Notices from December 22, 2017 to January 03, 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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2018 Community College Initiative Program

AGENCY:
Department of State (State)

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications to work in coordination with the public affairs sections in Pretoria, Durban, Cape Town, and Johannesburg to manage the logistic for participants in the 2018 Community College Initiative (CCI) Program. CCI provides scholarships to South African tertiary students at U.S. community colleges to build technical skills through professional internships, service learning, and community engagement activities.

ACTION:
Applications are due January 18, 2018. Approximately $23,800 is available.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Grants Administrator, Email: PretoriaGrants@state.gov (mailto:PretoriaGrants@state.gov)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
DRL Combatting Gender-Based Violence in Morocco

FON:
SFOP0003672

AGENCY:
Department of State (State)

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications to develop projects that engage key stakeholders, such as justice and security sector actors, to promote effectiveness and accountability in gender-based violence prevention and response in Morocco.

ACTION:
Applications are due February 28, 2018. Approximately $700,000 is available for three awards to support projects lasting up to five years.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Allison Colburn, Email: ColburnA@state.gov (mailto:ColburnA@state.gov)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
English Access Microscholarship Alumni Engagement
FON: ND-NOFO-18-101

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

ITEM: Notice seeking proposals to conduct a series of two-to-three day events throughout India for alumni of the English Access Micro-scholarship Program and compile a complete list of past program alumni and verify their current contact information in India.

ACTION: Proposals are due on February 16, 2018. Approximately $50,000 is available for one or more awards to support projects lasting up to one year. Letters of intent are required for applicants with local partnerships.


CONTACT: Email: ND_GrantApplications@state.gov

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY: Global Food Security Strategy (GFSS) India – Ag Tech Challenge Broad Agency Announcement

FON: BAA-ROAA-GFSS-2018

AGENCY: United States Agency for International Development (USAID), India USAID-New Delhi

ITEM: Notice seeking applications to co-create, co-design, co-invest, and collaborate on research and development interventions to address development challenges for food and nutrition security in Asia.

ACTION: Questions are due January 17, 2018. Applications are due January 31, 2018. Approximately $3 million is available for two awards.


CONTACT: Email: indiarco@usaid.gov

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY: Landmarks of American History and Culture: Workshops for School Teachers

FON: 20180222-BH
AGENCY:
National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), Division of Education Programs

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications to support a series of one-week workshops for a national audience of K-12 educators that enhance and strengthen humanities teaching at the K-12 level centered around domestic and US territory historic sites that offer educators a unique and compelling opportunity to deepen and expand their knowledge of the diverse histories, cultures, traditions, languages, and perspectives of the American people.

ACTION:
Draft proposals are due January 15, 2018. Applications are due February 22, 2018. Approximately $170,000 is available for multiple awards. The number of awards is contingent upon NEA appropriations.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Division of Education Programs, 202/606-8500. Email: landmarks@neh.gov

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Mali Law Enforcement Training Reform Project

FON:
INL18CA0008-AME-LETRAINING-12272017

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

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications to leverage and enhance two key INL engagements in Mali that have focused on police human resource reform in the national police, specifically career management and job task analysis.

ACTION:
Applications are due February 28, 2018. Approximately $2.5 million is available for one award to support a project lasting up to two years. Questions are due January 31, 2018. Cost share is not required but recommended.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Cheryl Price, Email: PriceCH@state.gov
FON: 
K-NOFO-18-100

AGENCY: 
Department of State (State)

ITEM: 
Notice seeking proposals to create a three-day regional workshop to provide an opportunity for prominent mid-career journalists, online editors, social media practitioners, bloggers and think tank commentators from the United States, India, Bangladesh, Nepal and Burma, to develop their skills in international reporting and enhance their professional network abroad through digital platforms and physical connections. The workshop will be held at the Kolkata American Center.

ACTION: 
Proposals are due February 20, 2018. Approximately $35,000 is available for this project. Cost sharing is highly recommended.

LINKS: 

CONTACT: 
Grant Applications Manager, Email: KolkataPASG@State.gov (mailto:KolkataPASG@State.gov)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY: 
Social Action Lab

FON: 
K-NOFO-18-101

AGENCY: 
Department of State (State)

ITEM: 
Notice seeking applications to run a week-long workshop in Kolkata focused on leadership and team building, as well as the designing and implementation of effective programs that address gender equality. Participants will be drawn from previous programs of the Public Affairs Section of the US Consulate General in Kolkata.

ACTION: 
Applications are due February 20, 2018. Approximately $29,000 is available for this award.

