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

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**ARTS / HUMANITIES / INTERNATIONAL**

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Annual Program Statement

FON:
SVM700-18-PAS-001

AGENCY:
Department of State (State), U.S. Mission to Vietnam
ITEM:
Notice seeking proposals to further public diplomacy goals in southern Vietnam by implementing
projects in one or more of the following areas: education; inclusiveness; fundamental freedoms;
economic prosperity; security; and the environment.

ACTION:
Proposals are due July 1, 2018. Multiple awards are anticipated with a ceiling of $30,000 per award.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Email: HCMCGrants@state.gov (mailto:HCMCGrants@state.gov)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Annual Program Statement for Public Diplomacy (APS)

FON:
DOS-DAR-ES-SALAAM-FY18

AGENCY:
Department of State (State), US Mission to Tanzania

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications to award a limited number of grants to individuals, non-governmental
organizations, think tanks, and academic institutions.

ACTION:
Applications are due July 31, 2018. Approximately $20,000 per award is available.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Email: DARPDProposals@state.gov (mailto:DARPDProposals@state.gov)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Encouraging Women’s Participation in Media

FON:
SCAKAB-18-AW-005-SCA-04032018

AGENCY:
Department of State (State)

ITEM:
Notice seeking proposals for a cooperative agreement to develop and implement training for two
annual cohorts of 25-35 women working in media throughout Afghanistan. Participants will strengthen
their technical capacity, expand their professional networks, and gain awareness of best practices to
ensure personal and professional security and navigate the digital landscape. Participants will benefit
from meetings with media industry leaders; examine the role of media in effectively reporting on and
promoting awareness of women’s issues; and learn techniques to improve security and safety of female journalists – including the protection of sources, encryption of communications, and basic journalist safety techniques.

ACTION:
Proposals are due June 5, 2018. Up to $300,000 is available for one award.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Karen Brown, Email: KabulPASProposals@state.gov (mailto:KabulPASProposals@state.gov)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Foster Debate or Model UN Training and Competitions at Universities throughout Afghanistan

FON:
SCAKAB-18-AW-006-SCA-04042018

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

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications from organizations to plan, organize, and implement local and national debate or Model United Nations training and tournaments for university students throughout Afghanistan, in close coordination with partner universities. This youth program will create opportunities for women and men between the ages of 18 and 30 from provinces across Afghanistan to develop important skills for successful civic engagement, including public speaking, critical thinking, leadership, team building, and in-depth research.

ACTION:
Applications are due June 6, 2018. Approximately $300,000 is available for two awards.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Karen Brown, Email: KabulPASProposals@state.gov (mailto:KabulPASProposals@state.gov)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Foster Performing Arts in Schools

FON:
SCAKAB-18-AW-004-SCA-04022018

AGENCY:
Department of State (State)

ITEM:
Notice seeking proposals to provide access to the performing arts for young audiences in order to share Afghanistan's rich cultural heritage, inform youth of their legal rights, teach lessons of tolerance, and amplify the voices of marginalized groups. Programming to take place in Afghanistan.
ACTION:
Proposals are due June 4, 2018. Two to three awards are anticipated with a per-award ceiling of $200,000.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Karen Brown, Email: KabulPASProposals@state.gov (mailto:KabulPASProposals@state.gov)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Increasing Civil and Political Participation of Ethnic Minorities in Moldova
FON:
SFOP0004260
AGENCY:
Department of State (State), Bureau of Democracy Human Rights and Labor (DRL)
ITEM:
Notice announcing an open competition for organizations interested in submitting applications for projects that support increasing the capacity of minority leaders and increased representation of minority groups in political parties.

ACTION:
Applications are due June 1, 2018. Approximately $548,000 is available for one award.

