Reminder: ORSD coordinates and pays for external reviews and editorial services for HSPH Assistant and Associate Professors preparing NIH grant proposals.

For more information please contact Amanda Spickard at orsd@hsph.harvard.edu or ext. 2-1711.

### NIH Funding Announcements – New This Week

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*New - NCI - Research Funds for Provocative Questions Now Available

The National Cancer Institute (NCI) is looking for bold new approaches to answer 24 perplexing scientific questions identified by the community. Think you can help find the answer to one of those questions?

Submit a Letter of Intent by May 20, 2013. Applications are due June 20, 2013.

The Provocative Questions Initiative has assembled a list of important questions to stimulate the NCI's research communities to use laboratory, clinical, and population sciences in especially effective and imaginative ways to answer the questions. Researchers are invited to apply for R01 and R21 grants in four thematic areas:

- Cancer Prevention and Risk
- Mechanisms of Tumor Development or Recurrence
- Tumor Detection, Diagnosis, and Prognosis
- Cancer Therapy and Outcomes

View the list of Provocative Questions and current Funding Opportunity Announcements at: provocativequestions.nci.nih.gov.

Join a teleconference on Friday, April 12, 2013, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. E.T., with Provocative Questions Program Director, Dr. Emily Greenspan. Ask general questions and obtain information on how to apply for PQ funding. No formal presentation is planned. You can join and exit the call at any point.

Dial 1-866-734-3397 and provide participant number 5040755.

*New - NIH: Pilot Projects on Sports-Related Brain and Spinal Cord Injury (R03)
Closing Date: May 14, 2013

*New - NIH: Research on Comparative Effectiveness and Implementation of HIV/AIDS and Alcohol Interventions
Closing Date: May 29, 2013

*New - NIH: Innovative Research Methods: Prevention and Management of Symptoms in Chronic Illness
Closing Date: May 7, 2016

ACL: National Resource Center for LGBT Aging
Closing Date: April 29, 2013

CDC: Promoting, Strengthening and Enhancing Disease Prevention by Collaboration with Targeted Stakeholders Grant
Closing Date: June 5, 2013

NIH: Pilot Projects on Sports-Related Brain and Spinal Cord Injury (R03) Modification 1
Closing Date: May 14, 2013

NIH: Home and Family Based Approaches for the Prevention or Management of Overweight or Obesity in Early Closing Date: May 7, 2016
NIH: Aging Research Dissertation Awards to Increase Diversity
Closing Date: May 7, 2016

CDC: Capacity Strengthening to Support Provision of High Quality and Evidence-based HIV Prevention, Care and Treatment Services to Staff and Family Members of the Kenya Prisons Services Staff, Family Members, and Prisoners in Kenya and Program Transition to Go
Closing Date: April 16, 2013

CDC: Strengthening Human Resources for Health through Public Health Training Improvements at the Muhimbili University of Health and Allied Sciences (MUHAS), School of Public Health and Social Sciences (SPHSS) in the United Republic of Tanzania under PEPFAR Modification 1
Closing Date: April 16, 2013

CDC: National Center for HIV/AIDS, Viral Hepatitis, Sexually Transmitted Diseases and Tuberculosis Prevention, Public Health Conference Support
Closing Date: April 30, 2013

CDC: Developing Research Capacity to Assess Health Effects Associated with Volcanic Emissions and other Environmental Exposures
Closing Date: May 14, 2013

CDC: Establishing a Center for Public Health Training in Complex Humanitarian Emergencies Grant
Closing Date: May 25, 2013

NIH: Advancing Eating Disorders Research through Dimensional Studies of Biology and Behavior
Closing Date: June 11, 2013

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

Closing Date: May 14, 2013

Closing Date: April 15, 2013

BMGF: Grand Challenges family of grant programs
Closing Date: May 7, 2013

BMGF: Reducing the Burden of Preterm Birth
Closing Date: May 7, 2013

NIH: Alzheimer's Disease Research Centers
Closing Date: June 11, 2013

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

NIH: Understanding and Promoting Health Literacy
Closing Date: May 7, 2016
RWJF: Pioneer Portfolio Releases Call for Proposals
Closing Date: April 17, 2013

NIH: NINDS Stroke Trials Network - Regional Coordinating Stroke Centers (U10)
Closing Date: May 15, 2013

NIH: Specialized Cooperative Centers Program in Reproduction and Infertility Research (U54)
Closing Date: July 25, 2013

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

SAMHSA: Expand the Use of Technology-Assisted Care in Targeted Areas of Need Grant
Closing Date: April 10, 2013

