Notices from March 07, 2019 to March 08, 2019

This publication synopsizes funding opportunities, rules and regulations, comment requests, and meetings information from Grants.gov, Federal Register, and Federal Business Opportunities for colleges and universities that are eligible to be lead applicants or serve as partners.

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ARTS / HUMANITIES / INTERNATIONAL

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
DRL FY18 Strengthening and Supporting Civil Society in Vietnam

FON:
SFOP0005600

AGENCY:
Department of State (State) , Bureau of Democracy Human Rights and Labor (DRL)

ITEM:
Notice announcing an open competition for organizations interested in submitting applications for projects that support the expansion of civil society in Vietnam. DRL's objective is to foster an independent civil society in Vietnam capable of promoting human rights and transparent and responsible government.

ACTION:
Applications are due April 24, 2019. Approximately $750,000 is available for one award.

Limited Submission:
One application per organization.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Program Office, Email: DRL-EAP-Programs@state.gov (mailto:DRL-EAP-Programs@state.gov)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Karachi – Science, Technology, Environment, Mathematics (STEM) Programming

FON:
SCAISB-19-009-03082019

AGENCY:
Department of State (State) , Bureau of South and Central Asian Affairs

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications to develop capacity-building opportunities in STEM entrepreneurship through the use of two projects: 1) Entrepreneurship and Software Engineering aimed to develop and leverage entrepreneurial skills of women in and around Hyderabad, Sukkur, Khairpur, and Larkana, particularly in the textile industry; or 2) STEM Hackathon aimed to engage more girls in STEM-related fields and help women in STEM-related fields connect with mentors, education, and career options.

ACTION:
Applications are due May 8, 2019. Approximately $95,000 is available for two awards.

LINKS:
CONTACT:
Email: PakistanGrants@state.gov (mailto:PakistanGrants@state.gov)

MEETING:
National Council on the Arts 196th Meeting

AGENCY:
National Endowment for the Arts (NEA)

ITEM:
Notice announcing a meeting of the National Endowment for the Arts, National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities to vote on recommendations for grant funding and rejection followed by a presentation by Mary Anne Carter, Acting Chairman.

ACTION:
The meeting will be held March 28, 2019 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Russell Senate Building, Room #SR-485, 2 Constitution Avenue NE, Washington DC.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Victoria Hutter, 202-682-5570.

MEETING:
Women's Suffrage Centennial Commission; Notification of Public Meetings

FON:
2019-04143

AGENCY:
General Services Administration (GSA)

ITEM:
Notice announcing meetings scheduled to encourage, plan, develop, and execute programs, projects, and activities to commemorate the centennial of the passage and ratification of the 19th Amendment, which provided for women's suffrage.

ACTION:
The meetings will be held March 27, 2019 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. ET and June 3, 2019, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. ET. The meeting on March 27, 2019, will be a telephonic meeting. The public may dial into the meeting by calling 866-660-8781 participant code: 9420503. The meeting on June 3, 2019, will be held at the Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street NW, Washington, DC, in the South Penthouse on the 7th Floor.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Kim Oliver, 202-912-7510. Email: kmoliver@blm.gov (mailto:kmoliver@blm.gov)
FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Specialty Crop Block Grant Program – Farm Bill

FON:

AGENCY:
United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS)

ITEM:
Notice announcing availability of the Specialty Crop Block Grant Program (SCBGP) that enhances the
competitiveness of specialty crops. Specialty crops are defined as “fruits, vegetables, tree nuts, dried
fruits, horticulture, and nursery crops (including floriculture).”

ACTION:
Applications are due May 24, 2019. Approximately $72.4 million is available for 56 awards. Partnership
opportunities may exist for colleges and universities.

LINKS:
(https://www.ams.usda.gov/services/grants/scbgp/apply)

CONTACT:
Carly Borgmeier, 202-260-8702. Email: carlym.borgmeier@usda.gov

MEETING:
Farm Credit System Insurance Corporation

AGENCY:
United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Farm Credit System Insurance Corporation

ITEM:
Notice announcing a meeting of the Farm Credit System Insurance Corporation to discuss new
business, report of investment portfolio, 2018 audit results, and consideration of Allocated Insurance
Reserves Account.

ACTION:
The meeting will be held March 14, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. ET at the offices of the Farm Credit
Administration in McLean, VA. Members of the public are encouraged to send an email to
VisitorRequest@FCA.gov at least 24 hours before the meeting. In your email include: Name, postal
address, entity you are representing (if applicable), and telephone number.

LINKS:
Federal Register (https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2019/03/08/2019-04274/regular-
meeting-farm-credit-system-insurance-corporation-board)

CONTACT:
Dale Aultman, 703-883-4009. Email: aultman@fca.gov

HEALTH
FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Behavioral and Integrative Treatment Development Program (R01, R34 Clinical Trial Optional)

FON: PAR-19-212; PAR-19-213

AGENCY: National Institutes of Health (NIH), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

ITEM: Notice seeking applications that encourage behavioral intervention development research. Specifically, test efficacy, conduct clinical trials, examine mechanisms of behavior change, determine dose-response, treatment optimization, and/or ascertain best sequencing of behavioral, combined, sequential, or integrated behavioral and pharmacological treatments.

