Notices from March 12, 2018 to March 14, 2018

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:
Combating Wildlife Trafficking in Latin America and the Caribbean
FON: SFOP0004229

AGENCY: Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs (INL), Department of State (State)

ITEM: Notice seeking applications to build Latin America's capacity to deter, detect, investigate, prosecute, and adjudicate wildlife poaching and trafficking cases. The scope includes the facilitative financial crimes (e.g. money laundering and corruption) that enable poaching and trafficking networks.

ACTION: Applications are due May 14, 2018. Approximately $4 million is available for two or more awards to support projects lasting up to two years. Cost sharing is not required but recommended.


CONTACT: Vonda Wolcott, Email: WolcottV@state.gov (mailto:WolcottV@state.gov)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY: FY 2018 Special Professional Fellows Program for the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN)

FON: ECA-ECAPEC-18-105

AGENCY: Department of State (State), Bureau Of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA)

ITEM: Notice seeking applications to promote mutual understanding, enhance leadership and professional skills, and build lasting and sustainable partnerships between mid-level emerging leaders from ASEAN countries and the United States.

ACTION: Applications are due May 16, 2018. Approximately $1.6 million is available for two awards to support projects lasting up to two years. Cost sharing is not required but encouraged.

Limited Submission: One application per institution.


CONTACT: Chris Remsen, 202/632-9432. Email: RemsenCM@state.gov (mailto:RemsenCM@state.gov)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY: FY 2018 TechGirls Central Asia Program
FON:
ECA-ECAPEC-18-104

AGENCY:
Department of State (State), Bureau Of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA)

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications to conduct a four-week exchange program in the United States in summer 2019 for approximately 25 high school girls from Central Asia focused on promoting the high-level study of technology. Echoing the goals of the TechWomen program, TechGirls supports development in the field of technology and enables young women to reach their full potential in the technology industry. The program builds on the U.S. global commitment to advance the rights of women and girls around the world and promote science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) education.

ACTION:
Applications are due May 14, 2018. Approximately $990,000 is available. Cost sharing is not required but encouraged.

Limited Submission:
One application per institution.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Sarah Shields, 202/632-9261. Email: ShieldsSD@state.gov (mailto:ShieldsSD@state.gov)

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FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Inspector General Training for the Tunisian National Police and National Guard

FON:
INL18CA0012-AMETUNISIA-TNPTRNG-03122018

AGENCY:
Department of State (State), Bureau of International Narcotics-Law Enforcement (INL)

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications to support recent reforms of the Ministry of Interior to develop an accountable and trustworthy police force responsive to citizen needs by supporting an additional mechanism to enhance the recruitment, selection, training and placement of officers/agents assigned to the Inspector General's office.

ACTION:
Questions are due April 12, 2018. Applications are due May 11, 2018. Approximately $750,000 is available to support one award.

LINKS:

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Cheryl Price, Email: PriceCH@state.gov (mailto:PriceCH@state.gov)
FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
International Women's Film Festivals

FON:
SCAKAB-18-AW-002-SCA-03122018

AGENCY:
Department of State (State), U.S. Mission to Afghanistan

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications to carry out two annual international women's film festivals.

ACTION:
Applications are due May 14, 2018. Approximately $250,000 is available to support one award.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Karen Brown, Email: KabulPASProposals@state.gov

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Maintenance and Operation of English Language and Computer Learning Centers

FON:
SCAKAB-18-AW-001-SCA-03082018

AGENCY:
Department of State (State), U.S. Mission to Afghanistan

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications supporting efforts to increase the base of educated, English-speaking Afghans with the computer skills to succeed in the modern world and to strengthen and build upon a proven English language program success story. Awardees will maintain and operate nine existing English Language and Computer Learning Centers located at seven universities across Afghanistan, as well as create two new Centers at yet undermined universities.

ACTION:
Applications are due by May 7, 2018. Approximately $1.6-2 million is available to support one award.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Karen Brown, Email: KabulPASProposals@state.gov

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Mitigating Environmental Impacts of Infrastructure Development in the Mekong Region

FON:
72048618RFA00003

AGENCY:
United States Agency for International Development (USAID), Thailand USAID-Bangkok
ITEM: Notice seeking applications to carry out innovative activities that enhance environmental safeguards in infrastructure investments in the Mekong region.

ACTION: Applications are due April 18, 2018. Approximately $4.36 million is available to support one award.


