Featured News and Announcements

COVID-19 Newsletter

ORSD posts a weekly COVID-19 newsletter on its webpage that highlights new research funding opportunities along with answers to many questions regarding how COVID-19-related disruptions to research might affect current federal funding.

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Please see below for a variety of funding opportunities for the period of 09/11/20 – 09/22/20. While we attempt to capture a broad cross-section of funding opportunities related to public health, the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health community can also access a number of proprietary funding opportunity search engines that help to develop and automate customized funding opportunity searches.

Funding Opportunities for the period 09/11/20 – 09/22/20

NOTE: When applying for external awards, PIs and grant managers should closely review the terms and conditions for potential conflicts. Any questions should be referred to Harvard Chan School SPA. In addition, ALL sponsored proposals must be reviewed by SPA 10 days before the sponsor due date. Additional information on SPA proposal development policies can be found here.

*NEW: The Belmont Forum: Transdisciplinary Research for Pathways to Sustainability.
Deadline: October 31, 2020
This call supports collaborative research networking activities that focus on integrated qualitative and quantitative approaches to develop Earth-system-based transformation pathways for sustainable development.

*NEW: The Rainin Foundation: Innovator Awards
Deadline: October 19, 2020
This call supports high-risk research and challenge investigators to push boundaries to advance our goal of predicting and preventing Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD). Our funding interests span the spectrum of basic, translational and clinical science.

*NEW: Internal: Environmental Toxins: Everyday Exposures - Toxins and Health (RFA)
Deadline: October 23, 2020
This pilot grant opportunity focuses on the effects of environmental toxins on human health. Diagnostic technologies; Biomarkers for disease detection, disease progression, or clinical response; Preventative or therapeutic treatment modalities; Metabolism; Educational methodologies; Associated disease causation; Health disparities; Toxin remediation; Public policy and; Environmental or architectural design Areas of inquiry should focus on translational research and human health. Proposals requiring the use of non-human samples/models will only be considered if there is a clear and direct link to subsequent investigation of some aspect of human health. Proposals investigating basic research questions or those solely limited to pre-clinical applications will not be considered.
*NEW: Harry J. Lloyd Charitable Trust: Melanoma Research Grants
Deadline: November 1, 2020
Three grants are offered: 1. Career Development - May include salary support for promising young melanoma investigators; 2. Basic Science - To gain new biological insights into melanoma development or progression; and 3. Translational Research - To fund clinically important melanoma research. Special consideration will be given to: emerging novel concepts that constitute significant innovation; new investigators in the field of melanoma; and prevention and early detection.

National Institutes of Health

**NEW: Limited Submission - NIH: Clinical and Translational Science Award (U54)
Internal deadline: September 25, 2020
Sponsor deadline: December 15, 2020
This previously announced LSO has entered a new cycle. If you plan on applying during the upcoming cycle, please submit a Notice of Intent including PI name, department, and a brief (1-2 sentence) description of the proposed project to the Office of Research Strategy and Development (hconrad@hsph.harvard.edu) no later than September 25, 2020. Based on the number of notices received, we will determine whether an internal competition is needed.

Limited Submission - for the Continuation of the Urinary Stone Disease Research Network (USDRN) Scientific Data Research Center (U24 Clinical Trial Required)
Internal deadline: September 25, 2020
Sponsor deadline: February 09, 2021
If you are interested in applying for this award, you must submit a brief Notice of Intent including PI name, department, and a brief (1-2 sentence) description of the proposed project to the Office of Research Strategy and Development (hconrad@hsph.harvard.edu) no later than September 25, 2020. Based on the number of notices received, we will determine whether an internal competition is needed.

Limited Submission - Continuation of the Urinary Stone Disease Research Network (USDRN) Clinical Centers (U01 Clinical Trial Required)
Internal deadline: September 25, 2020
Sponsor deadline: February 09, 2021
If you are interested in applying for this award, you must submit a brief Notice of Intent including PI name, department, and a brief (1-2 sentence) description of the proposed project to the Office of Research Strategy and Development (hconrad@hsph.harvard.edu) no later than September 25, 2020. Based on the number of notices received, we will determine whether an internal competition is needed.

