Notices from February 14, 2018 to February 23, 2018

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2018 Notice of Funding Opportunity for NGO programs benefiting displaced and conflict-affected persons in Armenia and Georgia

FON:
SFOP0003983

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

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications to implement activities that will contribute to socioeconomic integration and empowerment activities for women and girls. PRM will consider funding only those projects that include a target beneficiary base of at least 50 percent vulnerable IDPs/refugees/returnees in Georgia and Armenia.

ACTION:
Applications are due March 19, 2018. Awards of up to $500,000 are available to support projects lasting up to one to two years.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Heather Davenport, Email: DavenportH@state.gov

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Fellowships for Advanced Social Science Research on Japan

FON:
20180425-FO

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

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications to research modern Japanese society and political economy, Japan's international relations, and U.S.-Japan relations addressing these subjects in wider regional and global contexts with a comparative and contemporary approach.

ACTION:
Applications are due April 25, 2018. Approximately $60,000 is available, per award, for two awards to support projects lasting up to one year.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Division of Research Programs, 202/606-8200. Email: fellowships@neh.gov
FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Higher Education Activity in Malawi

FON:
72061218NFO00002

AGENCY:
United States Agency for International Development (USAID), Malawi USAID-Lilongwe

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications to increase Malawi's skilled, employable workforce by expanding access to higher education, especially for vulnerable populations by focusing on high-demand employment subjects and training programs for increased economic impact.

ACTION:
Applications are due May 21, 2018. Up to $9.6 million is available to support one award over a four year period.

Limited Submission:
Organizations may submit only one application.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Email: OAA-MALAWISOLICIT@usaid.gov (mailto:OAA-MALAWISOLICIT@usaid.gov)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Media Curriculum Development for Iraqi Educators and Policymakers

FON:
DOS-BAGHDAD-PD-2018-004

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

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications to promote educational and cultural engagement and foster mutual understanding between the United States and Iraq.

ACTION:
Applications are due March 31, 2018. Approximately $150,000 is available to support one award.

Limited Submission:
One application per institution

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Public Diplomacy Grants Program Application, Email: baghdadpdgrants@state.gov (mailto:baghdadpdgrants@state.gov)
FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Transparency and Anti-Corruption Programming for Youth

FON:
PAS-LIMA-FY18-NOFO-001

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

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications supporting efforts to train or create awareness among Peruvian participants on methods that the government, the private sector, civil society, and the media can use to effectively prevent and combat corruption, encourage ethical leadership and transparency, and ensure accountability and responsibility to the public.

ACTION:
Applications are due by April 19, 2018. Approximately $10,000-$25,000 is available to support one to three awards.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Public Affairs Section, Email: LimaPDGrants@state.gov (mailto:LimaPDGrants@state.gov)

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FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
U.S. EMBASSY ANKARA Public Affairs Grant Program

FON:
ANK-NOFO-FY18-01

AGENCY:
Department of State (State)

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications to promote trade and investment with the United States, and support entrepreneurship, innovation and shared values to include, but not limited to, projects supporting: (1) science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) education among Turkish youth; (2) American Studies, English teaching/learning, music, art, sports, and education, and encouraging study in the United States; and (3) human rights, women’s and youth empowerment, LGBT rights, diversity, acceptance of minority groups, and other areas of mutual interest that promote freedom and democracy.

ACTION:
Applications are due March 28, 2018. Approximately $100,000 is available, per award, for multiple awards to support projects lasting up to 2 years.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Email: GrantsTurkey@state.gov (mailto:GrantsTurkey@state.gov)
MEETING:
Meeting of National Council on the Humanities

AGENCY:
National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH)

ITEM:
Notice announcing a meeting of National Council on the Humanities. National Council on the Humanities will meet to advise the Chairman of the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) with respect to policies, programs and procedures for carrying out his functions; and to review applications for financial assistance.

ACTION:
The meeting will be held March 8, 2018 from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm and March 9, 2018 from 9:00 am ET until adjourned at 400 7th St SW, Washington, DC.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Elizabeth Voyatzis, 202/606-8322. Email: evoyatzis@neh.gov

EDUCATION / ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Alfalfa and Forage Research Program (AFRP)

FON:
USDA-NIFA-OP-006532

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

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications to increase yields and quality, improve harvest and storage systems, develop methods to estimate forage yield and quality to support marketing and reduce producer risks, explore new and novel uses for alfalfa, and conduct life cycle analysis to enhance field to market opportunities.

ACTION:
Applications are due April 18, 2018. Approximately $2.1 million is available to support projects lasting up to two to three years. A 100 percent cost share is required.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Ann Thro, 202/401-6702. Email: athro@nifa.usda.gov

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI)
FON:
FR-CRS-18-001

AGENCY:
Department of Transportation (DOT)

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications to assist in funding capital projects that improve passenger and freight rail transportation safety, efficiency, and reliability.

ACTION:
Applications are due June 21, 2018. Comments are due April 23, 2018. Approximately $65.2 million is available. Eligibility is limited to a variety of state, transportation, and non-profit entities including university transportation centers engaged in rail-related research. Colleges and universities may collaborate with eligible entities. A minimum 20 percent non-federal match is required.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Frances Bourne, Email: frances.bourne@dot.gov (mailto:frances.bourne@dot.gov)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Fiscal Year 2018 Chesapeake Bay Fisheries Research Program

FON:
NOAA-NMFS-NCBO-2018-2005524

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

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications to establish a strong understanding of the Chesapeake Bay system, the complex connections among organisms and their habitats, multispecies interactions, and the wide range of processes that affect their dynamics.

ACTION:
Applications are due April 26, 2018. Approximately $500,000 is available.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Bruce Vogt, 410/267-5655. Email: bruce.vogt@noaa.gov (mailto:bruce.vogt@noaa.gov)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
FY 2018 Farm Business Management and Benchmarking RFA

FON:
USDA-NIFA-FBMB-006530
AGENCY:
National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA), United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)

ITEM:
Notice seeking application to improve the farm management knowledge and skills of agricultural producers, and maintain the national, publicly available farm financial management database to support improved farm management.

ACTION:
Applications are due April 20, 2018. Approximately $1.3 million is available to support four to six awards.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Toija Riggins, 202/720-2297. Email: toija.riggins@nifa.usda.gov

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
NIJ FY18 Research and Development in Forensic Science for Criminal Justice Purposes

FON:
NIJ-2018-13600

AGENCY:
Department of Justice (Justice)

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications to address the challenges and needs of the forensic science community. An NIJ forensic science research and development grant supports a discrete, specified, circumscribed project that will increase the body of knowledge to guide and inform forensic science policy and practice.

ACTION:
Applications are due April 23, 2018. Award amounts may vary.

LINKS:

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

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
NIJ FY18 Research and Evaluation on Gangs and Gang Violence

FON:
NIJ-2018-13941

AGENCY:
Department of Justice (Justice), National Institute of Justice (NIJ)
ITEM:
Notice seeking applications to conduct rigorous research and evaluation projects designed to produce findings with high practical utility for gang prevention, intervention, enforcement, or reentry strategies in an effort to reduce gang violence in the United States.

ACTION:
Applications are due April 24, 2018. Approximately $1 million is available for multiple awards to support projects lasting up to three years.

