS OF CAREER INCUBATOR FUND (CIF)
A key goal of the HSPH Career Incubator Fund (CIF) is to encourage and support the scientific career development of assistant and associate professors on tenure ladder at HSPH. To advance this goal, HSPH will solicit proposals for (a) Pilot Projects, or (b) Data Collection/Analysis Projects that will provide faculty the opportunity to develop their research ideas, collect pilot data, or conduct secondary data analysis to be used as pilot data. A key goal of the CIF is to maximize faculty competitiveness for extramural funding. Although not required, we are particularly interested in proposals that are interdisciplinary in nature. A key goal is to allow faculty to develop innovative and novel ideas/methods.

ELIGIBILITY
Primary HSPH assistant and associate professors who are within 3-8 years of initial appointment are eligible to apply. The goal is to support faculty whose start-up packages have ended. Faculty in their 3rd year will need to provide evidence that their start-up packages will be depleted by the start of the award period. Faculty in their 3rd year are encouraged to discuss their situation with Karen Emmons, Associate Dean for Research (orsd@hsph.harvard.edu). Please note that competitive renewal applications will not be accepted from previous Career Incubator Fund awardees.

NUMBER AND SIZE OF AWARDS
Pilot Projects: We expect to make up to two awards of $50,000 each for one-year Pilot Projects
Data Collection/Analysis Projects: We expect to make one $10,000 award to support a smaller Data Collection/Analysis project.

SUBMISSION PROCESS
Proposals are to be submitted directly to ORSD. They are not to go through SPA.

REVIEW PROCESS
Proposals will be reviewed by a committee of senior faculty, with broad representation across the school’s three disciplinary clusters (life sciences, quantitative sciences, social/policy sciences).

PROPOSAL CONTENTS AND PAGE LIMITS
- CIF Application Summary Page
- Proposal: Maximum of 5 pages of text. Figures and references are allowable in addition to this page limit. No other appendix material will be accepted.
• Biosketches/Other Support: Current NIH Biosketch/Other Support for each participating investigator, including all funding sources.
• Budget Request: Budget estimates should be submitted on NIH PHS 398 budget forms with major divisions of funds (personnel, equipment, etc), and a brief justification. PIs may include effort and salary support commensurate with their effort. The full amount of the award may be used for direct costs.
• Renewal Applications
  o Please also note that applicants submitting renewals must have spent their current awards by the application deadline.
  o If submitting a renewal application for a second year of funding, please include a 1-2 page progress report on activities completed under your current CIF award.

AWARD PERIOD
The anticipated award dates are as follows:
• December 2012 for applications submitted in October 2012
• May 2013 for applications submitted in March 2013

FINAL REPORT
A final report is due at the end of the one-year funding period. Should the PI leave the HSPH, the remainder of the award will be forfeited (i.e., may not be transferred to another institution).

Harvard Catalyst - New Funding Opportunity for Collaborative Projects in Childhood Obesity
Harvard Catalyst has announced a new pilot grant opportunity for interdisciplinary collaborations focusing on the reduction and prevention of childhood obesity. Offered by Harvard Catalyst’s Community Health Innovation and Research Program (CHIRP), in collaboration with Harvard Catalyst’s Child Health Committee and the Health Disparities Research Program, pilot grants of up to $100,000 are available to researchers.
Applications are due on February 28, 2013 at 5:00pm and an information session will be held on January 22. Read more about this opportunity and apply here.

Harvard Catalyst - Updated: KL2 Medical Research Investigator Training (MeRIT) awards
The Harvard Catalyst Postgraduate Education Program will soon open the application window for the KL2 Medical Research Investigator Training (MeRIT) awards, an exciting opportunity for:
• Senior fellows – those who will receive their first faculty appointment within 6-12 months
• Junior faculty – those within the first three years of their faculty appointment
Fellows and junior faculty from the health professions represented in Harvard Catalyst (e.g., medicine, dentistry, nursing) who are interested in pursuing rigorous training in clinical and translational research through a combined program of educational activities and mentored research are encouraged to apply.
Learn more about the impact a KL2 award can have on your research here. You can also take a look at the list of current KL2 awardees and the links to their Harvard Catalyst Profiles.
The award cycle for the 2013 round of KL2 awards has been moved forward to a new start date of July 1, 2013. Applications will be accepted starting December 7, 2012 (please note this is an update from a previous posting which noted November 9) and must be completed by March 14, 2013 by 5:00pm EST.
For more information on the program, including eligibility requirements, visit KL2 MeRIT or contact Harvard Catalyst Education Coordinator Jake Jones.
**New - Harold Amos Medical Faculty Development Program - 2013 Call for Applications**

