Please see below for a variety of funding opportunities and announcements for the period 01/26/21 – 01/22/21. 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 develop and automate customized funding opportunity searches.

**Featured News and Announcements**

*NEW: Internal: Star-Friedman Challenge: Promising Scientific Research*

**Deadline: March 1, 2021**

The Star-Friedman Challenge for Promising Scientific Research aims to fund research that, because of its originality and high-risk approach, may not receive support through traditional funding channels. These funds are intended to catalyze cutting-edge scientific research. With a focus on interdisciplinary and creative work, Challenge grants will ordinarily range from $80,000-$150,000. In truly exceptional circumstances, the committee may consider larger awards. This program welcomes applications from a broad range of fields and perspectives, with proposals focusing on pandemics encouraged in 2021.

**ORSD Research Resource Portal is Live!**

The Office of Research Strategy and Development’s Research Resource Portal is a new online tool for investigators to find important information meant to support proposal development and funding strategies. Examples of information to be found on the website include sample letters of support and other non-disciplinary grant templates, NIH paylines and research priorities, as well as HSPH-specific policies and processes. Faculty, research scientists, and post-docs can access curated lists of funding opportunities, links to funding search engines, and other resources to help in finding funding and developing proposals.

**COVID-19 Newsletter**

ORSD posts a 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.

**Funding Opportunities**

*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 7 days before the sponsor due date, so please allow appropriate lead time to work with your grant manager prior to the SPA deadline. Additional information on SPA proposal development policies can be found here.*
**NEW: Limited Submission – CDC: Strengthening Public Health Research and Implementation Science (Operations Research) to Control, Eliminate Infectious Diseases Globally**
Internal deadline: January 25, 2021
Sponsor deadline: February 22, 2021
This CDC solicitation is limited to one application per institution. An applicant has been selected to move forward for the award. Please email Elizabeth Sylvester in the Office of Research Strategy and Development (esylvester@hsph.harvard.edu) if you or someone you know plan to submit an application so we can coordinate internally.

**NEW: Limited Submission - Whiting Foundation: Public Engagement Fellowship**
Internal deadline: March 15, 2021
Sponsor deadline: June 15, 2020
Proposals should be far enough into development or execution to present specific, compelling evidence that they will successfully engage the intended public. Strong proposals will show evidence of both the overall strategy and the practical plan to implement the proposed project. Relationships with key collaborators should already be deeply developed, and, in some cases, the nominee and collaborators may have tested the idea in a pilot, or the project itself may already be underway. The hyperlink above will bring you to the application portal, where you can find more information on award eligibility and internal submission requirements.

**NEW: Internal: William F. Milton Fund**
Deadline: April 1, 2021
Winning projects must either promote the physical and material welfare and prosperity of the human race, or investigate and determine the value and importance of any discovery or invention, or assist in the discovery and perfecting of any special means of alleviating or curing human disease.

**NEW: Internal: Star-Friedman Challenge: Promising Scientific Research**
Deadline: March 1, 2021
The Star-Friedman Challenge for Promising Scientific Research aims to fund research that, because of its originality and high-risk approach, may not receive support through traditional funding channels. These funds are intended to catalyze cutting-edge scientific research. With a focus on interdisciplinary and creative work, Challenge grants will ordinarily range from $80,000-$150,000. In truly exceptional circumstances, the committee may consider larger awards. This program welcomes applications from a broad range of fields and perspectives, with proposals focusing on pandemics encouraged in 2021.

**NEW: Internal: Blavatnik Fellowship in Life Science Entrepreneurship**
Deadline: February 12, 2021
If you are currently working on a technology and want to spend a year building your venture with support from the Harvard community and 1 on 1 mentors, consider applying to become a Blavatnik Fellow. The Fellowship offers Harvard-affiliated postdocs the opportunity to create new ventures around promising life science technologies while developing their leadership talents.

**NEW: Agilent: Early Career Professor Award**
Deadline: February 26, 2021
The 2021 focus for this award is research contributions to the development of breakthrough solutions to understand or manage immunological responses to infection, autoimmunity or cancer.