LINKS:

CONTACT:

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
NIST Standards Services Curricula Development (SSCD) Cooperative Agreement Program

FON:
2018-NIST-SSCD-01

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

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications to develop integrative curricular standards and standardization content into undergraduate and/or graduate courses, modules, seminars, and learning resources at U.S. colleges and universities. Recipients will work with NIST to strengthen education and learning about standards and standardization.

ACTION:
Applications are due April 16, 2018. Approximately $250,000 is available for up to eight awards to support projects lasting up to two years.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Christopher Hunton, 301/975-5718. Email: grants@nist.gov (mailto:grants@nist.gov)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
OSMRE Semester Internship Program

FON:
S18AS00007

AGENCY:
Department of the Interior (Interior), Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSMRE)
ITEM:
Notice seeking applications who have the administrative capabilities to administer the semester internship program, and who have access to AmeriCorps positions through partnership with the Corporation for National and Community Service, or other intermediary organization. This program was developed to support agency and bureau goals and provide participants with a meaningful work experience in OSMRE offices nationwide. Semester interns are tasked with projects that significantly contribute to their professional development.

ACTION:
Applications are due March 23, 2018. Approximately $89,000 is available for one award to support a project lasting up to two years.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Yolande Norman, 202/208-2868. Email: ynorman@osmre.gov; Prouda Adams, 202/208-2230. Email: padams@osmre.gov; Yetunde Richardson, 202/208-2766. Email: yrichardson@osmre.gov

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MEETING:
Cooperative Studies Scientific Evaluation Committee; Notice of Meeting

AGENCY:
Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)

ITEM:
Notice announcing a meeting of the Cooperative Studies Scientific Evaluation Committee. The Committee advises the Chief Research and Development Officer on the relevance and feasibility of proposed projects and the scientific validity and propriety of technical details, including protection of human subjects.

ACTION:
The meeting will be held April 4-5, 2018 at the Veterans Health Administration National Conference Center, 2011 Crystal Drive, Suite 150, Arlington, VA.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Grant Huang, 202/443-5700. Email: grant.huang@va.gov

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MEETING:
Meeting of the Advisory Committee on Veterans Business Affairs

AGENCY:
Small Business Administration (SBA), Department of Commerce (Commerce)

ITEM:
Notice announcing a meeting of the Advisory Committee on Veterans Business Affairs. Agenda items include strategic planning, updates on past and current events, and announcing 2018 objectives.
Online and teleconference options are available.

**ACTION:**
Registration closes March 2, 2018. The meeting will be held on March 8, 2018 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm ET at Eisenhower Conference Room B, 409 3rd Street SW, Washington DC.

**LINKS:**

**CONTACT:**
Office of Veterans Business Development, 202/205-6773. Email: veteransbusiness@sba.gov

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**MEETING:**
Notice of a Public Meeting of the Task Force on Apprenticeship Expansion

**AGENCY:**
Department of Labor (Labor), Employment and Training Administration (ETA)

**ITEM:**
Notice announcing a meeting of the Task Force on apprenticeship expansion. The Task Force is solely advisory in nature, and will consider reports, comments, research, evidence, and existing practices as appropriate to develop recommendations for inclusion in its final report to the President.

**ACTION:**
The meeting will be held March 15, 2018 from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm ET at the U.S. Department of Labor, Frances Perkins Building, 200 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC. Register by March 12, 2018 at https://www.apprenticeshiptaskforce.com/reg/ (https://www.apprenticeshiptaskforce.com/reg/).

**LINKS:**

**CONTACT:**
Laurie Rowe, 202/693-2772.

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**MEETING:**
Notice of National Advisory Council on Innovation and Entrepreneurship Meeting

**AGENCY:**
Economic Development Administration (EDA), Department of Commerce (Commerce)

**ITEM:**
Notice announcing a teleconference on innovation and entrepreneurship policy framework and related principles.

**ACTION:**
The teleconference will be held March 4, 2018 from 2:00 pm to 2:45 pm ET. Call 877/950-4778 passcode: 4423486.
NOTICE:
Food Crediting in Child Nutrition Programs: Request for Information; Extension of Comment Period

AGENCY:
United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Food and Nutrition Service (FNS)

ITEM:
Notice seeking information to establish and support the meal patterns and nutrition standards (collectively referred to as meal patterns) in the Child Nutrition Programs that advance the goals of providing nutritious and satisfying meals to a broad population of children.

ACTION:
Comment period is extended to April 23, 2018.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Tina Namian, 703/305-2590.
FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Clinical Coordinating Center for NCCIH Multi-Site Investigator-Initiated Clinical Trials of Mind and Body Interventions (Collaborative UG3/UH3 Clinical Trial Required)

FON:
PAR-18-662

AGENCY:
National Institutes of Health (NIH), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), National Center for Complementary and Integrative Health (NCCIH)

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications for investigator-initiated multi-site clinical trials (e.g. efficacy, effectiveness or pragmatic trials) to study the effects of mind and body interventions in NCCIH designated areas of high research priority. The objective of a clinical coordinating center application is to present the scientific rationale and a comprehensive scientific and operational plan for the clinical trial.

ACTION:
Optional letters of intent are due 30 days prior to the application due date. Applications are due June 1, 2018, October 3, 2018, May 31, 2019, and January 31, 2020. The number of awards is contingent upon NIH appropriations to support projects lasting up to one (UG3) to four (UH3) years.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Robin Boineau, 301/435-6286. Email: Robin.Boineau@mail.nih.gov
(mailto:Robin.Boineau@mail.nih.gov)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Disability and Rehabilitation Research Projects (DRRP) Program: Health and Function (Research and Development)

FON:

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

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications for research to improve health and function outcomes of individuals with disabilities through research and development.

ACTION:
Optional letters of intent are due March 28, 2018. Applications are due April 23, 2018. Informational conference call is on March 14, 2018. Approximately $475,000 each is available for one Research and one Developement award to support projects lasting up to five years.

LINKS:
FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Epidemiologic Research on Emerging Risk Factors and Liver Cancer Susceptibility (R21 and R01- Clinical Trial Not Allowed)

FON:
PA-18-678; PA-18-677

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

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications to promote epidemiologic research investigating novel and innovative hypotheses on risk factors (biological, environmental, and social) and their interplay with established risk factors (e.g., viral hepatitis) linked to the development of liver cancer (hepatocellular carcinoma and other histological subtypes) in the United States.

ACTION:
Optional letters of intent are due 30 days prior to application date. R21 applications are due February 16, June 16, and October 16, 2018 through May 8, 2021. Approximately $275,000 is available to support multiple projects lasting up to two years. R01 applications are due February 5, June 5, and October 5, 2018 through May 8, 2021. The budget and number of awards are contingent upon NIH appropriations to support projects for up to five years.