CONTACT: William Sedlak, Email: wsedlak@usaid.gov (mailto:wsedlak@usaid.gov)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Notice of Funding Opportunity for NGO programs benefitting asylum seekers and vulnerable migrants from Venezuela

FON: SFOP0004231

AGENCY: Department of State (State), Bureau of Population Refugees and Migration (PRM)

ITEM: Notice seeking applications to fill critical gaps in humanitarian assistance and local integration support for particularly vulnerable asylum seekers and migrants, including women, children, and indigenous populations, and disabled and elderly persons.

ACTION: Applications are due April 16, 2018. Approximately $1.5 million is available for multiple awards to support projects lasting up to one year.


CONTACT: Michael Goddard, 202/453-9386. Email: goddardtm@state.gov (mailto:goddardtm@state.gov)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Rwanda Service Delivery Activity (RSDA)

FON: 72069618RFA00002

AGENCY: United States Agency for International Development (USAID), Rwanda USAID-Kigali

ITEM: Notice seeking applications to improve the utilization and quality of Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn and Child Health (RMNCH) and Malaria services, in a sustainable manner with the goal of reducing infant and maternal mortality in Rwanda.
ACTION:
Applications are due April 23, 2018. Approximately $49.8 million is available to support one award for over five year period. Cost share of 10 percent

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Peggy L. Manthe or her designee, Email: pmanthe@usaid.gov (mailto:pmanthe@usaid.gov)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Thomas R. Pickering Foreign Affairs Fellowship Graduate Program

FON:
SFOP0004203

AGENCY:
Department of State (State), Bureau of Human Resources

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications supporting efforts to conduct programmatic, financial and administrative activities for the Thomas R. Pickering Foreign Affairs Fellowship Graduate Program, which provides outstanding students entering graduate school with funding to assist in the completion of a two year master's degree in an area relevant to the Foreign Service of the Department of State. Funds support outreach (publicity and recruitment), facilitating and assisting in the selection of Fellows, tracking and monitoring of Fellows, maintaining of databases and statistics related to the program, program and financial reporting requirements, financial disbursements, travel, lodging and logistical arrangements.

ACTION:
Applications are due by April 19, 2018. Approximately $3.6 million is available to support one award.

Limited Submission:
Only one application per applicant organization

LINKS:

CONTACT:
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FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Tunisia Resilience and Community Empowerment (TRACE)

FON:
72066418RFA00002

AGENCY:
United States Agency for International Development (USAID), Middle East Regional Platform

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications supporting efforts to promote social cohesion, reduce communities’ risk of instability and increase resilience to violent extremism in Tunisia. Funds support efforts to strengthen
the voices of underrepresented groups (including women and youth in rural and peri-urban areas) and actively engage community members as participants and leaders in the full cycle of design, management, and evaluation of development activities.

**ACTION:**
Applications are due by April 13, 2018 at 2:00 pm Frankfurt Time. Approximately $49.6 million is available to support up to one award.

**LINKS:**

**CONTACT:**
Doanh Van, Email: TunisiaSolicitations@usaid.gov (mailto:TunisiaSolicitations@usaid.gov)

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**MEETING:**
National Council on the Arts 193rd Meeting

**AGENCY:**
National Endowment for the Arts (NEA)

**ITEM:**
Notice announcing a meeting of the National Council of the Arts to vote on grants funding and rejections. Additional presentations will be made from Arena Stage, Opera America, the League of American Orchestras, and a preview of the upcoming Charleston, WV meeting.

**ACTION:**
The meeting will be held March 29, 2018 from 9:00 to 11:30 am ET at Arena Stage at the Mead Center for American Theater, 1101 Sixth Street SW, Washington, DC.

**LINKS:**

**CONTACT:**
Victoria Hutter, 202/682-5570.

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**EDUCATION / ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

**FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:**
Announcement for Program Funding for NRCS's Conservation

**FON:**
USDA-NRCS-PIA-CIG-18-001

**AGENCY:**
United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)

**ITEM:**
Notice seeking applications to stimulate the development and adoption of innovative conservation approaches and technologies in conjunction with agricultural production. CIG projects are expected to lead to the transfer of conservation technologies, management systems, and innovative approaches (such as market-based systems) to agricultural producers, into NRCS technical manuals and guides, or to the private sector.
ACTION:
Applications are due May 11, 2018 at 5pm HST. Approximately $300,000 is available.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
CIG sta, 808/300-2938. Email: adam.reed@hi.usda.gov

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
BJA FY 18 Innovations in Community-Based Crime Reduction Program

FON:
BJA-2018-13609

AGENCY:
Department of Justice (Justice)

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications for a cross-sector partnership to plan and implement a targeted strategy addressing violent and serious crime in a specific community. The cross-sector partnership must designate one eligible entity to serve as the fiscal agent. The fiscal agent is an active partner providing grant oversight and accountability and must be able to hire a full-time coordinator; the fiscal agent will ensure that the cross-sector partnership is committed to and can successfully oversee key enforcement, prevention, intervention, research and analysis, and community engagement strategies with regular input from the law enforcement agency partners.