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

CDC: Namibian Mechanism for Provision of Implementation Support for Evaluation and Research (PISER) under the Presidential Emergency Plan For AIDS Relief
Closing Date: April 10, 2013

CDC: Behavioral and Serological Survey (BSS) for HIV and Syphilis among Diamond Mine Workers in Angola Grant
Closing Date: April 10, 2013

NIH: 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
Closing Dates: May 1, 2013

NIH: School Nutrition and Physical Activity Policies, Obesogenic Behaviors, and Weight Outcomes
Closing Date: May 07, 2016

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
REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS
Kidney Cancer Program of the Dana Farber/Harvard Cancer Center
Developmental Research Projects in Kidney Cancer
DUE DATE: April 19, 2013

The Kidney Cancer Program of the Dana Farber/Harvard Cancer Center, under the leadership of Dr. David McDermott, seeks applications for funding of research on kidney cancer. Funding will be provided through the Specialized Program of Research Excellence (SPORE) mechanism, a National Cancer Institute sponsored program. Applications must include one investigator on the faculty at Harvard Medical School at the level of Instructor or higher. While the proposed research can be basic or clinical, bench to bedside and bedside to bench strategies need to be addressed, since the purpose of this program is to promote translational research in kidney cancer. Applications will be judged on their scientific merit, relevance to kidney cancer, potential for future translation to clinical application, qualifications of the research team and the potential fit within the overall activities of the DF/HCC Kidney Cancer Program/Kidney Cancer SPORE. Funding will be for up to $61,500 in total costs (inclusive of F&A) per year. Although the opportunity exists for extending funding beyond one year, proposals should, in general, focus on a year’s worth of research.

Applications should be sent electronically to Tara Johnston, Program Administrator at tjohnst1@bidmc.harvard.edu no later than 4 pm on 04/19/13. A prior track record in kidney cancer research is preferred but not necessary. Minority and women applicants are strongly encouraged to apply.

Applications must contain the following components on PHS 398 Forms:
http://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/phs398/phs398.html

1. Cover letter with Title of proposal, PI, Institution and research administration contact.
2. Abstract of proposed research
3. Abbreviated Research Plan including the Specific Aims, Background and Significance, Preliminary Data, and Experimental Methods, not to exceed 5 pages exclusive of references.
4. Translational Goals of the project, potential application to kidney cancer and anticipated timeline (1 page)
5. NIH Biosketch
6. NIH Other Support Page
7. NIH Budget and Justification; must not exceed Total Costs of $61,500
8. Institutional Signature provided on a Letter of Intent to Collaborate for non BIDMC proposals.
9. IRB approval documents (if applicable)
10. Human Subject Training Certificate (if applicable)

Anticipated Award Dates: 06/01/13 – 05/31/14
We anticipate being able to fund 3-4 projects for that period.

Other Funding Opportunities

*New - Crohn’s & Colitis Foundation of America (CCFA)

Please note letters of intent (LOIs) are now being accepted for the CCFA Fall 2013 review cycle. Letters of intent must be submitted electronically, via the link below, and are due no later than Wednesday, May 1, 2013 at 5PM Eastern. Hard copies of LOIs are not required.
Those invited to submit full applications must do so no later than **Monday, July 1, 2013 at 5PM Eastern**.

Letters of intent are required for new applications for the Research Fellowship, Career Development and Senior Research Awards. Please note that funding decisions for the Spring 2013 cycle are due to be made in early to mid-May. Resubmitted proposals do not require letters of intent.

Questions:
Joseph O'Keefe, MPA
Director of Grants Administration
jokeefe@ccfa.org
(646) 943-7505

**Clinical Research Career Development Program – K12**

**CALL FOR APPLICATIONS**

**Deadline:**
**Wednesday, May 1, 2013**

The DF/HCC Advisory Committee is currently seeking applicants for the K12 Paul Calabresi Award for Clinical Oncology (PCACO) entitled “Clinical Research Career Development Program.” Funding for two new awardees will be available retroactive to April 1, 2013.

The recipients will receive annual salary support of $100,000. Additional funds are provided for the following: (a) research expenses such as supplies, equipment, and technical personnel; (b) tuition, fees and books related to career development; (c) travel to research meetings or training; and (d) statistical services including personnel and computer time.

The recipient must devote a minimum of 75% effort to the Clinical Research Career Development Program.

The program is currently funded through March of 2018 providing up to 5 years of support for awardees.

Please see the attachment for eligibility requirements, application procedures and the information regarding the selection process.

**Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Roadmaps to Health Prize**

**2013-2014 Call for Applications**

**Deadline:** May 23, 2013, 3:00 p.m. EDT
**Program Area:** Public Health
**Purpose:** The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) Roadmaps to Health Prize is awarded annually to honor outstanding community efforts and partnerships that are helping people live healthier lives. Winning communities will each receive a $25,000 cash prize and have their success stories celebrated and shared broadly with the goal of raising awareness and inspiring locally-driven change across the country.

**Program**
- Call for Applications
Information:

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 six RWJF Roadmaps to Health Prize winning communities will be honored in 2014 and each will receive a no-strings-attached $25,000 cash prize.

Eligibility & Selection Criteria: The RWJF Roadmaps to Health Prize is a place-based prize that honors whole communities, so community members are strongly encouraged to collaborate with one another on the application. For the purposes of this prize, “a community” must be defined as one of the following:
- Town
- City
- County
- Tribe or Tribal Community
- Region (such as contiguous towns, cities, or counties)

Communities will be asked to select primary and alternate contacts for their application. These individuals will indicate their organizational affiliation which could be a:
- Business
- Coalition
- Hospital or health care organization
- Local foundation
- Government agency or department
- School
- Social service agency

Each applicant community will be asked to designate a local governmental or tax exempt public charity to accept the $25,000 prize on the community’s behalf, should they win.

For full eligibility and selection criteria, please read the Call for Applications.

Key Dates:
- April 2, 2013 (1–2 p.m. ET)—Informational webinar. Registration is required.
- May 23, 2013 (3 p.m. ET)—Phase I Applications (for all applicant communities) due.
- June 21, 2013—Invitations extended to select applicant communities to submit Phase II Applications.
- August 1, 2013 (3 p.m. ET)—Phase II Applications (for invited communities) due.
- September 30, 2013—Invitations extended to finalist communities to receive site visits.
- October 17–December 20, 2013—Site visits with finalist communities.
- First Quarter 2014—Winners notified.
- June 2014—Winners celebration event.

Contact: For more information on the RWJF Roadmaps to Health Prize, please contact: Kirstin Siemering, manager, RWJF Roadmaps to Health Prize, or visit the prize website noted below.
RoadmapsPrize@match.wisc.edu
Office: (608) 265-3045
http://www.countyhealthrankings.org/roadmaps/prize

American Diabetes Association
Pathway to Stop Diabetes Research Awards
Call for Nominations—Now Open!

Pathway is a bold new initiative to radically transform diabetes research. Our vision is simple yet revolutionary:
find a new generation of brilliant scientists at the peak of their creativity and equip them with the freedom, autonomy and financial and professional resources to set them on the road to breakthrough discoveries.

Pathway awards will support exceptional, creative scientists: individuals who are early in their diabetes research careers, or who are currently in other disciplines, but are interested in applying their expertise to diabetes research for the first time.

Pathway will provide the means to conduct transformative science, including:
• Substantial, flexible financial support of $1.625M over 5 to 7 years
• Scientific and career mentoring from distinguished leaders
• Networks for collaboration and communication

Pathway awards are by institutional nomination only. Nominations for individuals proposing innovative and transformational basic, clinical, translational, epidemiological or health services research that is relevant to any type of diabetes, diabetes-related disease state or complication are welcomed. Nominations of candidates in diverse disciplines, from medicine, biology and chemistry to engineering, mathematics and physics, are encouraged.

To learn more about the available grant opportunities, and for nomination materials, please go to www.diabetes.org/pathway.

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation - Understanding the Use and Impact of Price Data in Health Care 2013 Call for Proposals

http://pweb1.rwjf.org/applications/solicited/cfp.jsp?ID=21421

Deadline: April 17, 2013, 3:00 p.m. EDT
Program Area: Quality/Equality
Purpose: This solicitation seeks to fund empirical studies with strong research designs that would contribute to our knowledge base of the use and impact of health care price data, with the goal of providing reliable and generalizable evidence to inform policy makers and delivery system participants and to help accelerate progress toward using price information effectively. Research could focus on measuring how widely price information is used in health care, assessing awareness of price transparency on the part of consumers and providers, exploring the impact of price data on behavior by delivery system participants, and analyzing public policy related to the use of price information in health care.

Program Information:
• Call for Proposals

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 $1.45 million will be available under this CFP.
• Project funding will range from $100,000 to $250,000 to accommodate studies of 12 to 24 months.
• A maximum of ten studies will be funded.
• Applicants will initially submit brief proposals of 4 pages or less. Successful applicants will be invited to submit a full proposal.

