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

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**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).

This is to notify the research community of the recently released pre-announcements from the following programs:

- **Autism Research Program (ARP)**
- **Bone Marrow Failure Research Program (BMFRP)**
- **Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy Research Program (DMDRP)**
- **Lung Cancer Research Program (OCRP)**
- **Multiple Sclerosis Research Program (MSRP)**
- **Ovarian Cancer Research Program (OCRP)**
- **Peer Reviewed Medical Research Program (PRMRP)**

Descriptions of each of the funding opportunities, eligibility, key mechanism elements, and funding can be found in the respective Program pre-announcement. FY13 pre-announcements can be found in the CDMRP home page features at [http://cdmrp.army.mil](http://cdmrp.army.mil).

**Funding Opportunities now available:**

- [Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis](#)
- [Autism](#)
- [Bone Marrow Failure](#)
- [Breast Cancer](#)
- [Defense Medical Research and Development Program](#)
• Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy
• Gulf War Illness
• Lung Cancer
• Multiple Sclerosis
• Neurofibromatosis
• Ovarian Cancer
• Peer Reviewed Cancer
• Peer Reviewed Medical
• Prostate Cancer
• Spinal Cord Injury

CDC: Mentored Research Scientist Development Award (K01)
Closing Date: September 2, 2015

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

CDC: Improving Sexually Transmitted Disease Programs through Assessment, Assurance, Policy Development, and Prevention Strategies (STD AAPPS) Modification 1
Closing Date: September 12, 2013

CDC: Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Research Centers
Closing Date: September 16, 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: NIMHD Technologies for Improving Minority Health and Eliminating Health Disparities
Closing Date: August 19, 2013
NIH: Mentored Clinical Scientist Research Career Development Award in Tobacco Control Regulatory Research
Closing Date: October 2, 2013

NIH: Pathway to Independence Award in Tobacco Control Regulatory Research
Closing Date: October 2, 2013

NIH: Transition Career Development Award in Tobacco Control Regulatory Research
Closing Date: October 2, 2013

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: Research to Characterize and Reduce Stigma to Improve Health
Closing Date: September 7, 2013

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
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: Integration and Analysis of Diverse HIV-Associated Data (R03)
Closing Date: August 19, 2013

NIH: Methodologies and Formative Work for Combination HIV Prevention Approaches (R01)
Closing Date: September 3, 2013

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: National Cancer Institute (NCI) Cancer Education and Career Development Program (R25)
Closing Date: September 7, 2013

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

NIH: Male Contraceptive Development Program (U01)
Closing Date: August 27, 2013

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

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.

AcademyHealth – Showcase Your Research and Get Access to Health Policy Stakeholders

Nomination Deadline: August 31, 2013

Nominate yourself or a colleague for AcademyHealth's HSR Impact Award and get recognized by your peers and experts in the field for your outstanding health services research and its impact on health policy or practice.

The award is presented at AcademyHealth's 2014 National Health Policy Conference (NHPC), which allows award winners to present and promote their research findings and its impact to a diverse audience of key thought leaders and stakeholders in health care and health policy. Award winners receive $2,000 and complimentary registration, lodging, and travel to the NHPC. For more information about the award and the simple application process, visit the award page or contact Andrea Fendt.

The author of the winning research receives:

- $2,000
- Complimentary registration, lodging, & travel to the 2014 NHPC, February 3-4, 2014 in Washington DC
Nominations will be evaluated on:

- Quality of research
- Effectiveness of research dissemination and translation approach
- Impact of the research

**PCORI - Treatment Options for African Americans and Hispanics/Latinos with Uncontrolled Asthma**

Today, PCORI announced plans to invest up to $17 million in patient-centered outcomes research projects evaluating treatment options for uncontrolled asthma in African-American and Hispanic/Latino populations. Through this initiative, we are not only tackling a major health issue but also issuing our first funding opportunity targeting specific, high-impact health and healthcare topics.