APPLICATIONS:
Applications are due April 30, 2018. Approximately $10 million is available for up to 10 planning grants with a ceiling of $1 million each. While cost sharing is not required, it is expected that applicants will leverage outside resources, including other grants and local funding, for expenses not allowable or within the scope of the program.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
NCJRS Response Center, 800/851-3420. Email: grants@ncjrs.gov

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
BJA FY 18 Innovations in Community-Based Crime Reduction Program Training and Technical Assistance Program

FON:
BJA-2018-13610

AGENCY:
Department of Justice (Justice)

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications to provide national training and technical assistance to local and tribal partners to plan and implement place-based, community-oriented strategies to address
neighborhood-level crime issues as part of a broader neighborhood revitalization or redevelopment initiative. Byrne Criminal Justice Innovation resources will target neighborhoods that generate a significant proportion of crime or type of crime within the larger community or jurisdiction.

ACTION:
Applications are due April 30, 2018. Approximately $1.75 million is available for one award to support a project lasting up to three years.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
NCJRS Response Center, 800/851-3420. Email: grants@ncjrs.gov (mailto:grants@ncjrs.gov)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
BJA FY 18 Innovations in Supervision Initiative: Building Capacity to Create Safer Communities

FON:
BJA-2018-13623

AGENCY:
Department of Justice (Justice)

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications for collaboration with supervision agencies to reduce crime and recidivism by developing models for law enforcement and prosecutors to work with probation departments with regards to high risk violent offenders. Funds support training and technical assistance to develop a model for probation agencies to partner with other justice agencies in order to further their mutual public safety goals.

ACTION:
Applications are due May 1, 2018. Approximately $2 million is available for one award.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
NCJRS Response Center, 800/851-3420. Email: grants@ncjrs.gov (mailto:grants@ncjrs.gov)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Capacity Building Grants for Non-Land Grant Colleges of Agriculture Program (NLGCA)

FON:
USDA-NIFA-NLGCA-006540

AGENCY:
National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA), United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications from certified Non-Land Grant Colleges of Agriculture for funding to assist in maintaining and expanding capacity to conduct education, research, and outreach/extension activities, and projects that integrate those types. Projects must be related to food, agriculture, natural resources, and human sciences.
ACTION:
Applications are due May 25, 2018. Approximately $4.8 million is available to fund multiple awards. Award ceiling varies by project type.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Ariela Zycherman, 202/720-0384. Email: NLGCA@nifa.usda.gov

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Grants to Military-Connected Local Educational Agencies for Academic and Support Programs (MCASP)
FON:
HE1254-18-R-9999
AGENCY:
Department of Defense (Defense)
ITEM:
Notice seeking applications to ensure that all military-connected students receive the level of preparation required to successfully transition to a postsecondary institution offering a degree or certification program, or sustaining career.

ACTION:
Applications are due May 2, 2018. Approximately $30 million is available for 30 awards to support projects lasting up to 54 months. Eligibility is limited to military-connected LEAs.

Limited Submission:
One application per institution.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
DoDEA Grant Program Office, 571/372-6026. Email: grants@hq.DoDEA.edu

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
NIJ FY18 Investigator-Initiated Research and Evaluation on Firearms Violence
FON:
NIJ-2018-13960
AGENCY:
Department of Justice (Justice)
ITEM:
Notice seeking proposals for investigator-initiated research and evaluation projects to improve understanding, prevention and deterrence of firearms violence in general and public mass shooting
incidents in particular. This solicitation aims to strengthen the knowledge base and improve public safety by producing findings with practical implications. This solicitation is focused specifically on producing research related to intentional, interpersonal firearms violence.

ACTION:
Proposals are due May 14, 2018. Multiple awards are anticipated with a total ceiling of $3 million.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
NCJRS Response Center, 800/851-3420. Email: grants@ncjrs.gov (mailto:grants@ncjrs.gov)

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FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
NIJ FY18 Research and Evaluation of Technologies to Improve School Safety

FON:
NIJ-2018-14054

AGENCY:
Department of Justice (Justice), National Institute of Justice

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications to support projects to demonstrate and evaluate the application of technologies to improve school safety. NIJ is particularly interested in supporting projects likely to provide credible and objective knowledge that schools may use to more effectively prevent and respond to school shootings and other incidents involving mass violence.