LINKS: 

CONTACT: 
Grant Applications Manager, Email: KolkataPASG@State.gov (mailto:KolkataPASG@State.gov)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY: 
Sports Diplomacy Program for Jammu and Kashmir

FON: 
ND-NOFO-18-104
AGENCY:
Department of State (State)

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications to provide training on best practices in sports programming to local sports administrators and coaches in Jammu and Kashmir to fully support their sports initiatives.

ACTION:
Applications are due February 23, 2018. Approximately $70,000 is available to support projects lasting up to one year.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Grant Applications Manager, Email: ND_GrantApplications@state.gov (mailto:ND_GrantApplications@state.gov)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Summer Seminars and Institutes

FON:
20180222-FS

AGENCY:
National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), Division of Education Programs

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications to provide one- to four-week opportunities for participants (NEH Summer Scholars) to explore a variety of topics relevant to K-12 or undergraduate education in the humanities.

ACTION:
Optional draft proposals are due January 22, 2018. Applications are due February 22, 2018.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Division of Education Programs, 202/606-8471.
Email: sem-inst@neh.gov (mailto:sem-inst@neh.gov)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
The Farmer-to-Farmer Program

FON:
7200AA18B00002

AGENCY:
United States Agency for International Development (USAID)
ITEM:
Notice seeking applications supporting efforts to identify U.S. implementing organizations that can develop and implement innovative and cost-effective programs, and have the capacity to field highly qualified volunteers to support international agricultural development, with an emphasis on improving private agricultural operations. Recipients should be able to implement programs relating to all aspects of agricultural production and postharvest activities, such as processing, marketing, credit and input supply, as well as improved agribusiness management, environmental conservation, rural development, and improved policy and regulatory regimes.

ACTION:
Required concept notes are due February 12, 2018 at noon ET. Concept notes must be submitted by email, not through grants.gov. Approximately $64 million is available to support up to 50 awards. Award caps vary by region of project.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Abibou Oussantidja. Email: aoussantidja@usaid.gov
All concept notes must be submitted to this address

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
The Value of a Liberal Arts Education in the 21st Century

FON:
ND-NOFO-18-100

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

ITEM:
Notice seeking proposals to participate in a two-day workshop and roundtable series to discuss the relevance and merits of a liberal arts education for Indian undergraduates and draft a white paper outlining the program's deliberations and suggestions on how to move forward to include elements of liberal arts in their programs.

ACTION:
Proposals are due on February 16, 2018. Applicants with local partnerships are required to include a letter of intent between all partners. Up to $30,000 is available for one or more awards to support projects lasting up to one year.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Email: ND_GrantApplications@state.gov

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
USAID-Funded Community Based Counter Wildlife Trafficking Activity
FON: 72060518RFA00002

AGENCY: United States Agency for International Development (USAID)

ITEM: Notice seeking applications to support community-based counter-wildlife trafficking efforts in Central Africa.

ACTION: Applications are due February 7, 2018. Approximately $10 million for one award to support a project lasting up to five years. Questions are due January 19, 2018.

Limited Submission:
One application per institution

LINKS:

CONTACT: Patrick Kollars, Email: pkollars@usaid.gov

MEETING: Notice of January 18, 2018 Advisory Committee on Voluntary Foreign Aid Meeting

AGENCY: United States Agency for International Development (USAID)

ITEM: Notice announcing a meeting of the Advisory Committee on Voluntary Foreign Aid to discuss the principles, benchmarks, and programs that the Agency is considering to lend support to further plans that foster self-reliance and long-term prosperity.

ACTION: The meeting will be held Thursday, January 18, 2018 from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm at the Horizon Ballroom, The Ronald Reagan Building, 1300 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington DC. Click here to register.

LINKS:

CONTACT: Jessica Klein, 202/712-5856. Email: acvfa@usaid.gov

EDUCATION / ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Notice of Solicitation of Proposals for Calendar Year 2018 Basic Field Grant Awards

AGENCY:
ITEM:
Notice seeking applications to provide effective, efficient and high quality civil legal services to the eligible client population living in Guam.

ACTION:

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Program Performance Office, Email: lscgrants@lsc.gov

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
OVW Fiscal Year 2018 Training and Technical Assistance Initiative

FON:
OVW-2018-14107

AGENCY:
Office on Violence Against Women (OVW), Department of Justice (Justice)

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications to provide direct technical assistance to existing and potential grantees and sub-grantees to enhance and support their efforts to successfully implement projects supported by OVW grant funds.

ACTION:
Applications are due February 15, 2018. Approximately $32 million is available for 65 awards across three purpose areas.