This newly released [PCORI Funding Announcement (PFA)](https://www.pcori.org) seeks proposals to evaluate comprehensive and coordinated approaches to reducing poor health and other complications related to uncontrolled asthma in specific minority populations disproportionately affected by this condition. Our goal is to fund comparative effectiveness research to identify optimal strategies for leveraging the National Asthma Education and Prevention Program (NAEPP) guidelines to improve asthma outcomes for African Americans and Hispanics/Latinos.

We are particularly interested in studies that assess methods to improve both provider and patient adherence to the NAEPP’s evidence-based guidelines, coupled with interventions tailored to the needs of specific individuals and populations. As the guidelines require a multidimensional approach to patient care, we welcome proposed studies that incorporate interventions at the community, home, and health system levels and assess combinations of patient-education tools, home-environment interventions, asthma medications, and team-based approaches.

In addition, in accordance with our patient-centered mission, we’re looking for proposals that will examine outcomes that matter most to patients and their families, such as missed days of school or work, visits to emergency departments, limitations on individuals' activities, patients' and families' ability to manage symptoms themselves outside of medical facilities, and their overall quality of life.

Asthma affects nearly 26 million Americans; racial and ethnic minorities disproportionately suffer its effects. Almost 4.5 million African Americans -- approximately 12 percent -- had asthma in 2010 and experience significantly higher asthma-related illness and death rates than do white Americans. About 3.6 million Hispanics and Latinos/Latinas in the United States -- some 7 percent -- reported having asthma in 2010. Children in both these minority populations are less likely than white children to be prescribed asthma treatment and to follow it when they are.

Those interested in this funding announcement must submit letters of intent (LOIs) by **Thursday, Aug. 1, and applications by Wednesday, Sept. 18**. Application guidelines and templates will be available on Monday, July 1, in [PCORI's Funding Center](https://www.pcori.org). We will host an informational webinar on Tuesday, July 9, for interested applicants.
This PFA is the first to result from our accelerated process to develop funding announcements on specific topics that patients, family caregivers, clinicians, payers, and other healthcare stakeholders have told us are of greatest concern to them and where our work could help to improve care. This "targeted" funding path complements calls for proposals issued under our broad National Priorities for Research.

**Limited Submission - National Science Foundation - Advancing Digitization of Biodiversity Collections (ADBC)**

**Internal Due Date:** Tuesday, September 3, 2013 5:00 pm EST

**Internal Competition Instructions:** Refer to Program Solicitation NSF-13-596 for a full understanding of the opportunity before applying. Internal applications should be sent in one PDF to Autumn_Bennett@harvard.edu by 5:00 pm on Tuesday, September 3, 2013, 5:00 pm EST and include the following:

- A two page proposal outlining a response to either the TCN or PEN track of ADBC
- Names and affiliations of the Harvard and non-Harvard collaborators, if any
- CV of the PI and of the Co-PI, if applicable (no preferred format for the CV)

**Sponsor Due Date:** October 18, 2013, third Friday in October annually thereafter

**Overview of Opportunity:** This program seeks to enhance and expand the national resource of digital data documenting existing vouched biological and paleontological collections and to advance scientific knowledge by improving access to digitized information (including images) residing in vouched scientific collections across the United States. The information associated with various collections of organisms, such as geographic, paleogeographic and stratigraphic distribution, environmental habitat data, phenology, information about associated organisms, collector field notes, and tissues and molecular data extracted from the specimens, is a rich resource providing the baseline from which to further biodiversity research and provide critical information about existing gaps in our knowledge of life on earth.

There are two tracts to choose from when applying to this opportunity:

**Thematic Collections Networks (TCN) Or**

**Partner to Existing Networks (PEN)**

TCNs proposals are expected to be awards that last from two (2) to four (4) years. They should focus on efforts to digitize existing specimens based on a particular research theme.

PEN proposals are for the purpose of partnering with existing NSF funded TCNs. The awards are expected to last from one (1) to three (3) years. PEN awards will adhere to the standards and processes established by the existing network.