The Harold Amos Medical Faculty Development Program was established to increase the number of faculty from historically disadvantaged backgrounds who can achieve senior rank in academic medicine and dentistry and who will encourage and foster the development of succeeding classes of such physicians and dentists. Four-year postdoctoral research awards are offered to universities, schools of medicine and dentistry and research institutions to support the research and career development of physicians and dentists from historically disadvantaged backgrounds who are committed to developing careers in academic medicine and dentistry and to serving as role models for students and faculty of similar background. The program defines the term “historically disadvantaged” to mean the challenges facing individuals because of their race, ethnicity, socioeconomic status or similar factors. Deadline: 2013-03-14

For more info visit: [http://pweb1.rwjf.org/applications/solicited/cfp.jsp?ID=21419](http://pweb1.rwjf.org/applications/solicited/cfp.jsp?ID=21419)

**Competitive Research Grant Programs at the Al Qasimi Foundation – March 1, 2013 deadlines**

The Sheikh Saud Bin Saqr Al Qasimi Foundation for Policy Research is now accepting proposals for its Doctoral Research Grants, Faculty Research Grants, and Seed Grant programs. The Grants provide research support and cover expenses associated with conducting field research in Ras Al Khaimah, United Arab Emirates. Scholars from a wide range of disciplines and professional fields are invited to apply, and proposals should address issues related to the Foundation’s research priority areas of education, public health (social dimensions), and urban development and planning. Eligibility criteria and grant inclusions vary based on the specific program. Please see the attached flyer and visit the Al Qasimi Foundation’s website ([www.alqasimifoundation.com](http://www.alqasimifoundation.com)) for additional details. Specific queries can also be sent to info@alqasimifoundation.rak.ae.

**Healthy Eating Research: Building Evidence to Prevent Childhood Obesity-Round 8**

Email

Healthy Eating Research: Building Evidence to Prevent Childhood Obesity-RWJF New Connections 2013 Call for Proposals

Deadline: July 10, 2013, 3:00 p.m. EDT

Program Area: Childhood Obesity

Purpose: *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. The award types are: Round 8 grants and RWJF *New Connections* grants awarded through the *Healthy Eating Research* program. The two funding opportunities are described in more detail in the CFP.

Round 8 grants represent the majority of RWJF’s investment in research through the *Healthy Eating Research* program.

Program Information:

- Call for Proposals
- Overview

How to Apply: *Please read the call for proposals before applying.

- Apply Online
- Preview the complete application before submitting an application.

Total Awards: Approximately $1.4 million will be awarded through Round 8.
Healthy Eating Research: Building Evidence to Prevent Childhood Obesity - RWJF New Connections

**Deadline:** March 27, 2013, 3:00 p.m. EDT  
**Program Area:** Childhood Obesity  
**Purpose:** 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.

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RWJF New Connections grants awarded through the Healthy Eating Research program support policy-relevant research of early-career investigators from historically disadvantaged and underrepresented communities.

**Program Information:**
- Call for Proposals
- Overview

**How to Apply:** Please read the call for proposals before applying.
- Apply Online
- Preview the complete application before submitting an application.

**Total Awards:** Up to two RWJF New Connections grants will be awarded through the Health Eating Research program in this round of funding.

**Eligibility & Selection Criteria:**
- Preference will be given to applicants that are either public entities or nonprofit organizations that are tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and are not private foundations or Type III supporting organizations.
- Applicant organizations must be based in the United States or its territories. The focus of this program is the United States; studies in other countries will be considered only to the extent that they may directly inform U.S. policy.

Full eligibility and selection criteria can be found in the CFP.

**Key Dates:**
- March 27, 2013 (3 p.m. ET)—Deadline for receipt of concept papers.
- June 26, 2013 (3 p.m. ET)—Deadline for receipt of invited full proposals.
- November 1, 2013—Awards begin.