ACTION:
Applications are due May 10, 2018. Approximately $4 million is available to support up to one award.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
NCJRS Response Center, 1-800/851-3420. Email: grants@ncjrs.gov (mailto:grants@ncjrs.gov)

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NOTICE:
Critical Water Issues Prize Competition RFI

FON:
DE-FOA-0001899

AGENCY:
Department of Energy (Energy)

ITEM:
Notice requesting information to aid the development of challenges and prize competitions to address key water issues, such as technical and other barriers that may prevent long-term water access to low-cost water supplies. Topic categories include: Increasing Alternative Water Supplies; Reducing Costs to Treat Drinking Water and Wastewater; Opportunities to Use Water More Efficiently; Market-based
Solutions that Incentivize Innovation and Conservation; The Energy-Water Nexus; Past, Existing, and Forthcoming Water-Related Challenges and Prize Competitions; and Other Challenges. This is not a request for proposals.

ACTION:
Submissions are due May 14, 2018.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Email: waterprizerfi@ee.doe.gov (mailto:waterprizerfi@ee.doe.gov)

HEALTH

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Academic Research Enhancement Award for Undergraduate-Focused Institutions (R15 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)

FON:
PAR-18-714

AGENCY:
National Institutes of Health (NIH), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), National Institute of General Medical Sciences (NIGMS)

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications that do not receive substantial funding from the NIH, with an emphasis on providing biomedical research experiences primarily for undergraduate students, and enhancing the research environment at these applicant institutions.

ACTION:
Applications are due February 25, June 25, and October 25 through May 8, 2021. The number of awards is contingent upon NIH appropriations to support projects lasting up to three years.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
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FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Advancing Exceptional Research on HIV/AIDS and Substance Abuse (R01, Clinical Trial Optional)

FON:
RFA-DA-18-022

AGENCY:
National Institutes of Health (NIH), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA)
ITEM:
Notice seeking applications to open new areas of HIV/AIDS research and/or lead to new avenues for prevention and treatment of HIV/AIDS among substance abusers.

ACTION:
Optional letters of intent are due 30 days prior to the application due date. Applications are due August 22, 2018, August 22, 2019, and August 21, 2020. Approximately $3 million is available for three to four awards to support projects lasting up to five years.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Redonna Chandler, 301/402-1919. Email: redonna.chandler@nih.gov (mailto:redonna.chandler@nih.gov)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Autoimmunity Centers of Excellence, Basic Research Program (U19 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)

FON:
RFA-AI-18-002

AGENCY:
National Institutes of Health (NIH), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID)

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications to participate in the Basic Research program of the NIAID Autoimmunity Centers of Excellence, a cooperative network intended to improve the understanding, prevention, and treatment of autoimmune disease. Funds support innovative studies of human autoimmunity within Principal, Pilot, and Collaborative Projects including autoimmune disease pathogenesis and mechanisms of action of immune-modulating agents.

ACTION:
Optional letters of intent are due by May 22, 2018. Applications are due by June 22, 2018. Approximately $8.48 million is available to support both Clinical and Basic programs, and will support three to five Basic Research Awards.

Limited Submission:
Only one application per institution is allowed

LINKS:

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FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Autoimmunity Centers of Excellence, Clinical Research Program (UM1 Clinical Trial Required)
FON:
RFA-AI-18-003

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

ITEM:
Notice supporting applications to participate in the Clinical Research program of the NIAID Autoimmunity Centers of Excellence, a cooperative network intended to improve the understanding, prevention, and treatment of autoimmune disease. Funds support innovative studies of human autoimmunity within Clinical and Collaborative Projects including autoimmune disease pathogenesis and mechanisms of action of immune-modulating agents.

ACTION:
Optional letters of intent are due by May 22, 2018. Applications are due by June 22, 2018. Approximately $8.48 million is available to support both Clinical and Basic programs, and will support two to four Clinical Research Awards.

Limited Submission:
Only one application per institution is allowed

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Zhuqing "Charlie" Li, 240/669-5068. Email: liz@niaid.nih.gov

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
BRAIN Initiative: New Technologies and Novel Approaches for Large-Scale Recording and Modulation in the Nervous System (R01 Clinical Trials Not Allowed)

FON:
RFA-NS-18-020

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

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications to address major challenges associated with recording and manipulating neural activity, at or near cellular resolution, at multiple spatial and/or temporal scales, in any region and throughout the entire depth of the brain.