**Key Features of the FOA:**

- Estimated 4 to 12 awards available
- $10,000,000 total amount available across all awards in FY 2014
- LOI not applicable
• Proposals that address the goals of specimen digitization through innovative plans, strong collaborations among large and small institutions, and mechanisms to build upon existing digitization projects are strongly encouraged.
• Proposals that increase efficiency and numbers of specimens digitized will have a stronger priority for funding (e.g. by reducing the time and cost per specimen, or by developing new workflows).
• Harvard may only be the lead institution on one proposal.
• Harvard may be involved in more than one collaborative proposal when not in the role of lead institution

In the role of PI or Co-PI an investigator may only submit one proposal

Now accepting applications for the 2014 Vilcek Prizes for Creative Promise in Biomedical Science

The Vilcek Foundation is seeking applications for the 2014 Vilcek Prizes for Creative Promise in Biomedical Science. Three foreign-born biomedical scientists will be selected to receive the prizes, each including a cash award of $35,000.

Established in 2009, the Vilcek Prizes for Creative Promise raise public awareness of the key role foreign-born researchers play in sustaining the leadership position of the United States in the sciences; the prizes also serve to support younger scientists who have distinguished themselves early in their careers.

Researchers in all fields of biomedical science are encouraged to apply. Applicants must have been born abroad, be naturalized citizens or permanent residents of the United States, hold a doctoral degree, intend to pursue a career in the United States, and be no more than 38 years old as of January 1, 2014. In addition, they must also hold a full-time independent position in an academic institution or other organization.

A panel of distinguished members of the scientific community will select the recipients of the prizes. The jury will consider the candidates’ innovation, independence, creativity, clarity of vision, and impact on the field of biomedical research.

A written application, professional resume, list of publications, and letters of recommendation are required. The deadline for submissions is August 14, 2013. Eligibility requirements and a link to the online application can be found at Vilcek.org.

The winners will be notified in November 2013 and honored at the Foundation’s annual awards ceremony, in New York City, in the spring of 2014.

To be eligible for the Vilcek Prize for Creative Promise in Biomedical Science, applicants must meet all of the criteria listed below:
1. Applicant must have been born outside the United States.
2. Applicant must not be more than 38 years old as of January 1, 2014.
3. Applicant must be a naturalized citizen or permanent resident (green card holder) of the United States.
4. Applicant must have earned a doctoral degree (MD, PhD, or equivalent).
5. Applicant must intend to pursue a professional career in the United States.
6. Applicant must hold a full-time position in an academic institution or other organization. Eligible positions include the following: Assistant or Associate Professor, Research Scientist, or equivalent. The applicant must be directly responsible for the design and execution of the work submitted for consideration. Graduate students and postdoctoral fellows working under the supervision of a mentor are not eligible.

7. Applicant must not be a past winner or finalist of the Vilcek Prize for Creative Promise.

**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)

**American Heart Association – Summer 2013 Funding Opportunities**

The American Heart Association (National Office and Affiliate Offices) offers two funding cycles per year – winter and summer. The following are open research funding calls for Summer 2013. Several programs have a broad target audience. You should always refer to the program description for details.

- **Mentored Clinical & Population Research Award (formerly Clinical Research Program)**
  Encourages early career investigators who have appropriate and supportive mentoring relationships to engage in high quality introductory and pilot clinical studies that will guide future strategies for reducing cardiovascular disease and stroke while fostering new research in clinical and translational science, and encouraging community- and population-based activities.
  Offered by: Founders, Greater Southeast, National and Western States Affiliates
  Career Stage: directed step/first independent step - masters degree. Healthcare professionals with a masters degree or certain doctoral degrees.

- **Scientist Development Grant.** Supports highly promising beginning scientists in their progress toward independence by encouraging and adequately funding research projects that can bridge the gap between completion of research training and readiness for successful competition as an independent investigator.
  Offered by: Founders Affiliate and National
  Career Stage: First independent step – instructor, assistant professor or other first academic appointment or equivalent

- **Grant-In-Aid.** Encourages and adequately funds the most innovative and meritorious research projects from independent investigators.
  Offered by: Founders, SouthWest and Western States Affiliates
  Career Stage: First independent step, intermediate level or recognized investigator – instructor, assistant professor or other first academic appointment or equivalent, associate professor or equivalent, professor or equivalent. Applicants are expected to be independent investigators.