LINKS:
Grants.gov, Solicitation, Solicitation

CONTACT:
Tram Kim Lam, 240/276-6967. Email: Tram.Lam@nih.gov

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
FY 2018 Announcement of Anticipated Availability of Funds for Family Planning Services Grants

FON:
PA-FPH-18-001

AGENCY:
Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health (OASH)

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications to improve overall family planning service provision to include increasing the number of clients served, and expanding the breadth of services available in the states, territories and throughout the regions.
ACTION:
Letters of intent are due within 45 days of the date of this FOA. Applications are due May 24, 2018. Approximately $260 million is available for 100 awards to support projects lasting up to three years. All activities funded under this announcement must comply with the Title X statute, as well as the program regulations and legislative mandates. A technical assistance webinar will take place within 30 days of the date of this FOA. Visit www.hhs.gov/opa for updates.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
David Johnson, 240/453-2841. Email: david.johnson@hhs.gov

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Integrating the National HIV Curriculum e-Learning Platform into Health Care Provider Professional Education

FON:
HRSA-18-045

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

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications for the integration of the national HIV curriculum (NHC) e-learning platform into the education and training curricula of multiple health professions institutions with an emphasis on medical, nursing, and pharmacy programs, including graduate education/residency programs. The project will address national shortages in the HIV clinical workforce through integration of the NHC into the curricula of participating accredited health professions programs.

ACTION:
Applications are due April 23, 2018. Approximately $1.2 million is available for two awards to support projects lasting up to four years.

Limited Submission:
One application per institution

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Sherrillyn Crooks, 301/443-7662. Email: scrooks@hrsa.gov

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Mind and Body Intervention Multi-Site Clinical Trial Data Coordinating Center (Collaborative U24 - Clinical Trial Required)

FON:
PAR-18-663
AGENCY:
National Institutes of Health (NIH), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), National Center for Complementary and Integrative Health (NCCIH)

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications to propose a comprehensive plan that provides overall project coordination, and administrative, data management, and biostatistical support for the proposed clinical trial for a collaborating data coordinating center.

ACTION:
Optional letters of intent are due 30 days prior to the application due date. Applications are due June 1, 2018, October 3, 2018, May 31, 2019, and January 31, 2020. The number of awards is contingent upon NIH appropriations to support projects lasting up to five years.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Robin Boineau, 301/435-6286. Email: robin.boineau@mail.nih.gov

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
National Research Mentoring Network: The Science of Mentoring, Networking, and Navigating Career Transition Points (U01 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)

FON:
RFA-RM-18-004

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

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications to enhance mentoring and career development of individuals from diverse backgrounds, including those from groups underrepresented in the biomedical research workforce, with varied approaches aimed at the science of mentorship, networking, and navigating critical career transition points.

ACTION:
Optional letters of intent are due 30 days prior to the application due date. Applications are due July 11, 2018. Approximately $7.8 million is available for up to 15 awards to support projects lasting up to five years.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Mercedes Rubio, 301/594-3900. Email: rubiome@mail.nih.gov

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
NIAID Physician-Scientist Pathway to Independence Award (K99/R00 Clinical Trial Required)
FON:
PAR-18-679

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 increase and maintain a strong cohort of new and talented independent physician-scientists.

ACTION:
Applications are due annually on February 12, June 12, and October 12 through May 8, 2020. The budget and number of awards are contingent upon NIH appropriations to support projects lasting up to four years.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Shawn Drew Gaillard, 240/627-3857.
Email: Shawn.Gaillard@nih.gov

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
NIJ FY18 Strengthening the Medical Examiner-Coroner System Program

FON:
NIJ-2018-13743

AGENCY:
Department of Justice (Justice)

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications to strengthen the medical examiner/coroner system by addressing two tracks: (1) Supporting forensic pathology fellowships; and (2) Providing resources necessary for medical examiner and coroner offices to achieve accreditation.

ACTION:
Applications are due April 6, 2018. Approximately $4 million is available for multiple awards to support projects lasting up to two years.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
National Criminal Justice Reference Service Response Center, 800/851-3420. Web chat at: https://webcontact.ncjrs.gov/ncjchat/chat.jsp
FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Pathway and Target Identification for Alzheimers Disease Related Dementias (ADRDs) (U01 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)

FON:
PAR-18-661

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

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications to support the large scale molecular platform analysis of brain tissue, human biofluid or human induced pluripotent stem cell resources for the identification of targets and pathways associated with Alzheimer's disease related dementias pathophysiology.

ACTION:
Optional letters of intent are due 30 days prior to the application due date. Applications are due April 16, 2018. Approximately $2.5 million is available for two to three awards to support projects lasting up to three years.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Margaret Sutherland, 301/496-5680. Email: sutherlandm@ninds.nih.gov (mailto:sutherlandm@ninds.nih.gov)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Request for Project Proposals: Prototype Solutions for Peripheral Nerve Injury

FON:
MTEC-18-05-PeriperalNerve

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

ITEM:
Notice seeking proposals focused on providing innovative solutions to a critical problem in muscle denervation. The overarching goal of this program is to provide biomanufacturing or advanced development for an emerging area of medical technology and innovation that supports standard procedures toward a prototype aimed to maintain, re-establish or regenerate myoneural connections.

ACTION:
Required white papers are due March 9, 2018. Approximately $7 million is available to fund three awards.

LINKS:
FBO (https://www.fbo.gov/?s=opportunity&mode=form&id=e150b36edf093474f20bffe8bb17e1dc9&tab=core&_cview=0)

CONTACT:
FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award (NRSA) Individual Fellowship for Students at Institutions Without NIH-Funded Institutional Predoctoral Dual-Degree Training Programs (Parent F30)

FON:
PA-18-673

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

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications to enhance the integrated research and clinical training of promising predoctoral students, who are matriculated in a combined MD/PhD or other dual-doctoral degree training program (e.g., DO/PhD, DDS/PhD, AuD/PhD, DVM/PhD), and who intend careers as physician/clinician-scientists. Applicants must propose an integrated research and clinical training plan and a dissertation research project in scientific health-related fields relevant to the missions of the participating NIH Institutes and Centers.

ACTION:
Applications are due annually on April 8, August 8, and December 8.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Contacts vary by institute.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award (NRSA) Individual Postdoctoral Fellowship (Parent F32)

FON:
PA-18-670

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

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications to facilitate research training for highly promising postdoctoral candidates who have the potential to become productive, independent investigators in scientific health-related research fields relevant to the missions of the participating NIH Institutes and Centers.

ACTION:
Applications are due January 7, May 7, and September 7, 2018 through January 8, 2021. The budget and number of awards are contingent upon NIH appropriations to support projects lasting up to 6 years (dual degree training, e.g., MD/PhD), 5 years (pre-doctoral level) and 3 years ( institutional training grants and individual fellowship awards).
LINKS:

CONTACT:
Contacts vary by institute.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award (NRSA) Individual Pre-doctoral Fellowship (Parent F31)
FON:
PA-18-671
AGENCY:
National Institutes of Health (NIH), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)
ITEM:
Notice seeking applications to enable promising pre-doctoral students to obtain individualized, mentored research training from outstanding faculty sponsors while conducting dissertation research in scientific health-related fields relevant to the missions of the participating NIH Institutes and Centers.
ACTION:
Applications are due annually on April 8, August 8, and December 8 through January 8, 2021. The budget and number of awards are contingent upon NIH appropriations.
LINKS:
CONTACT:
Contacts vary by institute.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award (NRSA) Individual Senior Fellowship (Parent F33)
FON:
PA-18-672
AGENCY:
National Institutes of Health (NIH), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)
ITEM:
Notice seeking applications designed specifically for applicants proposing research that does not involve leading an independent clinical trial, a clinical trial feasibility study, or an ancillary study to a clinical trial, but does allow applicants to propose research experience in a clinical trial led by a sponsor or co-sponsor.
ACTION:
Applications are due annually on April 8, August 8, and December 8.
FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
SBIR Phase IIB Bridge Awards to Accelerate the Development of Cancer-Focused Technologies Toward Commercialization (R44 Clinical Trial Optional)

FON:
RFA-CA-18-011

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

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications to support the next stage of development for cancer-relevant projects that were previously funded under SBIR or STTR Phase II awards from any Federal agency.