Limited Submission:
One application per institution

LINKS:

CONTACT:
OVW Grants Assistance, 202/307-6026. Email: OVW.TechAssistance@usdoj.gov

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
U.S. Department of Transportation Small Business Innovation Research Fiscal Year 2018 Solicitation

FON:
6913G618QSBIR1

AGENCY:
Department of Transportation (DOT)
ITEM:
Notice seeking proposals from small business concerns on key research areas for the Department of Transportation. Research topics include: Analysis of Acoustic Wheel/Rail Contact Signals; Artificial Intelligence (AI) Tools for Relating Various Sensor Data to Adverse Vehicle/Track Inspection; Drone-Based Track Safety Inspection System; System Design for Remote and/or Autonomous Operation of a Locomotive Hauled Consist; Virtual and Augmented Reality to Aid Transit Use by All Travelers; Innovative Technologies for Nondestructive Determination of Fracture Toughness for Pipeline Steels in Transportation Infrastructure; Dual Purpose Internal Integrity Assessment and Cleaning Tool for Hazardous Liquid Pipelines; Machine Vision System to Support Vehicle-to-Infrastructure Safety Applications; Use of High Resolution Imaging Techniques for Condition Assessment and Damage Detection of Bridges; Integrated Sensor Unit for Signalized Intersections; An AI-Based System for Advanced Freeway Data Collection and Analysis; Fatality Analysis Reporting System and Other Crash Data Visualization and Analysis Tool; and Digital Application to Improve Consumers Access to NHTSA Safety Information.

ACTION:
Proposals are due March 20, 2018. Colleges and universities may partner.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Tammy Taylor, 617/494-3462. Email: tammy.taylor@dot.gov

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
USAID/DRC Broad Agency Announcement: Establishing Conflict Free Supply Chains in Eastern DRC and Reducing the Vulnerability of Artisanal and Small-Scale Mining Communities to Conflict

FON:
720660BAA1800001

AGENCY:
United States Agency for International Development (USAID)

ITEM:
Notice seeking proposals to co-create, co-design, co-invest, and collaborate on research and development interventions to address the continued link between minerals and the funding of armed groups, which facilitates insecurity and instability in eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo. USAID and stakeholders, through the co-creation process, will strive to design a program that will use innovative, private-sector led, scalable, transparent, and sustainable approaches or models that facilitate increased exports of conflict-free minerals, particularly gold; and refine and accelerate the adoption of approaches and models in gold mine sites that strengthen artisanal and small-scale miners/communities’ resilience to conflict through enhanced economic activity.

ACTION:
Expressions of interest are due February 12, 2018.

LINKS:
CONTACT:
Amy McQuade, 243815554430 (Kinshasa). Email: amcquade@usaid.gov

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Women for Women: Supporting Each Other to Build Sustainable Careers

FON:
K-NOFO-18-102

AGENCY:
Department of State (State)

ITEM:
Notice seeking proposals to partner on a mentoring program in Kolkata for women pursuing undergraduate studies in STEM fields. The workshops will be conducted by four experts, preferably female alumni of USG programs, who have built successful careers. In addition, each woman will participate in 12 one-on-one virtual exchange sessions with a current STEM student studying in a U.S. university, preferably EducationUSA alumni or STEM Fulbright Fellow.

ACTION:
Proposals are due February 23, 2018. One or more awards are anticipated with a ceiling of $21,000 per award.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Grants Application Manager, Email: KolkataPASG@State.Gov

MEETING:
Agenda and Notice of Public Meeting of the Moving to Work Research Advisory Committee

AGENCY:
Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

ITEM:
Notice announcing a meeting of the Moving to Work (MTW) Research Advisory Committee. Among the agenda items for the meeting are a discussion on whether HUD should study through the MTW expansion, the appropriate amount of Federal subsidy in the tenant-based program that balances both the impact on assisted families/housing quality, and the cost to Federal taxpayers; and revisiting rent reform cohort recommendations.

ACTION:
The teleconference will be held on January 25, 2018 from 1:00 pm to 3:30 pm ET.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
MEETING:
Council on Graduate Medical Education

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

ITEM:
Notice announcing a meeting of the Council on Graduate Medical Education (COGME). The agenda will discuss the strategic directions of the Council and issues related to physician workforce development and graduate medical education, leading to the selection of a topic for its 24th Report to Congress.

ACTION:
The meeting will be held January 29, 2018 from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm and January 30, 2018 from 8:30 am to 3:00 pm ET at 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Kennis Carter, 301/945-3505. Email: KCarter@hrsa.gov (mailto:KCarter@hrsa.gov).

MEETING:
Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Advisory Committee Meeting

AGENCY:
National Archives and Records Administration (NARA), Office of Government Information Services

ITEM:
Notice announcing a meeting of the Freedom of Information Act Advisory Committee to review the work of the committee's three subcommittees.