- **Established Investigator Award.** Supports mid-career investigators with unusual promise and an established record of accomplishments; candidates have a demonstrated commitment to cardiovascular
or cerebrovascular science as indicated by prior publication history and scientific accomplishments. A candidate’s career is expected to be in a rapid growth phase.

**Offered by:** National

- **Innovative Research Grants.** Supports highly innovative, high-risk, high-reward research that could ultimately lead to critical discoveries or major advancements that will accelerate the field of cardiovascular and stroke research.
  
  **Offered by:** National

- **Predoctoral Fellowship.** Helps students initiate careers in cardiovascular and stroke research by providing research assistance and training.
  
  **Offered by:** Founders, Greater Southeast, Midwest, SouthWest and Western States Affiliates
  
  **Career Stage:** gaining credentials – doctoral student

- **Postdoctoral Fellowship.** Helps trainees initiate careers in cardiovascular and stroke research while obtaining significant research results under the supervision of a sponsor or mentor; supports individuals before they are ready for some stage of independent research.
  
  **Offered by:** Founders, Great Rivers, Greater Southeast, Midwest, SouthWest and Western States Affiliates
  
  **Career Stage:** directed step - postdoctoral fellow

- **American Stroke Association-Bugher Foundation Centers of Excellence in Stroke Collaborative Research for Regeneration, Resilience and Secondary Prevention.** The Henrietta B. and Frederick H. Bugher Foundation has committed $9.24 million dollars to the American Stroke Association (ASA, a division of the American Heart Association) to support a new network of three Centers of Excellence in Stroke Collaborative Research for a period of four years.

  View more information about this exciting new funding opportunity and download the full Request for Applications.

- **AHA/Gerontological Society of America National Hartford Centers of Gerontological Nursing Excellence Postdoctoral Fellowship Award.** Special funding is made available from the Gerontological Society of America-National Hartford CGNE to support an investigator proposing innovative basic, clinical or translational research projects relevant to gerontological nursing, aging, cardiovascular disease and/or stroke. In addition to an RN degree, applicants must hold a PhD, DN.Sc. or equivalent degree at the time of award activation. DNP applicants are not eligible. The chosen awardee will be expected to attend the GSA Leadership Conference both years of the fellowship.

  Interested parties should submit a postdoctoral fellowship application to their local affiliate.

- **AHA/Myocarditis Foundation Postdoctoral Fellowship Award.** Supports an investigator proposing innovative basic, clinical or translational research projects relevant to the etiology, pathophysiology, diagnosis, treatment epidemiology and/or prevention of myocarditis.

  Interested parties should submit a postdoctoral fellowship application to their local affiliate.

- **AHA/ASA/American Brain Foundation Lawrence M. Brass, M.D. Stroke Research Postdoctoral Fellowship Award.** Special funding is available from the American Brain Foundation to support a training award for an individual interested in embarking on a career in stroke research related to vascular neurology, stroke and neurocritical care. Individuals should not have more than 5 years of postdoctoral research training.

  Interested parties should submit a postdoctoral fellowship application to their local affiliate.
• AHA/CCF Pediatric Cardiomyopathy Joint Research Award

The Children’s Cardiomyopathy Foundation (CCF) has partnered with the American Heart Association (AHA) to establish a research award for investigators conducting research specific to pediatric cardiomyopathy. CCF will provide $35,000 per year for two years to fund one project related to pediatric cardiomyopathy research. The AHA will provide the balance of the funds needed to fully fund the selected award.

Interested parties should submit a Beginning Grant-in-Aid or Grant-in-Aid to their local affiliate.

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: Active Calls for Proposals

Public Health Services and Systems Research: Mentored Research Scientist Development Awards

Deadline: Wed, 21 Aug 2013
3:00 p.m. ET
PHSSR: Mentored Research Scientist Development is intended 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.

**Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health & Society Scholars**

Deadline: Fri, 20 Sep 2013
5:00 p.m. ET

This program provides support to postdoctoral scholars to build the nation’s capacity for research and leadership to address the multiple determinants of population health and contribute to policy change.

Open

**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.