**Contact:** Laura L. Klein, MPH, research coordinator  
healthyeating@umn.edu
Robert Wood Johnson Foundation - New Jersey Health Initiatives-Primary Care Workforce Innovations

2013 Call for Proposals

Email
Deadline: March 14, 2013, 3:00 p.m. EDT
Program Area: Vulnerable Populations
Purpose: New Jersey Health Initiatives (NJHI), a statewide grant making program of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, invites organizations to apply under New Jersey Health Initiatives: Primary Care Workforce Innovations, for support of proposals that seek to redesign the practice team, in the context of practice transformation, by implementing creative workforce models, using health professionals and other staff in new, more effective ways to improve access to primary care services and improve quality without increasing the costs of health care. Project funds will support the redesign of the current primary care workforce within a practice, as well as participation in a learning network focused on primary care practice redesign and workforce development.

Program Information:
• Call for Proposals
• Overview

How to Apply:
*Please read the call for proposals before applying.
• Apply Online
• Preview the complete application before submitting an application

Total Awards:
• Grants ranging from $50,000 to $150,000 each to cover a two-year period will be made.
• Up to 12 New Jersey projects will receive grants.
• Grants will begin on October 1, 2013 and conclude on September 30, 2015.

Eligibility & Selection Criteria:
• Complete eligibility and selection criteria can be found in the full Call for Proposals brochure.

Key Dates:
• January 29, 31 and February 14, 2013—Optional applicant Web conference calls. Registration is required. Please visit www.njhi.org for complete details and to register.
• March 14, 2013 (3 p.m. ET)—Deadline for receipt of full proposals.
• April 15, 2013—Applicants notified if they will receive a site visit.
• May and June 2013—Site visits to selected applicants.
• September 2013—Notification of awards.
• October 1, 2013—Start of grants.

Contact:
New Jersey Health Initiatives
info@njhi.org
Office: (856) 225-6733
www.njhi.org

University of Massachusetts, Boston - Dana-Farber/Harvard Cancer Center U54 Partnership 2013 Request for Grant Applications

http://www.umb.edu/u54/applying_for_funding/.

REQUEST FOR GRANT APPLICATIONS

AWARD LEVELS:
A. Pilot Projects (up to $120,000 per year for two years - Direct Costs Only)
B. Full Projects (up to $200,000 per year for two years - Direct Costs Only)

**DEADLINES & KEY DATES:**

Deadline for Letter of Intent (Required): *February 1, 2013 by 11:59 PM EST*

Deadline for Application Submission: May 22, 2013 by 11:59 PM EST

Anticipated Award Date: September 1, 2013

**Key Dates:**

**Oral presentations for internal feedback:**

January 16, 2013
February 13, 2013
March 13, 2013
April 17, 2013

**American Asthma Foundation - Scholars Program**

A new award program for early- to mid-career scientists from all fields

The American Asthma Foundation supports highly innovative research from all fields relevant to asthma. We wish to draw outstanding investigators from other fields into the study of asthma, and most of our investigators are studying asthma for the first time. For 2013, all grants will be to investigators who are within 10 years of their first independent faculty appointment. Recipients will be designated AAF Scholars.

**AWARD AMOUNT:** Up to $450,000 ($150,000 per year for up to 3 years.) Funds for institutional overhead are not provided.

**APPLICATION DEADLINE:** February 6, 2013

**START DATE:** July 1, 2013

**ELIGIBILITY:**

- Scientists in the United States from any relevant field are eligible.
- Initial independent faculty appointment should be on or after February 1, 2003.
- Applicants should have an independent research program, with national-level, independent funding.

**ORGANIZATION:** The American Asthma Foundation is the largest private funder of asthma-related research, having awarded nearly $100 million to scientists since 2000.