ACTION:
Required registration must be completed by January 15, 2018. The meeting will be held January 16, 2018 from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm ET at 700 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, William G. McGowan Theater, Washington, DC.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Amy Bennett, 202/741-5770. Email: foia-advisory-committee@nara.gov (mailto:foia-advisory-committee@nara.gov)

MEETING:
National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity Meeting
AGENCY:
Department of Education (Education)

ITEM:
Notice announcing a meeting of the National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity.

ACTION:
The meeting will be held February 7, 8, and 9, 2018, each day from 8:30 am to 5:30 pm ET at Washington Plaza Hotel, 10 Thomas Circle NW, National Ballroom, Washington, DC.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Jennifer Hong, 202/453-7805. Email: Jennifer.Hong@ed.gov

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MEETING:
Notice of Public Meeting for the Advisory Committee on Water Information

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

ITEM:
Notice announcing a meeting of the Advisory Committee on Water Information (ACWI). The purpose of the ACWI is to provide a forum for water information users and professionals to advise the Federal Government on activities and plans that may improve the effectiveness of meeting the Nation's water information needs.

ACTION:
The meeting will be held January 17 - 18, 2018 from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm ET at 12201 Sunrise Valley Dr., Reston, VA.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Wendy Norton, Email: wenorton@usgs.gov

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MEETING:
Rehabilitation Research and Development Service Scientific Merit Review Board; Notice of Meetings

AGENCY:
Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)

ITEM:
Notice announcing a series of meetings and teleconference of the subcommittees of the Rehabilitation Research and Development Service Scientific Merit Review Board to review rehabilitation research and
development applications and advise the Director, Rehabilitation Research and Development Service, and the Chief Research and Development Officer on the scientific and technical merit, the mission relevance, and the protection of human and animal subjects.

ACTION:
The meetings will be held on February 26 - March 1, 2018 (based on medical discipline) from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm ET at the VA Central Office, 1100 First Street NE, Washington, DC (Feb.26 only) and Crowne Plaza Washington National Airport Hotel, 1480 Crystal Drive, Arlington, VA thereafter. Subcommittee meetings will be open to the public for approximately 30 minutes at the start of each meeting to cover administrative matters. Attendees must call or email agency contact at least 5 days before the meeting. To access the teleconference, call 800/767-1750 and enter participant code 35847.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Tiffany Asqueri, 202/443-5757. Email: tiffany.asqueri@va.gov (mailto:tiffany.asqueri@va.gov)

NOTICE:
Agency Information Collection Activities: Request for Comments for a New Information Collection

AGENCY:
Department of Transportation (DOT)

ITEM:
Notice seeking comments on "Using Behavioral Economics to Better Understand Managed Lane Use".

ACTION:
Comments will be accepted through February 26, 2018.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
James March, 202/366-9237.

NOTICE:
Commercial Fishing Safety Advisory Committee

AGENCY:
(Coast Guard), Department of Homeland Security (Homeland Security)

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications for membership on the Commercial Fishing Safety Advisory Committee. The Commercial Fishing Safety Advisory Committee provides advice and makes recommendations to the Coast Guard and the Department of Homeland Security on various matters relating to the safe operation of commercial fishing industry vessels.

ACTION:
Applications are due February 26, 2018 to Jonathan.G.Wendland@uscg.mil
(mailto:Jonathan.G.Wendland@uscg.mil).

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Jonathan Wendland, 202/372-1245. Email: Jonathan.G.Wendland@uscg.mil
(mailto:Jonathan.G.Wendland@uscg.mil)

NOTICE:
Merchant Marine Personnel Advisory Committee; Vacancies

AGENCY:
(Combat Guard), Department of Homeland Security (Homeland Security)

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications for membership on the Merchant Marine Personnel Advisory Committee. This committee acts solely in an advisory capacity to the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security through the Commandant of the U.S. Coast Guard on matters relating to personnel in the United States merchant marine.

ACTION:
Applications are due February 26, 2018 to davis.j.breyer@uscg.mil (mailto:davis.j.breyer@uscg.mil).

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Davis Breyer, 202/372-1445. Email: davis.j.breyer@uscg.mil (mailto:davis.j.breyer@uscg.mil)

HEALTH

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Analytical Validation of Candidate Biomarkers for Neurological Disease (U01 and U44 Clinical Trial Optional)

FON:
PAR-18-550; PAR-18-549

AGENCY:
National Institutes of Health (NIH), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NINDS)

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications to support rigorous analytical validation of candidate biomarker measures or endpoints in a manner that is consistent with the Food and Drug Administration guidelines with an overarching goal to advance robust and reliable biomarkers of diseases that fall within the mission of the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke in clinical trials and practice.