ACTION:
Optional letters of intent are due 30 days prior to the application due date. Applications are due August 15, 2018. Approximately $12 million is available for 10 awards to support projects lasting up to three years.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Contacts vary by institute.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Towards Implementing Novel Training Methods to Enhance Cognition in Aging (U01 Clinical Trial Required)

FON:
RFA-AG-18-031

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

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications to develop and finalize protocols for well-powered cognitive training intervention trials to remediate or prevent age-related cognitive decline as well as possibly prevent or delay the onset of mild cognitive impairment and dementia.

ACTION:
Optional letters of intent are due March 30, 2018. Applications are due April 30, 2018. Approximately $2.16 million is available for three awards to support projects lasting up to two years.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
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FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
U.S. Tobacco Control Policies to Reduce Health Disparities (R21 and R01 Clinical Trial Optional)

FON:
PAR-18-674; PAR-18-675

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

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications to reduce tobacco use health disparities in vulnerable populations by utilizing tobacco prevention and control strategies. An R21 grant application need not have extensive background material or preliminary information.

ACTION:
Optional letters of intent are due 30 days prior to the application due date. Applications are due June 13, 2018, October 11, 2018, June 13, 2019, October 11, 2019, and June 15, 2020. Awards of up to $275,000 are available to support R21 projects lasting up to two years. The number of awards is contingent upon NIH appropriations to support R01 projects lasting up to five years.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
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MEETING:
Center for Scientific Review; Notice of Meeting

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

ITEM:
Notice announcing a meeting of the Center for Scientific Review to discuss matters related to planning, execution, conduct, support, review, evaluation, and receipt and referral of grant applications.

ACTION:
The meeting will be held March 26, 2018 from 7:30 am to 3:30 pm at the National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Third Floor Conference Center, Bethesda, MD.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Noni Byrnes, 301/435-1023. Email: byrnesn@csr.nih.gov

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MEETING:
Joint Meeting of the Blood Products Advisory Committee and the Microbiology 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 Blood Products Advisory Committee and the Microbiology Devices Panel of the Medical Devices Advisory Committee. The Joint Committee will discuss and make recommendations regarding the device reclassification from Class III to Class II of nucleic acid and serology-based point-of-care and laboratory-based in vitro diagnostic devices indicated for use as aids in the diagnosis of human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) infection.

ACTION:
The meeting will be held March 21, 2018 from 8:00 am to 5:15 pm and March 22, 2018 from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm ET at 10903 New Hampshire Ave, Silver Spring, MD.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Bryan Emery, 240/402-8054. Email: bryan.emery@fda.hhs.gov

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MEETING:
National Institute on Aging; Notice of Meeting

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

ITEM:
Notice announcing a meeting of the Board of Scientific Counselors, NIA.

ACTION:
The meeting will be held April 10, 2018 from 8:20 am to 11:50 am Eat 251 Bayview Blvd, Baltimore, MD.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
MEETING:
Oncologic Drugs 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 Oncologic Drugs Advisory Committee. The general function of the committee is to provide advice and recommendations to FDA on regulatory issues.

ACTION:
The meeting will be held March 7, 2018 from 8:00 am to 12:30 pm ET at 10903 New Hampshire Ave, Silver Spring, MD.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Lauren Tesh, 301/796-9001. Email: odac@fda.hhs.gov (mailto:odac@fda.hhs.gov)

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MEETING:
Pediatric Medical Device Development; Public Meeting; Request for Comments

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

ITEM:
Notice announcing a meeting of the Food and Drug Administration entitled “Pediatric Medical Device Development” to discuss ways to improve research infrastructure and research networks to facilitate the conduct of clinical studies of pediatric devices, extrapolation, use of post market registries and data to increase pediatric medical device.

ACTION:
The meeting will be held on August 13 and August 14, 2018 from 9 am to 5 pm ET at FDA's White Oak Campus, 10903 New Hampshire Ave., Bldg. 31 Conference Center, Rm. 1503 (the Great Room), Silver Spring, MD. Electronic comments must be submitted on or before September 14, 2018 to https://www.regulations.gov (https://www.regulations.gov/)

LINKS:

CONTACT:
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MEETING:
Peripheral and Central Nervous System Drugs 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 Peripheral and Central Nervous System Drugs Advisory Committee. The committee will discuss new drug application (NDA) 210365, cannabidiol oral solution, sponsored by GW Pharmaceuticals, for the adjunctive treatment of seizures associated with Lennox-Gastaut syndrome or Dravet syndrome in patients 2 years of age and older.

ACTION:
The meeting will be held April 19, 2018 from 8:00 am to 12:30 pm ET at 10903 New Hampshire Ave, Silver Spring, MD.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
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MEETING:
Predictive Models for Acute Oral Systemic Toxicity; Notice of Meeting; Registration Information

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

ITEM:
Notice announcing a workshop on “Predictive Models for Acute Oral System Toxicity.” Workshop attendees will discuss development of in silico models for acute oral system toxicity and the next steps to encourage appropriate use of these models in regulatory contexts.

ACTION:
The workshop will be held April 11, 2018 from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm and April 12, 2018 from 8:30 am to 3:00 pm ET at Natcher Conference Center, Bethesda, MD. Registration is required by April 6, 2018.

LINKS:

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SCIENCE / TECHNOLOGY / ENGINEERING / MATH

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Advancing Robotic Capability & Usability for Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD)

FON:
N00014-18-S-B003
AGENCY: Navy (Navy), Department of Defense (Defense)

ITEM: Notice seeking proposals supporting Advancing Robotic Capability & Usability for Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD).

ACTION: Suggested white papers are due April 3, 2018. Proposals are due July 13, 2018. Approximately $8 million is available to support two to four awards.

LINKS: FBO (https://www.fbo.gov/?s=opportunity&mode=form&id=299af616dc07cc81c29b7b86b2f01202&tab=core&_cview=0)

CONTACT: Brian Almquist, Email: brian.almquist@navy.mil

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Agriculture Risk Management Education
FON: USDA-NIFA-ARPA-006535

AGENCY: United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)

ITEM: Notice seeking applications to provide U.S. agricultural producers and their families, as appropriate, with the knowledge, skills, and tools needed to make informed risk management decisions that enhance profitability of their operations.

ACTION: Applications are due April 27, 2018. Approximately $4.5 million is available for multiple awards to support projects lasting up to three years.