Eligibility & Selection Criteria: The Foundation may give preference 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...
Robert Wood Johnson - Applying Behavioral Economics to Perplexing Health and Health Care Challenges 2013 Call for Proposals

Deadline: April 17, 2013, 3:00 p.m. EDT
Program Area: Pioneer
Purpose: Through this solicitation, we seek innovative proposals that apply the principles and frameworks of behavioral economics to persistent and perplexing health and health care problems. We hope to discover new interventions and insight that have potential to dramatically improve the way health care is delivered and health is promoted and preserved. We are particularly interested in supporting experiments that test innovative solutions to the challenge of reducing the use of low-value services in health care. This problem is particularly important given the rising costs and unaffordability of health care in the United States, but has been difficult to impact in part due to perverse incentives in a fee-for-service environment.

Program Information:
- Call for Proposals

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

Total Awards: We expect to make approximately five awards of up to $200,000 each under this call for proposals. Projects will last for up to two years each.

Eligibility & Selection Criteria: We encourage proposals from a range of disciplines, including, but not limited to, behavioral economics, decision theory, economics, public health, sociology, psychology, marketing, nursing and medicine. Preference will be given to applicants who are tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and are not private foundations as defined under Section 509(a).

Full eligibility and selection criteria can be found in the Call for Proposals.

Key Dates:
- March 11, 2013 (9:00–10:30 a.m.)—Informational Webinar (optional). Registration is required.
- April 17, 2013 (3:00 p.m. ET)—Deadline for receipt of 1,500-character brief proposal (description of the idea or experiment) and 1,000-character partnership plan.
- May 29, 2013—Applicants notified as to whether they have been invited to submit a full proposal.
- July 17, 2013 (3:00 p.m. ET)—Deadline for receipt of full proposals.
- Mid-September 2013—Notification of awards.
- November 15, 2013—Start of grants.

Contact: For more information on the program and proposal submission requirements, please contact: behealth@upenn.edu
Robert Wood Johnson Foundation - 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

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.

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.

Key Dates:
• February 13, 2013, April 24, 2013, July 10, 2013 (all by 3 p.m. ET)—Deadlines for receipt of concept papers.
• April 17, 2013, June 26, 2013, and September 11, 2013 (all by 3 p.m. ET)—Deadlines for receipt of invited full proposals, which correspond to the deadline under which the concept paper was submitted.
• September 1, 2013, November 1, 2013, and February 1, 2014—Awards begin.

Contact:
Kathy Kosiak, research coordinator
healthyeating@umn.edu
Office: (800) 578-8636
http://www.healthyeatingresearch.org
**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.

- 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.

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**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.**

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**Other Announcements**

**Office of Research Strategy and Development**

**Upcoming Seminar - Developing Effective Budgets and Budget Justifications for the Current NIH Funding Climate**

Thursday, April 18th, 2013
9:00 – 12:00pm
Kresge 110
The session is targeted to faculty members who are developing NIH grant proposals for NIH deadlines in the summer/fall of 2013 or later and will be led by Dr. Karen Emmons, Associate Dean for Research and Professor of Social and Behavioral Sciences.

If you are interested in attending, please RSVP to orsd@hsph.harvard.edu

We hope that you will be able to join us!
The Office of Research Strategy and Development

**HSPH Access to FAS Research Computing**

Over the last year, HSPH has been cultivating a collaboration with the research computing (RC) facility at the Faculty of Arts and Science (FASRC) (http://rc.fas.harvard.edu/) with the aim of enabling HSPH researchers to access the FAS High Performance Computing Cluster (Odyssey). We are excited to announce that FASRC is now open to all HSPH researchers in exchange for a minimal annual fee, which may be charged to grants. Effective immediately, HSPH researchers can access FASRC for a fee of $3,000 per year per FTE. Each FTE can have only one account; **access for PhD and ScD students is free**. This fee will allow each account’s owner to:

1) Access Harvard’s largest research computing environment, Odyssey
2) Obtain a personalized letter of support from the FASRC team that may be used in grant applications to describe the FASRC environment, as well as the level of support and expertise that the FASRC team will be able to provide for that particular application
3) Request individual consultation to plan computational requirements, acquisition of hardware, data storage and dissemination, CPU, etc.
4) Access to local support at HSPH for research computing consulting

The School hopes to phase out the HSPH cluster over the next year and encourages all HSPH researchers to migrate to FASRC as soon as it is operationally feasible. Once you are registered with FASRC, you will no longer be charged for HSPH cluster costs. Your departmental administrators and grants managers will be able to provide guidance on incorporating the FASRC computing fee into your grants as well as standardized language that you can add to your budget justifications. For more information on the FASRC initiative, visit [http://rc.fas.harvard.edu/hsph-overview/](http://rc.fas.harvard.edu/hsph-overview/)