ACTION:
Optional letters of intent are due 30 days prior to the application due date. Applications are due May 15, 2018, October 29, 2018, May 1, 2019, October 29, 2019, May 1, 2020, and October 29, 2020. Approximately $10 million is available for 15 to 20 awards to support projects lasting up to three years.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Edmund Talley, 301/496-1917. Email: BRAIN-FOAs@nih.gov (mailto:BRAIN-FOAs@nih.gov); Nick Langhals, 301/496-1447. Email: BRAIN-FOAs@nih.gov (mailto:BRAIN-FOAs@nih.gov)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
BRAIN Initiative: Optimization of Transformative Technologies for Large Scale Recording and Modulation in the Nervous System (U01 Clinical Trials Not Allowed)
FON:
RFA-NS-18-019
AGENCY:
National Institutes of Health (NIH), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)
ITEM:
Notice seeking applications for the optimization of existing and emerging technologies and approaches that have potential to address major challenges associated with recording and manipulating neural activity, at or near cellular resolution, at multiple spatial and temporal scales, in any region and throughout the entire depth of the brain.
ACTION:
Optional letters of intent are due 30 days prior to the application due date. Applications are due May 15, 2018, October 29, 2018, May 1, 2019, October 29, 2019, May 1, 2020, and October 29, 2020. Approximately $10 million is available for 15 to 20 awards to support projects lasting up to four years.
LINKS:
CONTACT:
Edmund Talley, 301/496-1917. Email: BRAIN-FOAs@nih.gov (mailto:BRAIN-FOAs@nih.gov); Nick Langhals, 301/496-1447. Email: BRAIN-FOAs@nih.gov (mailto:BRAIN-FOAs@nih.gov)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Disability and Rehabilitation Research Projects (DRRP) Program: Exercise Interventions for People With Disabilities
FON:
HHS-2018-ACL-NIDILRR-DPGE-0277
AGENCY:
Administration for Community Living (ACL), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)
ITEM:
Notice seeking applications to plan and conduct research and dissemination and utilization activities to develop methods, procedures, and rehabilitation technology that maximize the full inclusion and integration into society, employment, independent living, family support, and economic and social self-sufficiency of individuals with disabilities.
ACTION:
Optional letters of intent are due April 18, 2018. Applications are due May 14, 2018. Approximately $925,000 is available for one award to support a project lasting up to five years. Informational conference call is on April 4, 2018.
FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
National Forum for State and Territorial Chief Executives (National Forum)

FON: HRSA-18-097

AGENCY: Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Office of Planning, Analysis and Evaluation (OPAE)

ITEM: Notice seeking applications to convene high level decision-makers representing state/territorial governors, their policy advisors, and state and federal health and human services providers, as well as private sector interests around issues relating to governance of specified healthcare delivery systems and public health issues of importance to state and territorial governments.

ACTION: Applications are due May 11, 2018. Approximately $600,000 is available to support one award. Nonprofit entities are eligible to apply.

Limited Submission: Multiple applications from an organization are not allowable.

LINKS:

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FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
NIDCD Research Dissertation Fellowship for Au.D. Audiologists (F32) (Clinical Trials Not Allowed)

FON: PAR-18-700

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

ITEM: Notice seeking applications for comprehensive, rigorous biomedical research training, and dissertation research leading to a research doctorate (i.e., Ph.D.) in the biomedical, behavioral, or clinical sciences.

ACTION:
Applications are due April 8, August 8, and December 8 through January 8, 2021. The number of awards is contingent upon NIH appropriations to support projects lasting up to three (postdoctoral level) and five (predoctoral level) years.

Limited Submission:
The NIH will not accept duplicate or highly overlapping applications under review at the same time.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Alberto Rivera-Rentas, 301/496-1804. Email: riverara@nidcd.nih.gov

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Rehabilitation Research and Training Center (RRTC) on Health and Function for People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities

FON:
HHS-2018-ACL-NIDILRR-RTHF-0263

AGENCY:
Administration for Community Living (ACL), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications to generate new research-based knowledge about the health and function of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities across the lifespan. This particular RRTC will be designed to improve data collection instruments that allow people with intellectual disabilities to participate directly in health-related research and to create new knowledge about the prevalence, experiences, and outcomes of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities with co-occurring behavioral problems, mental illness, or psychiatric disability.