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FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Communications, Circuits, and Sensing-Systems
FON: PD-18-7564
AGENCY:
Directorate for Computer & Information Science & Engineering (CISE), National Science Foundation (NSF)

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications to create new complex and hybrid systems ranging from nano- to macro-scale with innovative engineering principles and solutions for a variety of applications including but not limited to healthcare, medicine, environmental and biological monitoring, communications, disaster mitigation, homeland security, intelligent transportation, manufacturing, energy, and smart buildings.

ACTION:
Proposals are due October 1, 2018 through November 1, 2018 and October 1 through November 1, annually thereafter. Supplement materials are due April 2, 2018 and April 1, annually thereafter.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Multiple contacts.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Discovery Data Analysis

FON:
NNH18ZDA001N-DDAP

AGENCY:
National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)

ITEM:
Notice seeking proposals supporting efforts to enhance the scientific return of Discovery Program missions and broaden the scientific participation in the analysis of data, both recent and archived, collected by Discovery missions. Proposed work responsive to this call may include: data analysis tasks; tasks that are not data analysis but are necessary to analyze or interpret the data, and; tasks that are not data analysis but that significantly enhance the use or facilitate the interpretation of Discovery mission data. These tasks may incorporate theory, modeling, laboratory studies, correlative analyses, and/or other research; however, proposals that include tasks that are not data analysis must also incorporate the results of these tasks into the analysis or interpretation of Discovery mission data in order to be responsive to this call.

ACTION:
Required step-1 proposals are due August 30, 2018. Approximately $1.5 million is available to support 10 to 13 awards.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Thomas Statler, 202-358-0272. Email: thomas.s.statler@nasa.gov (mailto:thomas.s.statler@nasa.gov)
FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Early Career Fellowship Start-up Program for Named Fellows

FON:
NNH18ZDA001N-ECF

AGENCY:
National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications supporting the development of individual research programs of outstanding scientists early in their careers and stimulates research careers in the areas supported by the Planetary Sciences Division. To be eligible for start-up funds, the PI must have previously been named an Early Career Fellow and may not be in a permanent position.

ACTION:
Applications are accepted any time until March 29, 2019. Approximately $100,000 per award is available to support one to three awards per planetary research program element.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
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FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Earth Science U.S. Participating Investigator

FON:
NNH18ZDA001N-ESUSPI

AGENCY:
National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications supporting U.S. Participating Investigator investigations on a foreign space mission that address the Earth Science Research Program objectives listed in the NASA Science Plan. The investigation must include a meaningful contribution to the development of products, including, but not limited to, algorithm development and/or testing, calibration/validation, and/or requirements definition.

ACTION:
Applications are due by July 12, 2018. Approximately $750,000 is available to support five to six awards.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Earth Surface and Interior

FON:
NNH18ZDA001N-ESI

AGENCY:
National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)

ITEM:
Notice supporting research and analysis of solid-Earth processes and properties from crust to core. Funds support research into the basic understanding and data products needed to inform the assessment, mitigation, and forecasting of natural hazards, including earthquakes, tsunamis, landslides, and volcanic eruptions. These investigations also exploit the timevariable signals associated with other natural and anthropogenic perturbations to the Earth system, including those connected to the production and management of natural resources. Focus areas include: Innovative Solid-Earth Science; and Solid-Earth Observational Strategies.

ACTION:
Optional NOIs are due April 13, 2018. Applications are due by May 15, 2018. Approximately $3 million is available to support 15 to 20 awards.

LINKS:

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FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Electronics, Photonics and Magnetic Devices

FON:
PD-18-1517

AGENCY:
National Science Foundation (NSF)

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications to develop innovative research based on emerging technologies for miniaturization, integration, and energy efficiency as well as novel material-based devices with new functionalities, improved efficiency, flexibility, tunability, wearability, and enhanced reliability in the following categories: electronic devices, photonic devices, magnetic devices and cross cutting technology.

ACTION:
Proposals are due October 1, 2018 through November 1, 2018 and October 1 through November 1, annually thereafter. Supplement materials are due on April 2, 2018 and April 1, annually thereafter.
FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Energy, Power, Control, and Networks
FON:
PD-18-7607
AGENCY:
Directorate for Computer & Information Science & Engineering (CISE), National Science Foundation (NSF)
ITEM:
Notice seeking applications to develop innovative research in modeling, optimization, learning, adaptation, and control of networked multi-agent systems, higher-level decision making, and dynamic resource allocation, as well as risk management in the presence of uncertainty, sub-system failures, and stochastic disturbances in addition to machine learning algorithms and analysis, adaptive dynamic programming, brain-like networked architectures performing real-time learning, and neuromorphic engineering.
ACTION:
Proposals are due October 1, 2018 through November 1, 2018 and October 1 through November 1, annually thereafter. Supplement materials are due April 2, 2018 and April 1, annually thereafter.
LINKS:
CONTACT:
Multiple contacts.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Exoplanets Research Program
FON:
NNH18ZDA001N-XRP
AGENCY:
National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)
ITEM:
Notice soliciting basic research proposals to conduct scientific investigations related to the research and analysis of extrasolar planets (exoplanets). Its broad objectives include the determination of compositions, dynamics, energetics, chemical behaviors of extrasolar planets, and the detection and characterization of other planetary systems. Research supported by this call may include observations, laboratory studies, theoretical studies, and modeling. Investigations that incorporate theory, modeling,
laboratory studies, correlative analyses, and/or other research that would greatly increase the use of, or significantly facilitate the interpretation of, observational studies of exoplanetary systems are eligible for the Exoplanets Research Program.

**ACTION:**
Required step-1 proposals are due March 29, 2018 Approximately $2-2.5 million is available to support 15-20 awards.

**LINKS:**

**CONTACT:**
Melissa Morris 202/774-8476. Email: melissa.a.morris@nasa.gov

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**FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:**
Flexible Combined Heat and Power for Grid Reliability and Resiliency

**FON:**
DE-FOA-0001750

**AGENCY:**
Department of Energy (Energy), National Energy Technology Laboratory (NETL)

**ITEM:**
Notice seeking applications for the research and development activities to further the utilization of cost-effective, highly efficient combined heat and power.

**ACTION:**
Concept papers are due March 23, 2018. Full applications are due May 3, 2018. Informational webinar will be held on March 2, 2018. Approximately $10 million is available for 6 to 10 awards to support projects lasting up to three years. A 20 percent cost share is required.

Limited Submission:
One application per institution

**LINKS:**

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**FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:**
FY ’18 1890 Institution Teaching, Research and Extension Capacity Building Grants (CBG) Program RFA

**FON:**
USDA-NIFA-CBGP-006531

**AGENCY:**
United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)
ITEM:
Notice seeking applications to strengthen the following areas: (1) teaching programs in the food and agricultural sciences in the need areas of curriculum design and materials development, faculty development, and others; (2) research and extension programs in need areas of studies and experimentation, extension program development support systems; and (3) integrated project grants. Applications must address at least one of the following NIFA strategic goals: sustainable bioenergy; food security; childhood obesity prevention; or food safety.

ACTION:
Applications are due May 1, 2018. Approximately $18 million is available for multiple awards to support projects lasting up to three years.

Limited Submission:
Applications may only be submitted by eligible 1890 Land-Grant Institutions.