ACTION:
Optional letters of intent are due 30 days prior to application due date. Applications are due on March 14 and July 18, 2018; February 14 and July 18, 2019; February 14 and July 20, 2020 through September 8, 2020. The budget and number of awards are contingent upon NIH appropriations for projects lasting up to five years.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Mary Ann Pelleymounter, 301/496-1779.
Email: mary.pelleymounter@nih.gov (mailto:mary.pelleymounter@nih.gov)

U44/SBIR contact: Stephanie Fertig, 301/496-1779.
Email: fertigs@ninds.nih.gov (mailto:fertigs@ninds.nih.gov)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Clinical Validation of a Candidate Biomarker for Neurological Disease (U44 - Clinical Trial Optional)

FON:
PAR-18-548

AGENCY:
National Institutes of Health (NIH), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NINDS)

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications to support rigorous small business innovation research on clinical validation of a candidate biomarker using retrospective and/or prospective methods in a manner that is consistent with the purpose of the biomarker.

ACTION:
Optional letters of intent are due 30 days prior to the application due date. Applications are due on March 14 and July 18, 2018; February 14 and July 18, 2019; February 14 and July 20, 2020 through September 8, 2020. The budget and number of awards are contingent upon NIH appropriations with a cap of $700,000 (Phase I) and $1.5 million (Phase II) for projects ranging between two to three years.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Mary Ann Pelleywhere, 301/496-1779. Email: mary.pelleymounter@nih.gov (mailto:mary.pelleymounter@nih.gov)

SBIR contact: Stephanie Fertig, 301/496-1779.
Email: fertigs@ninds.nih.gov (mailto:fertigs@ninds.nih.gov)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
NIDCD Clinical Research Center Grant (P50 - Clinical Trials Optional)
FON:
PAR-18-556

AGENCY:
National Institutes of Health (NIH), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders (NIDCD)

ITEM:
Notice seeking research applications designed to advance the diagnosis, prevention, treatment, and amelioration of human communication disorders. Examples of such research include but are not limited to, studies of the prevention, pathogenesis, pathophysiology, diagnosis, treatment, management or epidemiology of a disease or disorder of hearing, balance, smell, taste, voice, speech, or language.

ACTION:
Optional letters of intent are due 30 days before the application. Applications are due February 6, 2018; June 6, 2018; October 9, 2018; February 6, 2019; June 6, 2019; October 4, 2019; February 6, 2020; June 8, 2020; and October 6, 2020. Multiple awards are anticipated. New grants have a $1.5 million annual ceiling with opportunity for a 10% increase upon each renewal up to $2 million.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Lana Shekim, 301/496-5061. Email: shekiml@nidcd.nih.gov (mailto:shekiml@nidcd.nih.gov)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Partnership for Aging and Cancer Research (U01 - Clinical Trial Not Allowed)

FON:
PAR-18-552

AGENCY:
National Institutes of Health (NIH), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), National Cancer Institute (NCI); National Institute on Aging (NIA)

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications to advance the understanding of mechanisms mediating aging in cancer. Qualifying applications must propose aging in cancer studies that are collaborations between non-NIH Principal Investigators (PIs) and intramural PIs from National Cancer Institute and/or National Institute Aging as a co-investigator.

ACTION:
Optional letters of intent are due 30 days prior to application date. Applications are due on June 8, 2018. Application budgets are capped at $75,000 annually. The number of awards are contingent upon NIH appropriations to support projects lasting up to two years.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
LOI contact: Chamelli Jhappan, 240/276-6200.
Email: jhappanc@mail.nih.gov (mailto:jhappanc@mail.nih.gov)
Contacts vary by institute.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Rehabilitation Research and Training Center (RRTC) on Disability in Rural Communities

FON:
HHS-2018-ACL-NIDILRR-RTCP-0249

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

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications to develop well-designed research, training, technical assistance, and dissemination activities in important areas, as specified by the National Institute on Disability, Independent Living and Rehabilitation Research, to benefit rehabilitation service providers, individuals with disabilities, family members, policymakers and other research stakeholders.

ACTION:
Applications are due February 20, 2018. Approximately $875,000 is available for one award.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Patricia Barrett, Email: Patricia.Barrett@acl.hhs.gov (mailto:Patricia.Barrett@acl.hhs.gov)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Research on Comparative Effectiveness and Implementation of HIV/AIDS and Alcohol Interventions (R01 - Clinical Trials Optional)

FON:
PAS-18-557

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

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications to investigate implementation and comparative effectiveness of alcohol-focused interventions among HIV+ individuals. The overall goal is to inform clinical decision-making to implement effective interventions that will improve prevention, care, and outcomes across the continuum of HIV and alcohol problem severity and patterns of alcohol use.