ACTION:
Optional letters of intent are due April 18, 2018. Applications are due May 14, 2018. Approximately $875,000 is available for one award to support a project lasting up to five years. Informational conference call is on April 5, 2018.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Dawn Carlson, 202/795-7323. Email: dawn.carlson@acl.hhs.gov

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Research Grants for the Primary or Secondary Prevention of Opioid Overdose (R01)

FON:
RFA-CE-18-006
AGENCY:
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications for investigator-initiated research that will help expand and advance our understanding about what works to prevent overdose from prescription and illicit opioids by developing and piloting, or rigorously evaluating novel primary or secondary prevention interventions.

ACTION:
Optional letters of intent are due April 12, 2018. Applications are due May 15, 2018. Approximately $5.25 million is available to support up to seven awards with an award ceiling of $750,000 per year.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Dahna Batts, 404/639-2485. Email: DTB7@cdc.gov

MEETING:
Office of the Director, National Institutes of Health; Notice of Meeting

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

ITEM:
Notice announcing a meeting of the Advisory Committee on Research on Women's Health to discuss the Director's Report, an NIH legislative update, a strategic plan update, and scientific presentations.

ACTION:
The meeting will be held on April 18, 2018 from 9:00 am to 1:30 pm ET at the National Institutes of Health, Building 31, 6th Floor, Conference Room 10, 31 Center Drive, Bethesda, MD.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Elizabeth Spencer, 301/402-1770. Email: elizabeth.spencer@nih.gov

MEETING:
Patient-Focused Drug Development on Opioid Use Disorder; Public Meeting; Request for Comments

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

ITEM:
Notice announcing a meeting to obtain patients' perspectives on the impacts of and treatment approaches for opioid use disorder. This meeting is a part of FDA's ongoing work aimed at reducing the impact of opioid abuse and addiction.

ACTION:
The meeting will be held on April 17, 2018 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm ET at FDA’s White Oak Campus, 10903 New Hampshire Ave., Bldg. 31 Conference Center, the Great Room (Rm. 1503), Silver Spring, MD. Register by April 11, 2018 at https://www.eventbrite.com/e/public-meeting-for-patient-focused-drug-development-on-opioid-use-disorder-oud-registration-42531194949.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Meghana Chalasani, 240/402-6525. Email: Meghana.Chalasani@fda.hhs.gov (mailto:Meghana.Chalasani@fda.hhs.gov)

NOTICE:
Solicitation of Nominations for Appointment to the Board of Scientific Counselors, National Center for Injury Prevention and Control, (BSC, NCIPC)

AGENCY:
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

ITEM:
Notice seeking nominations for membership on the BSC, NCIPC. The BSC, NCIPC consists of 18 experts in fields associated with surveillance, basic epidemiologic research, intervention research, and implementation, dissemination, and evaluation of promising and evidence-based strategies for the prevention of injury and violence.

ACTION:
Nominations for membership are due June 1, 2018. All nominations should be emailed to ncipcbsc@cdc.gov (mailto:ncipcbsc@cdc.gov).

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Gwendolyn Haile Cattledge, 770/488-1430. Email: ncipcbsc@cdc.gov (mailto:ncipcbsc@cdc.gov)

SCIENCE / TECHNOLOGY / ENGINEERING / MATH

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Air Force Fiscal Year 2019 Young Investigator Research Program (YIP)

FON:
FA9550-18-S-0002

AGENCY:
Department of Defense (Defense), Air Force Office of Scientific Research (AFOSR)
ITEM:
Notice seeking applications supporting efforts to foster creative basic research in science and engineering; enhance early career development of outstanding young investigators; and increase opportunities for the young investigator to recognize the Air Force mission and related challenges in science and engineering. Funds support young in career scientists and engineers who have received Ph.D. or equivalent degrees by April 1, 2012 or later, showing exceptional ability and promise for conducting basic research.

ACTION:
Applications are due by June 1, 2018. Approximately $450,000 per award is available to support multiple awards.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Ellen Robinson, 703/588-8527. Email: afosryip@us.af.mil

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Armament Technology Broad Agency Announcement

FON:
FA8651-17-S-0003

AGENCY:
Department of Defense (Defense)

ITEM:
Notice seeking research proposals relating to conventional munitions technology development for the Ordnance, Strategic Planning and Integration, and Weapon Engagement Sciences divisions of the Munitions Directorate of the Air Force Research Laboratory. Research areas include: Weapon Airframe Systems Technology Research; Bioprincipic Sensors, Information Processing, and Control; Autonomous Target Recognition; Hardware-in-the-Loop Simulation Technologies; Advanced Scene Generation; EO/IR/LADAR Component Research; Navigation and Control Technology; Modeling, Simulation, and Analysis of Advanced Weapon Concepts; Lethality, Vulnerability, and Survivability; Damage Mechanisms Research; Fuze Research; Munitions Energetic Materials; Facilities and Equipment Enabling Micro Munitions and Advanced Energetics; Multi-Function, Multi-Mode RADAR Research; Revolutionary Research; STEM for Education Outreach; Weapons Autonomy Technology Research; and Technology Transfer Innovative Collaboration.