**REVIEW CRITERIA:** Innovation, research proposal, relevance to asthma, investigator

**NOTE:** The application is short (maximum 7 pages). Preliminary data are not required.

**FURTHER INFORMATION AT:** http://americanasthmafoundation.org/

**CONTACT:**

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William Seaman, M.D., Research Director
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American Asthma Foundation
4 Koret Way, LR-216
UCSF Box 0509
San Francisco, CA 94143-0509
(415) 514-0730
Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Clinical Scholars
2012-2013 Call for Applications

Deadline: February 28, 2013, 5:00 p.m. EST
Program Area: Human Capital
Purpose: The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) are collaborating to foster the development of physicians who will lead the transformation of Americans’ health and health care through the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Clinical Scholars program. These future leaders will conduct innovative research and work with communities, organizations, practitioners and policy-makers to address issues essential to the health and well-being of all Americans.

Program Information:
- Call for Applications
- Overview

How to Apply: *Please read the call for applications before applying.
- Apply Online

Total Awards: We will select up to 20 individuals in 2013 for appointments beginning July 1, 2014. First year scholar stipend is $67,000 with an increase the second year. In some cases, VA stipends may be higher. Additional financial support is provided for research projects and professional travel.

Eligibility & Selection Criteria: To be eligible, physicians must:
- be committed to a career in academic medicine, public health, health policy or another career congruent with the program’s purposes and priorities of developing physician leaders and skilled researchers;
- be highly regarded by those responsible for their clinical training;
- complete the clinical requirements of their residency training by the date of entry into the program (except for surgeons); and
- be U.S. Citizens or permanent residents. Both MDs and DOs are eligible to apply.

We embrace racial, ethnic and gender diversity and encourage applications from candidates with diverse backgrounds and clinical disciplines.

Key Dates:
- February 28, 2013 (5 p.m. ET)—Deadline for receipt of applications.
- April 12, 2013—Interviews completed.
- July 1, 2013—Notification of acceptance.
- July 1, 2014—Entry of selected scholars into the program at participating universities.

Contact: Kristin Siebenaler, deputy director
rwjcsp_admin@med.unc.edu
Office: (919) 843-1351
http://rwjcsp.unc.edu

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Nurse Faculty Scholars - 2013 Call for Applications

Deadline: February 12, 2013, 3:00 p.m. EST
Program Area: Human Capital
Purpose: 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. The program aims to strengthen the academic productivity and overall excellence of nursing schools by providing mentorship, leadership training, and salary and research support to young faculty.

Program Information:
- Call for Applications
- Overview

How to Apply: *Please read the call for applications before applying.
- Apply Online
- Preview the complete application before submitting an application.

Total Awards: Up to 12 awards of up to $350,000 each over three years will be available in this round of funding.
Eligibility & Selection Criteria:

Candidates must:

- Be a registered nurse with a research doctorate in nursing or a related discipline.
- Be a junior faculty member in an accredited school of nursing with an academic position that could lead to tenure. Junior faculty are usually at the instructor or assistant professor level.
- After completing the doctorate, be in an academic position that could lead to tenure for at least two years and no more than five years at the start of the program.
- Identify at least one senior leader in the school of nursing to serve as a primary (nursing) mentor for academic career planning and to provide access to organizations, programs and colleagues helpful to the candidate’s work as a scholar.
- Identify at least one senior researcher in the university with similar or complementary research interests to serve as a research mentor. Scholars are encouraged to select the research mentor from a discipline outside of nursing.
- Be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident at the time of application and must not be receiving support from other research fellowships/traineeships at the time they begin the program.

Candidates who are permanent residents and not green card holders should contact Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing before applying to determine whether they can satisfy the program’s eligibility and documentation requirements.

Full selection criteria can be found in the Call for Applications.

Key Dates:

- December 11, 2012 (1 p.m. ET) and December 19, 2012 (11 a.m. ET)—Optional applicant Web conference calls. Registration is required. Please visit the program’s website for complete details and to register.
- February 12, 2013 (3 p.m. ET)—Deadline for receipt of applications.
- Mid-April 2013—Notification of semifinalist status.
- June 17–19, 2013—Semifinalist interviews with national advisory committee.
- Late June 2013—Notification of finalists.
- September 1, 2013—Appointments begin.

Contact: Applicants may send questions to: rwjfnfs@jhu.edu

The 2013 Dreyfus Prize in the Chemical Sciences

The Dreyfus Prize in the Chemical Sciences recognizes an individual for exceptional and original research in a selected area of chemistry that has advanced the field in a major way.