**NEW: PCORI: Pragmatic Clinical Studies to Evaluate Patient-Centered Outcomes**
Deadline: February 02, 2021
This initiative supports large pragmatic studies in patient-centered comparative effectiveness research (CER). Such studies are designed to aid decision makers in choosing between two or more clinical care interventions through the comparison of their effectiveness, safety, and other characteristics that are important to stakeholders. The program goals are to (1) address critically important evidence gaps in decision making where insufficient comparative effectiveness information poses a significant barrier to clinical or healthcare system decision making about two or more healthcare options, and (2) gain insight into the heterogeneity of treatment effects (HTE) for subgroups and individuals through the study of large and diverse populations.

*NEW: HHS: Health Resources and Services Administration Bridging the Word Gap Research Network (BWG)
Deadline: March 23, 2021

*NEW: HHS: Advancing Comprehensive Community-Based HIV Services to Achieve Epidemic Control in Namibia under the U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR)
Deadline: March 23, 2021

*NEW: HHS: Rehabilitation Research and Training Center (RRTC) on Employer Practices Leading to Successful Employment Outcomes among People with Disabilities
Deadline: March 22, 2021

*NEW: HHS: Autism Field-Initiated Innovative Research Studies Program (Autism-FIRST)
Deadline: April 15, 2021

*NEW: HHS: Promoting Cancer Surveillance Workforce, Education, and Data Use
Deadline: March 30, 2021

*NEW: ED: Office of Elementary and Secondary Education (OESE): Promise Neighborhoods (PN) Programs Assistance
Deadline: March 5, 2021

*NEW: USDOJ: Strategies to Support Children Exposed to Violence
Deadline: March 8, 2021

*NEW: USDOJ: OVW Fiscal Year 2021 Rural Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Program Solicitation
Deadline: March 12, 2021

*NEW: DOE: Request for Information (RFI) DE-FOA-00002466: Plastics Innovation Challenge (PIC) Draft Roadmap
Deadline: March 1, 2021

National Institutes of Health

*NEW: Limited Submission - NIH: Biomedical Research Facilities (C06 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)
Internal deadline: January 25, 2021
Sponsor deadline: March 17, 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 (esylvester@hsph.harvard.edu) no later than January 25, 2021. Based on the number of notices received, we will determine whether an internal competition is needed.

*NEW: NIH: NIDCD Research Career Enhancement Award for Established Investigators (K18 Independent Basic Experimental Studies with Humans Required)
Deadline: 02-08-2021

*NEW: NIH: NIDCD Research Career Enhancement Award for Established Investigators (K18 Independent Clinical Trial Not Allowed)
Deadline: 02-08-2021

*NEW: NIH: NIDCD Research Career Enhancement Award for Established Investigators (K18 Clinical Trial Required)
Deadline: 02-08-2021

*NEW: NIH: NHLBI Early Phase Clinical Trials for Therapeutics and/or Diagnostics (R33 Clinical Trial Required)
Deadline: 06-04-2021

*NEW: NIH: NHLBI Early Phase Clinical Trials for Therapeutics and/or Diagnostics (R61/R33 Clinical Trial Required)
Deadline: 06-04-2021

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

**Internal: Harvard Catalyst: Clinical and Translational (C/T) Research Academy for Research Fellows**
Deadline: January 29, 2021
Advanced training for early career clinicians and researchers seeking to strengthen their knowledge in C/T research via a structured didactic curriculum and a mentored research experience with an HMS faculty member. The program offers a pathway for highly meritorious candidates to acquire key research skills that will assist in developing competitive applications for career development awards and the transition to independence.

**Internal: Faculty fellowship: Harvard Catalyst Program for Diversity Inclusion**
Deadline: February 26, 2021
Two-year, non-degree faculty fellowship program for Harvard junior faculty designed to address faculty need for additional support to conduct clinical and/or translational research and to free junior faculty from clinical and teaching demands at a key point in their career development. Each faculty fellow will receive $100,000 over a two-year period to support their scholarly efforts. Faculty fellows are required to devote appropriate time toward the development of their academic career, to meet regularly with their mentors, and to present at the annual Minority Health Policy Meeting.

**Internal Funding - Lemann Brazil Research Fund**
Sponsor deadline: January 25, 2021
The Fund is intended to foster collaboration between scholars and to support research projects focused on current issues facing Brazil. Harvard Chan School applicants should apply through HUFP (Harvard University Funding Portal) using the link above. Interested applicants should contact ORSD (hconrad@hsph.harvard.edu) before applying for insight into this competition. Please see the RFA for more details.

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 NEW: 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.