ACTION:
Required white papers are due March 12, 2022. Approximately $500 million is available to support multiple awards.

LINKS:
FBO (https://www.fbo.gov/notices/12bdcc37e881a14b1de871a31ab09bea)

CONTACT:
Contacts vary by research area.
FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Army Research Institute for the Behavioral and Social Sciences
Broad Agency Announcement for Basic Scientific Research

FON:
W911NF-18-S-0001

AGENCY:
Army (Army), Department of Defense (Defense) , Dept of the Army -- Materiel Command

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications supporting research projects that are designed to expand fundamental knowledge and discover general principles in the behavioral and social sciences, especially novel, state-of-the-art, and multidisciplinary approaches that address difficult problems. Proposals may address both traditional behavioral issues as well as psychophysiological (to include neuroscience) and network science approaches to social phenomena, memory, cognition, and personality. Broad focus areas include: Personnel Testing and Performance; Leader Development; Organizational Effectiveness; Learning in Formal and Informal Environments; Culture. Funds support Standard Basic Research proposals and Early Career Basic Research proposals.

ACTION:
Optional white papers are due by April 4, 2018. Applications must be received by June 15, 2018. Multiple awards are anticipated.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Gregory Ruark 703/545-2441. Email: gregory.a.ruark.civ@mail.mil (mailto:gregory.a.ruark.civ@mail.mil)

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FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Disruption Opportunity Special Notice - Understanding Group Biases (UGB)

FON:
DARPA-SN-18-02

AGENCY:
Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA), Department of Defense (Defense)

ITEM:
Notice seeking proposals for innovative basic or applied research concepts in the technical domain of understanding group biases. This DO SN is issued under the Program Announcement for Disruptioneering, DARPA-PA-18-01.

ACTION:
Proposals are due April 11, 2018. All proposals submitted in response to this notice must comply with the content and format instructions in Section 5 of DARPA-PA-18-01.

LINKS:
FBO (https://www.fbo.gov/index? s=opportunity&mode=form&id=459f4739616fd0e9f72e311baa52e471&tab=core&_cview=0)

CONTACT:
Adam Russell, Email: UGB@darpa.mil (mailto:UGB@darpa.mil)
**FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:**
Energy Systems Integration Facility (ESIF) Call for High-Impact Integrated Projects

**FON:**
ESIF_HIGH_IMPACT_INTEGRATED_PROJECTS

**AGENCY:**
Department of Energy (Energy), National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL)

**ITEM:**
Notice seeking applications for potential high-impact projects to be conducted in the ESIF that will accelerate innovation in the private sector and develop scalable technologies that satisfy the goals of the U.S. DOE Grid Modernization Initiative.

**ACTION:**
Applications are due May 7, 2018 at 5 pm. Questions are due April 30, 2018.

**LINKS:**
FBO (https://www.fbo.gov/index?s=opportunity&mode=form&id=9fb62e807c5a80458f7f7aec948b310d&tab=core&_cview=0)

**CONTACT:**
Questions, Email: userprogram.esif@nrel.gov (mailto:userprogram.esif@nrel.gov)

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**FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:**
Future of Work at the Human-Technology Frontier: Advancing Cognitive and Physical Capabilities

**FON:**
18-548

**AGENCY:**
Directorate for Computer & Information Science & Engineering (CISE), Directorate for Education & Human Resources (EHR), Directorate for Engineering (ENG), Directorate for Social, Behavioral & Economic Sciences (SBE), National Science Foundation (NSF)

**ITEM:**
Notice seeking applications supporting efforts to understand and develop the human-technology partnership; design new technologies to augment human performance; illuminate the emerging socio-technological landscape and understand the risks and benefits of new technologies; and foster lifelong and pervasive learning with technology. Funds support two themes: Foundations for Augmenting Human Cognition; and Embodied Intelligent Cognitive Assistants. Funds support both small and large projects.

**ACTION:**
Required letters of intent are due by April 16, 2018. Approximately $27 million is available to support up to 16 small awards and 8 large awards.