The 2013 Dreyfus Prize will be awarded in the field of: chemical instrumentation

The Dreyfus Prize, awarded biennially, consists of a citation, a medal, and a monetary award of $250,000.

The nomination deadline is March 1, 2013.

For further information, see www.dreyfus.org.

The Camille and Henry Dreyfus Foundation, Inc.
555 Madison Avenue, 20th Floor, New York, New York 10022-3301

Heritage Provider Network Health Prize

http://www.heritagehealthprize.com/

More than 71 million individuals in the United States are admitted to hospitals each year, according to the latest survey from the American Hospital Association. Studies have concluded that in 2006 well over $30 billion was spent on unnecessary hospital admissions. Is there a better way? Can we identify earlier those most at risk and ensure they get the treatment they need? The Heritage Provider Network (HPN) believes that the answer is “yes.”
To achieve its goal of developing a breakthrough algorithm that uses available patient data to predict and prevent unnecessary hospitalizations, HPN is sponsoring the Heritage Health Prize Competition (the “Competition”). HPN believes that incentivized competition is the best way to achieve the radical breakthroughs necessary to begin fixing America’s health care system.

The winning team will create an algorithm that predicts how many days a patient will spend in a hospital in the next year. Once known, health care providers can develop new care plans and strategies to reach patients before emergencies occur, thereby reducing the number of unnecessary hospitalizations. This will result in increasing the health of patients while decreasing the cost of care. In short, a winning solution will change health care delivery as we know it – from an emphasis on caring for the individual after they get sick to a true health care system.

The Competition runs for two years and offers a US $3 million Grand Prize, as well as six Milestone Prizes totaling $230,000, which are awarded in varying amounts at three designated intervals during the Competition.

Started: **Monday 4 April 2011**  
Ends: **Wednesday 3 April 2013**

### 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](http://www.keystonesymposia.org/diversity). See ECITA.

- 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: Changes in Health Care Financing and Organization


Changes in Health Care Financing and Organization (HCFO) supports research, policy analysis and evaluation projects that provide policy leaders timely information on health care policy, financing and organization issues. Supported projects include: 1) examining significant issues and interventions related to health care financing and organization and their effects on health care costs, quality and access; and 2) exploring or testing major new ways to finance and organize health care that have the potential to improve access to more affordable and higher quality health services. **Grants are awarded on a rolling basis; proposals may be submitted at any time.**
AAAS Scientific Responsibility, Human Rights and Law Program
Workshop on Responsible Professional Practices in a Changing Research Environment

Professional Development and Responsible Science

On February 14, 2013, in conjunction with its Annual Meeting in Boston, MA, the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) will convene a one-day workshop on Responsible Professional Practices in a Changing Research Environment. The workshop is funded, in part, by the National Institutes of Health and the 3M Corporation. The 2013 AAAS Annual Meeting Workshop has as its theme, Professional Development and Responsible Science. This workshop on professional development and responsible practice will be directed toward trainees (e.g., graduate students and post-docs) and early career scientists, and will cover such topics as responsible communication of research results, developing a successful research program, international collaborations, and giving and receiving good mentoring. More senior faculty interested in establishing or enhancing programs on career development and/or responsible conduct at their home institutions are also encouraged to attend. There will be special sessions for this group, focusing on implementing training and instructional strategies. Handouts will be provided to everyone, and trainees will also receive materials for use in teaching about the topics covered.

For more info visit: http://srhrl.aaas.org/projects/research_ethics/workshop/2013.shtml

Notice of Intent to Publish Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Funding Opportunity
Announcements (NOT-HS-13-003)

AHRQ intends to promote several new initiatives by publishing Funding Opportunity Announcements (FOAs) to solicit applications for research on Patient-Centered Outcomes Research (PCOR). These projects will support PCOR efforts in many areas, including health care interventions in real world settings, advanced use of the research findings by diverse populations, development of effective patient registries and training and career development for the next generation of researchers.

This Notice of Intent to Publish several Requests for Applications is being provided to allow potential applicants sufficient time to develop meaningful collaborations and responsive projects. The FOAs are expected to be published beginning in early 2013.

For more information, please visit the following website: http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-HS-13-003.html