ACTION:
Optional letters of intent are due 30 days before the application. Applications are due annually on February 5, June 5, and October 5 until May 8, 2020. Approximately $3 million is available to support four to six awards with an anticipated ceiling of $500,000 per year per award.
FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Understanding and Modifying Temporal Dynamics of Coordinated Neural Activity (R21/R01 Clinical Trial Optional)

FON:
PAR-18-554; PAR-18-555

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

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications to test whether modifying electrophysiological patterns during behavior can improve cognitive, affective, or social processing. Applications must use experimental designs that incorporate active manipulations to address at least one, and ideally more, of the following topics: in animals or humans, determine which parameters of neural coordination, when manipulated in isolation, improve particular aspects of cognitive, affective, or social processing; in animals or humans, determine how particular abnormalities at the genomic, molecular, or cellular levels affect the systems-level coordination of electrophysiological patterns during behavior; determine whether in vivo, systems-level electrophysiological changes in behaving animals predict analogous electrophysiological and cognitive improvements in healthy persons or clinical populations; and use biologically-realistic computational models that include systems-level aspects to understand the function and mechanisms by which oscillatory and other electrophysiological patterns unfold across the brain to impact cognitive, affective, or social processing. Both R21 and R01 mechanisms are available.

ACTION:
R21 applications are due annually on February 16, June 16, and October 16 until January 8, 2021. R01 applications are due annually on March 5, July 5, and November 5 until January 8, 2021. Multiple awards are anticipated. R21 awards have a $275,000 ceiling.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Bettina D. Buhring, 301/443-1576. Email: bettina.buhring@mail.nih.gov (mailto:bettina.buhring@mail.nih.gov)
ITEM:
Notice announcing a conference call of the Board of Scientific Counselors, National Center for Injury Prevention and Control, (BSC, NCIPC).

ACTION:
The conference call will be held February 26, 2018 from 1:00 pm to 3:45 pm ET. Dial-In Number: 1-877-492-3517, Participant Code: 2576415.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Gwendolyn Cattledge, 770/488-1430. Email: GCattledge@cdc.gov.

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MEETING:
Healthcare Infection Control Practices Advisory Committee (HICPAC)

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

ITEM:
Notice announcing a teleconference for the Healthcare Infection Control Practices Advisory Committee (HICPAC).

ACTION:
The teleconference will be held February 15, 2018 from noon to 2:00 pm ET. Teleconference Number: 888-946-7207, passcode: 5023213.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Erin Stone, Email: HICPAC@cdc.gov.

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MEETING:
Meeting of the Advisory Board on Toxic Substances and Worker Health Subcommittee on the Site Exposure Matrices (SEM)

AGENCY:
Department of Labor (Labor)

ITEM:
Notice announcing a meeting of the Advisory Board on Toxic Substances and Worker Health for the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act to discuss developing comments on Department of Labor responses to Board recommendations and items related to Site Exposure Matrices.

ACTION:
The subcommittee teleconference will be held Tuesday, January 16, 2018 from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm ET. The teleconference number and other public attendee details will be posted on the Advisory Board's
website no later than 72 hours prior to the meeting. Click here for more information.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Amy Louviere, 202/693-4672. Email: Louviere.Amy@dol.gov (mailto:Louviere.Amy@dol.gov)

MEETING:
Meeting of the Advisory Committee on Minority Health

AGENCY:
Office of Minority Health (OMH), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

ITEM:
Notice announcing a meeting of the Advisory Committee on Minority Health to discuss strategies to improve the health of racial and ethnic minority populations through the development of health policies and programs that will help eliminate health disparities with an emphasis on serious mental illness.

ACTION:
The meeting will be held March 26, 2018 from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm and Tuesday, March 27, 2018, from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm at 5600 Fishers Lane Building, Room 05E29, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD. Preregistration is required Public attendance at this meeting is limited to space available. Individuals who plan to attend and need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations, should notify the designated contact person at least fourteen business days prior to the meeting.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Minh Wendt, 240/453-8222. Email: OMH-ACMH@hhs.gov (mailto:OMH-ACMH@hhs.gov)

MEETING:
National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases; Notice of Meetings

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

ITEM:
Notice announcing a meeting of the National Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases Advisory Council to present the director's report and review scientific and planning activities.

ACTION:
The meeting will be held January 24, 2018 from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm ET at National Institutes of Health, Natcher Building (Natcher Conference Center), Conference Room E1/E2, 45 Center Drive, Bethesda, MD.
MEETING:
National Institute of Mental Health; Notice of Meeting

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

ITEM:
Notice announcing a meeting with presentation of the National Advisory Mental Health (NIMH) Council director's report and discussion of NIMH program.