**Limited Submission:**
An individual may participate as PI, Co-PI, or Senior Personnel on only one proposal in response to this solicitation.
LINKS:

CONTACT:
Jie Yang, 703/292-4768. Email: jyang@nsf.gov (mailto:jyang@nsf.gov)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Science and Technology for Autonomous Teammates (STAT): System Integration

FON:
FA8650-17-S-6001

AGENCY:
Department of Defense (Defense), Air Force Research Lab (AFRL)

ITEM:
Notice seeking white papers for technology components and capabilities developed must be capable of being integrated and demonstrated in USAF mission applications. Components should be as platform-agnostic as possible, and be adaptable to different capabilities, sensors, datalinks, etc. with minimal modification.

ACTION:
White papers are due April 13, 2018. Approximately $750,000 is available to support two awards.

LINKS:
FBO (https://www.fbo.gov/index?s=opportunity&mode=form&id=f7b278fd49ff39fa51580f68b40c6142&tab=core&_cview=1)

CONTACT:
Corey Schumacher, Email: corey.schumacher@us.af.mil (mailto:corey.schumacher@us.af.mil)

MEETING:
NASA Advisory Council; Meeting

AGENCY:
National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)

ITEM:
Notice announcing a meeting of the NASA Advisory Council to discuss reports from the Aeronautics Committee, the Human Exploration and Operations Committee, the Science Committee, the Technology, Innovation and Engineering Committee, and the Ad Hoc Task Force on STEM Education.

ACTION:
Registration is requested three business days before the meeting. The meeting will be held on March 28, 2018 from 1:00 to 5:00 pm and March 29, 2018 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm ET at NASA Headquarters, Program Review Center, Room 9H40, 300 E Street SW, Washington, DC. Web and teleconference options are available.
MEETING:
Public Meeting of the National Geospatial Advisory Committee

AGENCY:
(USGS), Department of the Interior (Interior)

ITEM:
Notice announcing a meeting to provide advice and recommendations related to management of federal and national geospatial programs, the development of the National Spatial Data Infrastructure, and the implementation of Office of Management and Budget Circular A-16.

ACTION:
The meeting will be held on April 3, 2018 from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm and on April 4, 2018 from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm ET at the Department of the Interior building, 1849 C Street NW, Washington, DC in the South Penthouse Conference Room. To attend this meeting and receive webinar and call-in information, contact Lucia Foulkes at lfoulkes@usgs.gov and register no later than five business days prior to the meeting.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
John Mahoney, 206/220-4621. Email: jmahoney@usgs.gov (mailto:jmahoney@usgs.gov)

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MEETING:
Science Advisory Board (SAB); Public Meeting of the NOAA Science Advisory Board

AGENCY:
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce (Commerce)

ITEM:
Notice announcing a meeting of the Science Advisory Board (SAB) to advise the Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere on strategies for research, education, and application of science to operations and information services. SAB activities and advice provide necessary input to ensure that National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) science programs are of the highest quality and provide optimal support to resource management.

ACTION:
The meeting will be held on April 9, 2018 from 9:45 am to 5:00 pm and on April 10, 2018 from 9:00 am to 11:40 pm ET at The Westin DC City Center, 1400 M Street NW, Washington, DC.

LINKS:
NOTICE:
Better Extraction from Text Towards Enhanced Retrieval (BETTER)

FON:
IARPA-BAA-18-05

AGENCY:
Intelligence Advanced Research Projects Activity (IARPA), Director of National Intelligence (DNI)

ITEM:
Notice seeking reviewers to evaluate the draft BAA funding opportunity description for the Better Extraction from Text Towards Enhanced Retrieval program. Focus areas include: information extraction, information retrieval, and human-in-the-loop interaction. Comments, questions, suggested changes, and feedback from interested parties are welcome.

ACTION:
Feedback is due April 6, 2018.

LINKS:
FBO (https://www.fbo.gov/notices/3abe5803748be974d4ebfe9a504191da)

CONTACT:
Email: dni iarpa-baa-18-05@iarpa.gov (mailto:dni iarpa-baa-18-05@iarpa.gov)

NOTICE:
Request for Nominations for Members To Serve on National Institute of Standards and Technology Federal Advisory Committees

AGENCY:
National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), Department of Commerce ( Commerce)

ITEM:
Notice inviting nominations for appointment to eight existing Federal Advisory Committees: Board of Overseers of the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award; Judges Panel of the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award; Information Security and Privacy Advisory Board; Manufacturing Extension Partnership Advisory Board; National Construction Safety Team Advisory Committee; Advisory Committee on Earthquake Hazards Reduction; NIST Smart Grid Advisory Committee; and Visiting Committee on Advanced Technology.

ACTION:
Nominations for all committees will be accepted on an ongoing basis and will be considered as and when vacancies arise.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
See list in the solicitation

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