ACTION: Optional letters of intent are due 30 days prior to application due date. Applications are due March 23 and July 23 annually through March 24, 2022. Multiple awards available through both mechanisms.


CONTACT: Will M. Aklin, 301-827-5909. Email: aklinwm@mail.nih.gov

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FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Novel Assays to Address Translational Gaps in Treatment Development (UG3-UH3 Clinical Trial Optional)

FON: PAR-19-214

AGENCY: National Institutes of Health (NIH), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH)

ITEM: Notice seeking applications to research initial proof of concept studies aimed at identifying measures for potential development as preclinical assays for evaluating potential new drug and device therapies and their targets. This FOA supports efforts to optimize and evaluate measures of neurophysiological processes that are disrupted within or across mental disorders in both healthy humans and in another species relevant to the therapeutic development pipeline.

ACTION: LOI's are due 30 days before the application due date. Annual applications are due June 20, 2019, October 18, 2019, February 20, 2020, June 19, 2020, October 20, 2020, February 19, 2021, June 21, 2021, October 20, 2021 and February 21, 2022 through February 22, 2022. The budget and number of awards are contingent upon NIH appropriations to support projects lasting up to four years (UH3/ 3 yrs. and UG3 up to 2 yrs.).
FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Team-Based Design in Biomedical Engineering Education (R25 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)

FON:
PAR-19-215

AGENCY:
National Institutes of Health (NIH), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), National Institute of Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering (NIBIB)

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications to establish new or to enhance existing team-based design courses or programs in undergraduate biomedical engineering departments or other degree-granting programs with biomedical engineering tracks/minors with a focus on undergraduate students.

ACTION:
Requested letters of intent are due April 29, 2019; April 27, 2020; and April 26, 2021. Annual applications are due during the last week of May through 2021. The budget and number of awards are contingent upon NIH appropriations (requests cap at $20,000/annually for direct cost) to support projects lasting up five years.

Limited Submission:
Applicant organizations may submit only one application

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Zeynep Erim, 301-451-4792. Email: erimz@mail.nih.gov (mailto:erimz@mail.nih.gov)

MEETING:
Geriatrics and Gerontology Advisory Committee; Notice of Meeting

AGENCY:
Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)

ITEM:
Notice announcing a meeting of the Geriatrics and Gerontology Advisory Committee to feature presentations and discussions on VA's geriatrics and extended care programs, aging research activities, updates on VA's employee staff working in the area of geriatrics (to include training, recruitment and retention approaches), Veterans Health Administration (VHA) strategic planning activities in geriatrics and extended care, recent VHA efforts regarding dementia and program advances in palliative care, and performance and oversight of VA Geriatric Research, Education, and Clinical Centers.
ACTION:
The meeting will be held April 10-11, 2019, at the Department of Veterans Affairs in Washington, DC in room 630. On April 10, attendees will meet from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. ET and on April 11th, attendees will meet from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. ET.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Alejandra Paulovich, 202-461-6016, Email: Alejandra.Paulovich@va.gov (mailto:Alejandra.Paulovich@va.gov)

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MEETING:
Meeting of the National Advisory Council on Nurse Education and Practice

FON:
2019-04074

AGENCY:
Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

ITEM:
Notice announcing meetings scheduled to include updates from experts on nursing workforce, nursing education, and nursing practice improvement.

ACTION:
The meetings will be held April 1, 2019, from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. ET; May 21, 2019, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. ET; and September 24, 2019, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. ET via webinar and/or teleconference. To attend, visit the Agency Site link for details as they become available.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Tracy Gray, 301-945-3113. Email: BHWNACNEP@hrsa.gov (mailto:BHWNACNEP@hrsa.gov)

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MEETING:
Pediatric Advisory Committee; Notice of Meeting; Establishment of a Public Docket; Request for Comments

AGENCY:
Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

ITEM:
Notice announcing a meeting of the Pediatric Advisory Committee to provide advice and recommendations to FDA on regulatory issues.

ACTION:
The meeting will be held April 8, 2019 from 9 a.m. to 4:40 p.m. ET at FDA White Oak Campus, 10903 New Hampshire Ave., Bldg. 31 Conference Center, the Great Room (Rm. 1503), Silver Spring, MD.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Marieann Brill, 240-402-3838. Email: marieann.brill@fda.hhs.gov (mailto:marieann.brill@fda.hhs.gov)

NOTICE:
Multinational Natural History Study of AFM in Pediatric Patients

FON:
HHS-NIH-NIAID-RDSS-19-NIHAI2019012

AGENCY:
National Institutes of Health (NIH), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Division of Microbiology and Infectious Diseases (DMID)

ITEM:
Notice seeking capability statements to conduct a natural history study of acute flaccid myelitis (AFM) in patients in the United States, United Kingdom, and Peru to coincide with the predicted outbreak cycles beginning in August 2019. AFM is a rare neurologic disease that affects the spinal cord and can cause muscles and reflexes to become weak.