Limited Submission:
One application per organization

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Email: DRL-EUR-ProgramInfo@state.gov (mailto:DRL-EUR-ProgramInfo@state.gov)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Supporting Democracy, Good Governance, Religious Freedoms and Human Rights in Pakistan
FON:
SFOP0004235
AGENCY:
Department of State (State), Bureau of Democracy Human Rights and Labor (DRL)
ITEM:
Notice seeking applications for supporting women's participation in Baluchistan and the Federally Administered Tribal Areas (FATA); improving protections against violence and discrimination for targeted minority groups in Pakistan; supporting Children's Rights in Pakistan; and faith-based women's rights initiative in Pakistan.

ACTION:
Applications are due June 1, 2018. Approximately $3.5 million is available to support four awards.
Limited Submission:
Organization can submit up to three proposals

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Email: DRL-SCA-ProgramInfo@state.gov (mailto:DRL-SCA-ProgramInfo@state.gov)

EDUCATION / ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Assistive Technology Alternative Financing Program

FON:
HHS-2018-ACL-CIP-ATTF-0298

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

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications that provide for the purchase of Assistive Technology devices, such as a low-interest loan fund, an interest buy-down program, a revolving loan fund, a loan guarantee, or an insurance program. Applicants should incorporate credit-building activities in their programs, including financial education and information about other possible funding sources. Successful applicants must emphasize consumer choice and control and build programs that will provide financing for the full array of Assistive Technology devices and services and ensure that all people with disabilities, regardless of type of disability or health condition, age, level of income, and residence, have access to the program.

ACTION:
Applications are due June 4, 2018. Approximately $1.98 million is available to fund multiple awards, with a per-award ceiling of $700,000.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Robert Groenendaal, Email: robert.groenendaal@acl.hhs.gov (mailto:robert.groenendaal@acl.hhs.gov)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
FY18 and FY19 Region 08 Wetland Program Development Grants

FON:
EPA-REG08-WPDG-18-01

AGENCY:
Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Region 08

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications to assist state, tribal, local government agencies and interstate/intertribal entities in developing or refining state/tribal/local programs which protect, manage, and restore
wetlands. The primary focus of these grants is to develop/refine state and tribal wetland programs. A secondary focus is to develop/refine local (e.g. county or municipal) programs.

**ACTION:**
Proposals are due June 1, 2018. Approximately $2.6 million is available to fund 10 to 20 awards.

**LINKS:**

**CONTACT:**
Cynthia Gonzales, 303/312-6569. Email: gonzales.cynthia@epa.gov (mailto:gonzales.cynthia@epa.gov)

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**MEETING:**
Census Bureau - National Advisory Committee on Racial, Ethnic and Other Populations

**AGENCY:**
Census Bureau (CB)

**ITEM:**
Notice announcing a meeting of the National Advisory Committee on Racial, Ethnic, and Other Populations to discuss 2020 Census Program updates; the Integrated Communications Plan for the 2020 Census; and updates from the Undercount of Young Children Working Group and Integrated Partnership and Communications Working Group.

**ACTION:**
The meeting will be held June 14, 2018 from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm and June 15, 2018 from 8:30 am to 2:00 pm at the U.S. Census Bureau Auditorium, 4600 Silver Hill Road, Suitland, MD.

**LINKS:**

**CONTACT:**
Tara Dunlop Jackson, 301/763-5222. Email: tara.dunlop.jackson@census.gov (mailto:tara.dunlop.jackson@census.gov)

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**MEETING:**
President's Advisory Council on Doing Business In Africa (PAC-DBIA)

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

**ITEM:**
Notice announcing a meeting of the President's Advisory Council on Doing Business in Africa. The purpose of the meeting is to deliberate and adopt a report containing recommendations to the President on actions the United States Government could take to mitigate obstacles U.S. companies face in doing business in Kenya, Côte d'Ivoire, Ethiopia, and Ghana, countries the Council has identified as holding particular promise of business opportunities for U.S. companies.

**ACTION:**
The meeting will be held April 18, 2018 at 3:00 pm ET. The President's Advisory Council on Doing Business in Africa meeting will be broadcast via live webcast on the internet at http://whitehouse.gov/
**HEALTH**

**FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:**
Age-related Microbiota Changes and their Implications in Chronic Disease Prevention, Treatment and Progression (R01/R21 Clinical Trial Optional).