ACTION:
The meeting will be held January 25, 2018 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm ET at National Institutes of Health, 6001 Executive Blvd., Room C/D/E, Rockville, MD.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Jean Noronha, 301/443-3367. Email: jnoronha@mail.nih.gov (mailto:jnoronha@mail.nih.gov)

MEETING:
Neurological Devices Panel of the Medical Devices Advisory Committee; Notice of Meeting

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

ITEM:
Notice announcing a meeting of the Neurological Devices Panel of the Medical Devices Advisory Committee.

ACTION:
The meeting will be held March 1, 2018 from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm at 620 Perry Parkway, Gaithersburg, MD.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Aden Asefa, 301/796-0400. Email: aden.asefa@fda.hhs.gov (mailto:aden.asefa@fda.hhs.gov)
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 discuss pediatric-focused safety reviews of various products. Public comments are sought.

ACTION:
Comments must be submitted by March 9, 2018. The meeting will be held on March 23, 2018 from 8:30 am to 3:05 pm ET at 10903 New Hampshire Ave., Building 31 Conference Center, Room 1503, Silver Spring, MD.

LINKS:

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

SCIENCE / TECHNOLOGY / ENGINEERING / MATH

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
15th Annual P3 Awards: A National Student Design Competition Focusing on People, Prosperity and the Planet - Safe and Sustainable Water Resources

FON:
EPA-G2018-P3-Q1; EPA-G2018-P3-Q2; EPA-G2018-P3-Q3; EPA-G2018-P3-Q4

AGENCY:
Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications to research, develop, design, and demonstrate solutions to real world challenges using scientific principles to create innovative technology-based projects that achieve the mutual goals of improved quality of life, economic prosperity, and protection of the planet – people, prosperity, and the planet. The four research areas include: Air Quality, Safe and Sustainable Water Resources, Sustainable and Healthy Communities and Chemical Safety.

ACTION:
Applicants are required to submit letters of intent. Applications are due on February 7, 2018. Approximately $600,000 is available for 20 awards issued through a two part phase lasting up to one year. Phase I awards total $15,000 each and Phase II awards total $75,000 each. Collaborative applications involving more than one institution must a single administrative package from one of the institutions involved.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
2018 Bycatch Reduction Engineering Program (BREP)

FON:
NOAA-NMFS-FHQ-2018-2005482

AGENCY:
Department of Commerce (Commerce)

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications to develop technological devices and other conservation engineering changes to minimize bycatch and reduce post-release mortality of non-target species in our nation's fisheries.

ACTION:
Pre-proposals are due January 31, 2018 to NMFS.HQ.BREP@noaa.gov. Full proposals are due March 30, 2018. Approximately $2.5 million is available for multiple awards to support projects lasting up to one year.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Erin Wilkinson, email: NMFS.HQ.BREP@noaa.gov (mailto:NMFS.HQ.BREP@noaa.gov)

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FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Bioimaging Research and Approaches for Bioenergy

FON:
DE-FOA-0001868

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

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications to advance a predictive understanding of complex biological and environmental systems relevant to the Department of Energy's (DOE) mission starting with the genetic potential encoded by organisms' genomes, temporal distributions of key molecules, metabolites, enzymes and cellular structures in plant and microbial systems relevant to bioenergy.

ACTION:
Pre-applications are due January 19, 2018. Full applications are due March 16, 2018. Approximately $5 million is available for multiple awards contingent upon DOE appropriations to support projects lasting up to three years.
FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Defense Ordnance Technology Consortium (DOTC) FY18

FON:
W15QKN-18-R-00WV

AGENCY:
Army (Army), Department of Defense (Defense)

ITEM:
Notice seeking proposals for the formation of a consortium to perform work for the US Army at the Unclassified, Confidential, and/or Secret classification levels. The consortium will conduct research and development prototype projects designed to enhance mission effectiveness and to develop and mature ordnance technologies in twelve different technology areas, as outlined in the RFP. The consortium must include industry, academic, non-profit, and for-profit entities.

ACTION:
Applications are due February 13, 2018.

LINKS:
FBO (https://www.fbo.gov/notices/c5dcca06c81a5adf9ef9386f38a51f55)

CONTACT:
Steven Piggott, 973/724-3545. Email: steven.b.piggott.civ@mail.mil (mailto:steven.b.piggott.civ@mail.mil)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Multi-Source Exploitation Assistant for the Digital Enterprise (MEADE)

FON:
FA8750-18-S-7005

AGENCY:
Department of Defense (Defense)

ITEM:
Notice seeking white papers supporting research to develop a vetted digital assistant that provides analytical answers within operator-driven timelines.