LINKS:

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FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Habitable Worlds

FON:
NNH18ZDA001N-HW

AGENCY:
National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)

ITEM:
Notice seeking proposals supporting efforts to use knowledge of the history of the Earth and the life upon it as a guide for determining the processes and conditions that create and maintain habitable environments and to search for ancient and contemporary habitable environments and explore the possibility of extant life beyond the Earth. Focus areas include, but are not limited to: Mars; Icy Worlds; and Habitable Exoplanets and/or their moons.

ACTION:
Required step-1 proposals are due November 15, 2018. Approximately $2 million is available to support 10-15 awards.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Mitch Schulte, 202/358-2127. Email: mitchell.d.schulte@nasa.gov
FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Heliophysics Guest Investigators - Open

FON:
NNH18ZDA001N-HGIO

AGENCY:
National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)

ITEM:
Notice seeking proposals that ended to maximize the scientific return from operating missions by providing support for research that is beyond the scope of work of the mission science teams. Investigations may employ theory, models, and data from other sources, as needed, to interpret and analyze data from NASA's Heliophysics System Observatory (HSO), but only as a secondary emphasis. Data from non-NASA sources must clearly demonstrate that the theory, models, and/or data in question are necessary for interpretation of the HSO data and are not, themselves the primary object of the investigation. Development of new models and theories is not solicited.

ACTION:
Required step-1 proposals are due April 13, 2018. Approximately $5.88 million is available to support 30 awards.

LINKS:

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FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Heliophysics Technology and Instrument Development for Science

FON:
NNH18ZDA001N-HTIDS

AGENCY:
National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)

ITEM:
Notice seeking proposals supporting the development of technologies and their application to enable investigation of key heliophysics science questions through incubating innovative concepts, development of prototype technologies, and demonstration in a relevant environment. Subprograms include: Laboratory Nuclear, Atomic, and Plasma Physics; Instrument Technology Development; and Research and Technology Flight.

ACTION:
Required step-1 proposals are due by May 18, 2018. Approximately $16.8 million is available to support 23-34 awards between all project types.
FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Human-Centered Intelligence, Surveillance & Reconnaissance (ISR) Leveraged Science and Technology (S&T) Program

FON:
FA8650-18-S-6001

AGENCY:
Department of Defense (Defense)

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications to develop human-centered leveraged science and technology that enables the Air Force to more effectively execute the Human-Centered Intelligence, Surveillance, & Reconnaissance mission.

ACTION:
White papers are accepted through February 10, 2023 (Step 1). Approximately $24 million is available for up to four awards to support projects lasting between one to three years.

LINKS:

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FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Land Cover Land Use Change

FON:
NNH18ZDA001N-LCLUC

AGENCY:
National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)

ITEM:
Notice seeking proposals developing interdisciplinary approaches combining aspects of physical, social and economic sciences, with a high level of societal relevance, using remote sensing tools, methods, and data. Current focus areas are related to "Land-Use Transitions in Asia", including: Transitions in smallholder agricultural systems; Growth in urban areas and urban teleconnections; and Land use transitions in dryland systems.

ACTION:
Required step-1 proposals are due by August 1, 2018. Approximately $2.5 million is available to support up to 10 awards.
FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Lunar Data Analysis

FON:
NNH18ZDA001N-LDAP

AGENCY:
National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications supporting the analysis of recent lunar missions in order to enhance their scientific return in order to broaden scientific participation in the analysis of mission data sets and funds high-priority areas of research that support planning for future lunar missions. Tasks responsive to this call include: data analysis tasks; nondata-analysis tasks that require the use of lunar mission data; and non-data analysis tasks that significantly enhance the use or facilitate the interpretation of lunar mission data. These tasks may incorporate theory, modeling, laboratory studies, correlative analyses, and/or other research. All proposals must include a complete science investigation. Proposals that include nondata-analysis tasks that do not incorporate the results of such tasks in the analysis of lunar mission data will not be deemed responsive to this call.

ACTION:
Required step-1 proposals are due November 29, 2018. Approximately $1.3 million is available to support multiple awards.

LINKS:

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Robert Fogel 202/358-2289. Email: rfogel@nasa.gov (mailto:rfogel@nasa.gov)
to the point where they may be proposed in response to future announcements of flight opportunity without additional extensive technology development. Proposals not appropriate for MatISSE are feasibility studies, concept formulation, and proof of concept or advanced component development.

**ACTION:**
Required step-1 proposals are due by April 18, 2018. Approximately $6 million is available to support up to six awards.

**LINKS:**

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**FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:**
NASA Energy and Water Cycle Study

**FON:**
NNH18ZDA001N-NEWS

**AGENCY:**
National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)

**ITEM:**
Notice supporting efforts of documenting and enabling improved, observationally based, predictions of water and energy cycle consequences of Earth system variability and change. Funds support efforts to integrate and interpret past, current, and future space based and in situ observations into assimilation and prediction products and models that are global in scope.

**ACTION:**
Optional NOIs are due by July 26, 2018. Applications are due by September 27, 2018. Approximately $1.3 million is available to support up to two awards.

**LINKS:**

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**FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:**
New Frontiers Data Analysis

**FON:**
NNH18ZDA001N-NFDAP

**AGENCY:**
National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)
ITEM:
Notice seeking proposals supporting efforts to enhance the scientific return from New Frontiers missions by broadening scientific participation in the analysis and interpretation of data returned by these missions. Other mission and nonmission data sets may be used to supplement these data in a supporting role, but all proposals require the use of data from at least one New Frontiers mission. Tasks responsive to this call include: data analysis tasks; nondata analysis tasks that are necessary to analyze or interpret the data; and nondata analysis tasks that significantly enhance the use or facilitate the interpretation of mission data. These tasks may incorporate theory, modeling, laboratory studies, correlative analyses, and/or other research. Proposals that include nondata analysis tasks to enhance the use or facilitate the interpretation of mission data must incorporate the results of such tasks in the analysis or interpretation of mission data to be responsive to this call.

ACTION:
Required step-1 proposals are due June 12, 2018. Approximately $1.5 million is available to support eight to twelve awards.

LINKS:

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FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
NSF/VMware Partnership on Edge Computing Data Infrastructure

FON:
18-540

AGENCY:
National Science Foundation (NSF)

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications to advance the state of the art in end-to-end networked systems architecture that includes edge infrastructures. The central challenge is to design and develop data-centric edge architectures, programming paradigms, runtime environments, and data sharing frameworks that will enable compelling new applications and fully realize the opportunity of big data.

ACTION:
Applications are due May 22, 2018. Approximately $6 million is available for two awards to support projects lasting up to three years.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
See list in the solicitation
FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Persistent Aquatic Living Sensors (PALS)

FON:
HR00118S0027

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

ITEM:
Notice seeking proposals for new systems that employ natural or engineered marine organisms as sensor elements to amplify signals related to the presence, movement, and classification of manned or unmanned underwater vehicles (M/UUV).

ACTION:
Proposers Day is March 2, 2018. Suggested white papers are due March 9, 2018. Proposals are due April 30, 2018. Amount available depends on availability and will fund multiple awards.