ACTION:
Capability statements are due March 22, 2019 and must be sent by email to the contact with the FON in the subject line.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Swee Teo, 240-669-5173. Email: teosl@niaid.nih.gov (mailto:teosl@niaid.nih.gov)

SCIENCE / TECHNOLOGY / ENGINEERING / MATH

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Collaborative Research in Magnetic Fusion Energy Sciences on International Tokamaks

FON:
DE-FOA-0002076

AGENCY:
Department of Energy (Energy), Office of Science

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications from single institutions and collaborative teams to carry out experimental research in magnetic fusion energy sciences on international tokamak facilities. The FES Burning
Plasma Science: Long Pulse Tokamak program element supports U.S scientific staff who work in collaboration with scientists overseas to explore critical science and technology issues at the frontiers of magnetic fusion research.

**ACTION:**
Required pre-applications are due April 4, 2019. Applications are due May 9, 2019. Approximately $21 million is available to support 20 to 30 awards.

**LINKS:**

**CONTACT:**
Matthew Lanctot, 301-903-1972. Email: matthew.lanctot@science.doe.gov

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**FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:**
EHR Core Research (ECR): Building Capacity in STEM Education Research

**FON:**
19-565

**AGENCY:**
Directorate for Education & Human Resources (EHR), National Science Foundation (NSF)

**ITEM:**
Notice seeking proposals to support projects that build individuals’ capacity to carry out high quality STEM education research that will enhance the nation’s STEM education enterprise and broaden the pool of researchers that can conduct fundamental research in STEM learning and learning environments, broadening participation in STEM fields, and STEM workforce development.

**ACTION:**
Proposals are due June 7, 2019 and First Friday in June annually thereafter. Approximately $12 million is available to support 26 awards.

**LINKS:**

**CONTACT:**
Inquiries, 703-292-8112. Email: ECRBCSER@nsf.gov (mailto:ECRBCSER@nsf.gov)

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**FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:**
Maritime Energy Conservation or Efficiency Pilot Demonstration

**FON:**
693JF719R000011

**AGENCY:**
U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), Maritime Administration
ITEM:
Notice seeking to provide cost share funding through a cooperative agreement(s) for one or more proposals that offer the potential for advancement and improvement of energy efficiency for marine vessel operations. The MARAD cost share will not exceed 50% of the total project cost. Collaborative partnerships with other entities such as industry, ports, maritime organizations, and state or local governments are highly encouraged.

ACTION:
Proposals are due April 22, 2019. Approximately $380,000 is available for two awards.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Judy Bowers, 202-366-1913. Email: daniel.yuska@dot.gov (mailto:daniel.yuska@dot.gov)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Real-Time Machine Learning

FON:
19-566

AGENCY:
Directorate for Computer & Information Science & Engineering (CISE), Directorate for Engineering (ENG), National Science Foundation (NSF)

ITEM:
Notice seeking proposals for the creation of machines that can proactively interpret and learn from data in real time, solve unfamiliar problems using what they have learned, and operate with the energy efficiency of the human brain.

ACTION:
Proposals are due June 6, 2019. Approximately $10 million is available to support 8 to 12 awards.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Sankar Basu, 703-292-7843. Email: sabasu@nsf.gov (mailto:sabasu@nsf.gov)

MEETING:
Announcement of Public Meeting via Teleconference: North American Wetlands Conservation Council

AGENCY:
Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), Department of the Interior (Interior)

ITEM:

ACTION:
The teleconference will be held March 13, 2019 at 2 p.m. Contact the Council Coordinator for the call-in information no later than March 8, 2019.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Michael Johnson, 703-358-1784. Email: dbhc@fws.gov (mailto:dbhc@fws.gov)

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MEETING:
Meeting of the Mobile Sources Technical Review Subcommittee

AGENCY:
Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

ITEM:
Notice announcing a meeting of the Mobile Sources Technical Review Subcommittee to discuss current topics and presentations about activities being conducted by EPA's Office of Transportation and Air Quality.

ACTION:
The meeting will be held April 2, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. ET (registration begins at 8:30 a.m.) at The Ritz-Carlton Pentagon City at 1250 South Hayes Street, Arlington, VA.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Courtney McCubbin, 202-564-2436. Email: mccubbin.courtney@epa.gov (mailto:mccubbin.courtney@epa.gov)

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MEETING:
Notification of a Public Teleconference of the Chartered Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee (CASAC)

AGENCY:
Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

ITEM:
Notice announcing a meeting of the Chartered Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee to discuss its draft review of the EPA's Integrated Science Assessment (ISA) for Particulate Matter (External Review Draft—October 2018).

ACTION:
The teleconference will be held on March 28, 2019 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. ET. The public teleconference will be held by telephone only. Contact Mr. Aaron Yeow for access information.

LINKS:
CONTACT:
Aaron Yeow, 202-564-2050. Email: yeow.aaron@epa.gov (mailto:yeow.aaron@epa.gov)

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