ACTION:
White papers are due January 29, 2018. Approximately $24.5 million is available to support multiple awards.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Ocean Observatories Initiative Facility Board (OOIFB) Administrative Support Office
FON:
18-527
AGENCY:
Directorate for Geosciences (GEO), National Science Foundation (NSF), Division of Ocean Sciences
ITEM:
Notice seeking proposals to provide independent, community-based input and guidance to the NSF and the OOI operator relating to OOI operations and maintenance. This solicitation invites proposals for an Administrative Support Office to assist the OOIFB in carrying out its responsibilities to the OOI Program.
ACTION:
Proposals are due March 27, 2018. Approximately $3 million is available to support one award.
LINKS:
CONTACT:
Lisa Clough, 703/292-4746. Email: lclough@nsf.gov (mailto:lclough@nsf.gov)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Organic Agriculture Research and Extension Initiative
FON:
USDA-NIFA-ICGP-006429
AGENCY:
United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)
ITEM:
Notice seeking applications to address critical organic agriculture issues, priorities, or problems through the integration of research and extension activities and programs to evaluate both the environmental impacts of organic agriculture and the environmental services provided.
ACTION:
Applications are due March 1, 2018. Award amounts may vary for multiple awards across two programs.
LINKS:
CONTACT:
Mathieu Ngouajio, 202/401-4895. Email: mngouajio@nifa.usda.gov (mailto:mngouajio@nifa.usda.gov)
MEETING:
Advisory Committee for International Science and Engineering; Notice of Meeting

AGENCY:
National Science Foundation (NSF)

ITEM:
Notice announcing a meeting of the Advisory Committee for International Science and Engineering to provide advice, recommendations and counsel on major goals and policies pertaining to international programs and activities.

ACTION:
The meeting will be held January 26, 2018 from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm ET at the National Science Foundation, 2415 Eisenhower Avenue, Alexandria, VA.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Roxanne Nikolaus, 703/292-8710.

MEETING:
Applied Sciences Advisory Committee; Meeting.

AGENCY:
National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)

ITEM:
Notice announcing a meeting of the Applied Sciences Advisory Committee to provide scientific and technical information relevant to program planning.

ACTION:
The meeting will be held on February 1 and February 2, 2018, each day from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 pm ET telephonically and via WebEx. Call 888/677-3055, passcode 4301862, followed by the # sign to participate by telephone. For WebEx, go to https://nasa.webex.com/; meeting number on February 1 is 996442132 and password is mTQkGK9@; meeting number on February 2 is 990233666 and the password is C6r3GyF$.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
KarShelia Henderson, 202/358-2355. Email: khenderson@nasa.gov (mailto:khenderson@nasa.gov)

MEETING:
Human Studies Review Board; Notification of Public Meetings

AGENCY:
Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
ITEM:
Notice announcing meetings of the Human Studies Review Board to advise the agency on the ethical and scientific review of research involving human subjects.

ACTION:
The meeting will be held on January 23 and January 24, 2018 from 1:00 pm to 5:30 pm ET and March 15, 2018 from 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm ET via teleconference.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Thomas O'Farrell, 202/564-8451. Email: ofarrell.thomas@epa.gov (mailto:ofarrell.thomas@epa.gov)

MEETING:
Notice of Public Meeting on Developing the Digital Marketplace for Copyrighted Works

AGENCY:
Department of Commerce (Commerce)

ITEM:
Notice announcing a meeting of the Department of Commerce's internet Policy Task Force to discuss current initiatives and technologies used to develop a more robust and collaborative digital marketplace for copyrighted works.

ACTION:
The meeting will be held January 25, 2018, from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm ET at 600 Dulany Street, Alexandria, VA. Click here (https://www.uspto.gov/learning-and-resources/ip-policy/copyright/developing-digital-marketplace-copyrighted-works-second) to register for the meeting.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Hollis Robinson, 571/272-9300. Email Hollis.Robinson@uspto.gov (mailto:Hollis.Robinson@uspto.gov)

NOTICE:
Invasive Species Advisory Committee; Request for Nominations

AGENCY:
Department of the Interior (Interior)

ITEM:
Notice seeking nominations for Invasive Species Advisory Committee (ISAC). ISAC is intended to play a key role in recommending plans and actions to be taken at local, tribal, state, territorial, regional, and landscape-based levels to achieve the goals and objectives of the management plan.

ACTION:
Nominations are due February 26, 2018 to Jamie Reaser at 1849 C Street NW (Mailstop 3530), Washington, DC.

LINKS:

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