LINKS:
FBO (https://www.fbo.gov/?s=opportunity&mode=form&id=afcada6fd2a44560e157fdb5973c7e31&tab=core&_cview=0)

CONTACT:
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FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Planetary Instrument Concepts for the Advancement of Solar System Observations (PICASSO)

FON:
NNH18ZDA001N-PICASSO

AGENCY:
National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)

ITEM:
Notice seeking proposals supporting the development of spacecraft-based instrument components and systems that show promise for use in future planetary missions. Proposals to develop instruments that can function in icy moon environments are particularly encouraged. Needs have been identified to: Detect regions of concentrated potential biological materials from orbit; Extract samples from plumes and cryogenic ices; Process samples from their native solid and liquid matrices; Characterize potential biopolymers; Detect ultralow concentrations of microorganisms; and Detect chemical processes indicative of potential life.

ACTION:
Required Step-1 proposals are due September 20, 2018. Approximately $3.5 million is available to support up to twelve awards.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
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FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Precipitation Measurement Missions Science Team

FON:
NNH18ZDA001N-PMMST

AGENCY:
National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)

ITEM:
Notice seeking investigations related to satellite observations of precipitation using measurements from, but not limited to, the Global Precipitation Measurement (GPM) Core Observatory, GPM mission constellation partner spacecraft, and the Tropical Rainfall Measuring Mission (TRMM). This program supports scientific investigations in three research categories: The use of satellite and ground measurements for physical process studies to gain a better understanding of precipitation, the global water cycle, climate, weather, and concomitant improvements in numerical models from cloud resolving to climate scales; development of methodologies for improved hydrological modeling and applications of these satellite measurements; and continued enhancement and validation of GPM and TRMM retrieval algorithms. While the major focus of the expected research should be on GPM and TRMM satellite data products, observations from other satellite, aircraft, and ground sensors may be used for the proposed research.

ACTION:
Optional NOIs are due April 30, 2018. Applications are due by June 28, 2018. Approximately $6 million is available to support 40-50 awards.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Ramesh Kakar, 202/358-0240. Email: ramesh.k.kakar@nasa.gov

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Program Announcement for Disruptioneering

FON:
DARPA-PA-18-01

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

ITEM:
Notice seeking proposals for an approach to investing must include faster responses with smaller, targeted investments. DARPA calls this new approach Disruptioneering. Disruptioneering will enable DARPA to initiate a new investment in less than 90 days from idea inception.

ACTION:
Proposals are accepted on a continuous basis until February 20, 2019. Multiple awards are anticipated. Cost sharing may be required under applicable statutory regulations for other transactions for
prototype projects awarded.

LINKS:
FBO (https://www.fbo.gov/index?s=opportunity&mode=form&id=d9e7a5d40d4c52e9932d1cce36cf1189&tab=core&_cview=0)

CONTACT:
D. Peter Donaghue, Email: DARPA-PA-18-01@darpa.mil (mailto:DARPA-PA-18-01@darpa.mil)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Rosetta Data Analysis Program
FON:
NNH18ZDA001N-RDAP
AGENCY:
National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)
ITEM:
Notice seeking proposals supporting efforts to enhance the scientific return of the Rosetta mission and broaden the scientific participation in the analysis of archived data collected from the Rosetta and Philae spacecraft. Proposed work responsive to this call may include: data analysis tasks; tasks that are not data analysis but are necessary to analyze or interpret the data; and tasks that are not data analysis but that significantly enhance the use or facilitate the interpretation of Rosetta data. These tasks may incorporate theory, modeling, laboratory studies, correlative analyses, and/or other research; however, proposals that include tasks that are not data analysis must also incorporate the results of these tasks into the analysis or interpretation of Rosetta mission data in order to be responsive to this call.
ACTION:
Required step-1 proposals are due August 30, 2018. Approximately $1.3 million is available to support nine to twelve awards.
LINKS:
CONTACT:
Melissa Morris, 202/774-8476. Email: melissa.a.morris@nasa.gov (mailto:melissa.a.morris@nasa.gov)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
SERVIR Applied Sciences Team
FON:
NNH18ZDA001N-SERVIR
AGENCY:
National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), United States Agency for International Development (USAID)
ITEM:
Notice seeking proposals to provide geographic and thematic applied science expertise to help developing countries assess environmental conditions to improve their planning and actions. Geographic regions include Eastern and Southern Africa, Hindu-Kush Himalaya, Lower Mekong, West Africa, and Amazonia. Thematic topic areas for this program element include Agriculture and Food Security, Water Resources and Hydroclimatic Disasters, Land Cover and Land Use Change and Ecosystems, Weather and Climate.

ACTION:
Required step-1 proposals are due by October 25, 2018. Approximately $4.4 million is available to support up to 20 awards, four for each SERVIR region.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Ashutosh Limaye 256/961-7903. Email: Ashutosh.Limaye@nasa.gov (mailto:Ashutosh.Limaye@nasa.gov)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Smart and Connected Health

FON:
18-541

AGENCY:
National Science Foundation (NSF)

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications to accelerate the development and integration of innovative computer and information science and engineering approaches to support the transformation of health and medicine. The purpose of this program is to develop next-generation multidisciplinary science that encourages existing and new research communities to focus on breakthrough ideas in a variety of areas of value to health, such as networking, pervasive computing, advanced analytics, sensor integration, privacy and security, modeling of socio-behavioral and cognitive processes and system and process modeling.

ACTION:
Applications are due May 22, 2018, December 11, 2018, and December 11 annually thereafter. Approximately $20 million is available for eight to 16 awards.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
See list in the solicitation
FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Solar System Observations

FON:
NNH18ZDA001N-SSO

AGENCY:
National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications supporting primarily ground-based and limited airborne- and space-based astronomical observations of bodies in our Solar System. Program supports observations over the entire range of wavelengths, from the ultraviolet to radio, that contribute to the understanding of the nature and evolution of the Solar System and its individual constituents. Funds support two components: Planetary Astronomy; and Near-Earth Object Observations.

ACTION:
Required step-1 submissions are due April 5, 2018. Approximately $1 million is available to support eight to ten Planetary Astronomy grants. Approximately $2.5 million is available to support Near-Earth Object Observations.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
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FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Solar System Workings

FON:
NNH18ZDA001N-SSW

AGENCY:
National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications supporting research into atmospheric, climatological, dynamical, geologic, geophysical, and geochemical processes occurring on planetary bodies, satellites, and other minor bodies (including rings) in the Solar System. This call seeks to address the physical and chemical processes that affect the surfaces, interiors, atmospheres, exospheres, and magnetospheres of planetary bodies. Focus areas include: Surfaces and Interiors; Rings; Orbital dynamics; and Plasma environments.

ACTION:
Optional NOIs are due November 15, 2018. Applications are due January 31, 2019. Approximately $9-10 million is available to support 50-70 new awards.