Limited Submission - NIEHS SBIR Phase IIB Validation of Sensors for Improved Environmental Exposure Assessment (R44 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)
Internal deadline: September 25, 2020
Sponsor deadline: December 04, 2020
If you are interested in applying for this award, you must submit a brief Notice of Intent including PI name, department, and a brief (1-2 sentence) description of the proposed project to the Office of Research Strategy and Development (hconrad@hsph.harvard.edu) no later than September 25, 2020. Based on the number of notices received, we will determine whether an internal competition is needed.
*NEW: NIH: Drug Development Collaboratory (UG3/UH3 Clinical Trial Required)
Deadline: 02-09-2021

*NEW: NIH: NIAID Research Education Program (R25 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)
Deadline: 12-06-2020

*NEW: NIH: Computational Approaches to Curation at Scale for Biomedical Research Assets (R01 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)
Deadline: 02-05-2021

*NEW: NIH: Limited Competition: Exploratory and Developmental Research Grant Program for NIAID K01/K08/K23 Recipients (R21 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)
Deadline: 10-16-2020

*NEW: NIH: Limited Competition: Small Research Grant Program for NIAID K01/K08/K23 Recipients (R03 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)
Deadline: 10-16-2020

*NEW: NIH: Translational Research in Maternal and Pediatric Pharmacology and Therapeutics (R01 Clinical Trial Optional)
Deadline: 12-10-2020

*NEW: NIH: Translational Research in Maternal and Pediatric Pharmacology and Therapeutics (R21 Clinical Trial Optional)
Deadline: 12-10-2020

*NEW: NIH: Cancer Intervention and Surveillance Modeling Network (CISNET) Incubator Program for New Cancer Sites (U01 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)
Deadline: 01-20-2021

*NEW: NIH: BRAIN Initiative: Pilot resources for brain cell type-specific access and manipulation across vertebrate species (U01 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)
Deadline: 02-11-2021

*NEW: NIH: HEAL Initiative: Non-addictive Analgesic Therapeutics Development [Small Molecules and Biologics] to Treat Pain (UG3/UH3 Clinical Trial Optional)
Deadline: 11-18-2020

*NEW: NIH: Basket Clinical Trials of Drugs Targeting Shared Molecular Etiologies in Multiple Rare Diseases (UG3/UH3 Clinical Trial Required)
Deadline: 11-13-2020

*NEW: NIH: Basket Clinical Trials of Drugs Targeting Shared Molecular Etiologies in Multiple Rare Diseases (U44 Clinical Trial Required)
Deadline: 11-13-2020
*NEW: NIH: Social and Behavioral Intervention Research to Address Modifiable Risk Factors for Cancer in Rural Populations (R01 Clinical Trial Required)
Deadline: 03-15-2021

*NEW: NIH: HeartShare: Next-Generation Phenomics to Define Heart Failure Subtypes (U01 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)
Deadline: 12-07-2020

*NEW: NIH: HeartShare: Next Generation Phenomics to Define Heart Failure Subtypes and Treatment Targets Data Translation Center (U54 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)
Deadline: 12-07-2020

Previously Announced Internal & Limited Submission Opportunities
See the Funding Announcement Archives for a list of ALL previously announced opportunities.

Internal: The Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study: Radcliffe Exploratory Seminar Program
Deadline: October 13, 2020
This program provides funding to scholars, practitioners, and artists for collaboration in an interdisciplinary exploration of early-stage ideas. It program encourages intellectual risk-taking as participants gather in an intensive seminar setting to explore new fields of research and inquiry. Hundreds of Harvard faculty members have benefited from this program, which challenges its participants to reimagine the boundaries of knowledge through multidisciplinary discussion.

Internal Funding: Harvard University Climate Change Solutions Fund
Deadline: October 16, 2020
This internal funding mechanism supports research and policy initiatives intended to reduce the risks of climate change, hasten the transition from fossil fuel-based energy systems to those that rely on renewable energy sources, to develop methods for diminishing the impact of existing fossil fuel-based energy systems on the climate, to understand and prepare for the impacts of climate change, and to propel scientific, technological, legal, behavioral, policy and artistic innovations needed to accelerate progress toward cleaner energy, improved human health, and a greener world.

Internal Funding: The Harvard Data Science Initiative Faculty Special Projects Fund
Deadline: Applications accepted throughout the year.
This fund provides one-time support of up to $5,000 for data science opportunities for which other funding is not readily available.

Internal Funding: Harvard's Solar Geoengineering Research Program
Deadline: Applications accepted on a rolling basis.
Harvard's Solar Geoengineering Research Program (SGRP) invites faculty and researchers throughout Harvard to apply for grants. No prior experience in solar geoengineering required. The goal of the program is to: Take an active stance on research with a unique mandate to develop path-breaking technologies that might improve solar geoengineering’s effectiveness and reduce its risks; Employ Harvard’s convening power to bring together scientists, environmental leaders, and government officials to discuss the technology and its governance.