LINKS:
CONTACT:  
Program staff, Email: hq-ssw@mail.nasa.gov (mailto:hq-ssw@mail.nasa.gov)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:  
Topical Workshops, Symposia, and Conferences  
FON:  
NNH18ZDA001N-TWSC  
AGENCY:  
National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)  
ITEM:  
Notice seeking applications supporting topical workshops, symposia, conferences, and other scientific/technical meetings that advance the goals of the following NASA Divisions: Earth Science, Heliophysics, and Planetary Science. Proposals are not limited to traditional in-person meetings of scientists, but may also include requests for support of other methods of bringing together members of the scientific communities relevant to NASA, such as online discussion forums and web based collaboration portals, especially in support of a traditional event. Proposals for multiple related events should be well justified. Funds only support scientific and technical events, not education, public outreach, or administrative conferences. Funds may not support research or fellowship programs of any type.  
ACTION:  
Applications are accepted any time until March 29, 2019. Multiple awards are anticipated.  
LINKS:  
CONTACT:  
Max Bernstein 202/358-0879. Email: sara@nasa.gov (mailto:sara@nasa.gov)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:  
Transformational Pre-combustion Carbon Capture Technologies  
FON:  
DE-FOA-0001830  
AGENCY:  
Department of Energy (Energy), National Energy Technology Laboratory (NETL)  
ITEM:  
Notice seeking applications to develop technologies in the area of pre-combustion carbon capture. Approaches that look at either hydrogen separation or carbon dioxide separation will be accepted. The carbon capture technologies developed through this FOA will have direct application to coal gasification processes where coal derived synthesis gas or hydrogen are produced.  
ACTION:
Applications are due April 19, 2018. Award amounts may vary to support projects lasting up to two to three years. A 20 percent cost share is required.

LINKS:

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MEETING:
Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards; Notice of Meeting

AGENCY:
NRC (Nuclear Regulatory Commission)

ITEM:
Notice announcing a meeting of the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards to discuss guidance for developing principal design criteria for non-light water reactors, licensing activities related to accident tolerant fuel, and additional administrative topics.

ACTION:
The meeting will be held March 8-10, 2018 from 8:30 am to 6:00 pm ET at 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland. Portions of the meetings are closed to the public (midday). Video teleconferencing service is available for observing open sessions. Contact Mr. Theron Brown at 301/415-6702, between 7:30 am and 3:45 pm ET, at least 10 days before the meeting.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
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MEETING:
Basic Energy Sciences Advisory Committee

AGENCY:
Department of Energy (Energy)

ITEM:
Notice announcing a meeting of the Basic Energy Sciences Advisory Committee with public comments.

ACTION:
The meetings will be held on March 22, 2018 from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm and March 23, 2018 from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm ET at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Bethesda Washington, DC, 8120 Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda, MD.

LINKS:
CONTACT:
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MEETING:
Civil Nuclear Trade Advisory Committee; Meeting of the Civil Nuclear Trade Advisory Committee

AGENCY:
Department of Commerce (Commerce), International Trade Administration

ITEM:
Notice announcing a meeting of the Civil Nuclear Trade Advisory Committee to discuss the International Trade Administration’s Civil Nuclear Trade Initiative update, Civil Nuclear Trade Promotion activities and public comments.

ACTION:
The meeting will be held on March 15, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the U.S. Department of Commerce, Herbert C. Hoover Building, Room 12015-12017, 1401 Constitution Ave. NW, Washington, DC. Attendees must contact Jonathan Chesebro to pre-register. Send comments to the Civil Nuclear Trade Advisory Committee, Office of Energy & Environmental Industries, U.S. Department of Commerce, Mail Stop 28018, 1401 Constitution Ave. NW, Washington, DC. Comments must be received before March 9, 2018.

CONTACT:
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MEETING:
Defense Advisory Committee on Investigation Prosecution and Defense of Sexual Assault in the Armed Forces; Notice of Federal Advisory Committee Meeting

AGENCY:
Department of Defense (Defense)

ITEM:
Notice announcing a meeting of the General Counsel of the Department of Defense to advise the Secretary of Defense on the investigation, prosecution, and defense of allegations of rape, forcible sodomy, sexual assault, and other sexual misconduct involving members of the Armed Forces.

ACTION:
The meeting will be held on March 2, 2018 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. ET at One Liberty Center, 875 N. Randolph Street, Suite 150, Arlington, VA.

LINKS:
CONTACT:
Dwight Sullivan, 703/695-1055. Email: dwight.h.sullivan.civ@mail.mil

MEETING:
DOE/NSF Nuclear Science Advisory Committee

AGENCY:
Department of Energy (Energy)

ITEM:
Notice announcing a meeting to provide advice and guidance on a continuing basis to the Department of Energy and the National Science Foundation on scientific priorities within the field of basic nuclear science research.

ACTION:
The meeting will be held on March 12, 2018 from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm ET at the Crystal City Marriott at Reagan National Airport, 1999 Jefferson Davis Highway, Potomac Ballroom, Arlington, Virginia. See live broadcast at http://www.tvworldwide.com/events/DOE/180312/.

LINKS:

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MEETING:
Notice of Public Meeting of Scientific Earthquake Studies Advisory Committee

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

ITEM:
Notice announcing a meeting of the Scientific Earthquake Studies Advisory Committee. In this meeting, the Committee will review the current activities of the USGS Earthquake Hazards Program and discuss future priorities. All meetings are open to the public.

ACTION:
The meetings will be held March 5-6, 2018. On March 5, 2018, the SESAC will meet from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm and on March 6, 2018, from 9:00 am to 2:30 pm. The SESAC meeting will be held at the Caltech Avery Library, 370 Holliston Avenue, Pasadena, California.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
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MEETING:
SIGMA + Sensors Proposers Day
FON:
DARPA-SN-18-33
AGENCY:
Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA), Department of Defense (Defense)
ITEM:
Notice announcing a meeting for SIGMA + Sensors. The goals of the SIGMA+ Sensors Proposers Day are to: (a) introduce the research community (Proposers, Academia, and Government) to the SIGMA+ initiative vision and goals; (b) explain the mechanics of a DARPA initiative/program and the milestones of this particular effort, and (c) encourage and promote teaming arrangements among potential organizations that have the relevant expertise, facilities, and capabilities for executing a research and development program responsive to the SIGMA+ initiative goals.
ACTION:
The meeting will be held March 7, 2018 from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm at the Executive Conference Center (4075 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 300, Arlington, VA 22203). The event will be webcast for those who would like to participate remotely. Advance registration is required both for attending the Proposers Day in person and for viewing the webcast. In-person registrations are due February 28, 2018. Webcast registrations are due March 2, 2018.
LINKS:
FBO (https://www.fbo.gov/index?s=opportunity&mode=form&id=171d8be6900a6df2cd1d0b2501608c78&tab=core&amp_cview=0)
CONTACT:
Questions, Email: SigmaPlus@darpa.mil (mailto:SigmaPlus@darpa.mil)

NOTICE:
Molecular Information Storage (MIST) Program DRAFT BAA 18-03
FON:
IARPA-BAA-18-03
AGENCY:
Intelligence Advanced Research Projects Activity (IARPA), Director of National Intelligence (DNI)
ITEM:
Notice seeking feedback from interested parties to thoroughly review the Draft BAA Funding Opportunity Description and provide comments, questions, and suggested changes.
ACTION:
Submit all comments, questions, suggested changes, and feedback to the designated procurement email address: dni-iarpa-baa-18-03@iarpa.gov using the template provided through the BAA link.
LINKS:
FBO (https://www.fbo.gov/notices/27bb04c4f4027dd010792d7dd7dc19be)
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David Markowitz, Email: dni iarpa-baa-18-03@iarpa.gov

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