**FON:**
PA-18-738; PA-18-739

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

**ITEM:**
Notice seeking applications for research projects designed to evaluate changes in the microbiota during lifetime and its influence in health and disease status in the elderly, including those from racial/ethnic minority and underserved populations and understand the underlying mechanisms of microbiota interactions in aged subjects as related to health and disease. Both R01 and R21 mechanisms are available for funding.

**ACTION:**
Optional letters of intent are due 30 days before the application. Standard dates apply for both R01 and R21 funding mechanisms until May 7, 2021. R01 projects are due annually on June 5, October 5, and February 5. R21 projects are due annually on June 16, October 16, and February 16. Multiple awards are anticipated. R21 awards have a ceiling of $275,000.

**LINKS:**
Grants.gov (R01) [https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=302473](https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=302473),

**CONTACT:**
Gabriela Riscuta, 240/276-7118. Email: gabriela.riscuta@nih.gov (mailto:gabriela.riscuta@nih.gov)
relevance to social service programs and policies. These grants are meant to build capacity in the research field to apply a behavioral economics lens to issues facing poor and vulnerable families in the United States, and to foster mentoring relationships between faculty members and high-quality doctoral students.

ACTION:
Optional letters of intent are due May 2, 2018. Applications are due June 1, 2018. Approximately $100,000 is available to support four awards.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Victoria Kabak, 202/401-5871. Email: behavioralscholars@icfi.com (mailto:behavioralscholars@icfi.com)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Cutting Edge Informatics Tools for Illuminating the Druggable Genome (U01 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)

FON:
RFA-RM-18-011

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

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications to build a set of cutting edge informatics tools that will augment the capability of the Knowledge Management Center as well as the broader Illuminating the Druggable Genome Consortium (IDG) in two ways: by deploying tools to enhance the community’s ability to process, analyze, visualize data, to prioritize new data resources and methods to be incorporated into Pharos that will strengthen predictions about physiological and disease associations around the understudied proteins; and to prioritize physiological and disease relevant cellular and animal models for further study of the understudied proteins (non-olfactory GPCRs, protein kinases, and ion channels) both within the IDG program and by the larger community.

ACTION:
Optional letters of intent are due June 9, 2018. Applications are due July 9, 2018. Approximately $2 million is available to fund five to six awards, with a per-award ceiling of $300,000.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Michael Tenuto, 301/827-7090. Email: DruggableGenome@mail.nih.gov (mailto:DruggableGenome@mail.nih.gov)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Exploring Epigenomic or Non-Coding RNA Regulation in the Development, Maintenance, or Treatment of Chronic Pain (R61/R33 Clinical Trial Optional)
FON: PAR-18-742

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

ITEM: Notice seeking research applications that investigate the role of molecular epigenetic or non-coding RNA regulatory pathways in the development or maintenance of chronic pain. Ultimately research in the area will provide foundational knowledge that can be exploited to develop novel and non-addictive pain medications.

ACTION: Optional letters of intent are due 30 days before the application. Applications are due June 17, 2018. Multiple awards are anticipated with a per-award ceiling of $300,000 per year in the R61 phase and $450,000 per year in the R33 phase.


CONTACT: John Satterlee, 301/435-1020. Email: satterleej@nida.nih.gov (mailto:satterleej@nida.nih.gov)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY: Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Research Centers

FON: RFA-DP-19-001

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

ITEM: Notice seeking proposals to participate in the network of Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Research Centers to: Establish and maintain a multi-disciplinary prevention research center that conducts high-quality applied health promotion and disease prevention research; Conduct one applied public health prevention project using a community engagement approach to address a major cause of disease, disability, injury, or death in a population experiencing health disparities; Disseminate research findings to community, practice, and academic audiences; Translate evidence-based interventions for sustainability and widespread scale-up; and Serve as a resource, as part of the PRC Network for developing, implementing, evaluating, disseminating, and translating evidence-based public health interventions at local, state, tribal, or national levels.

ACTION: Optional letters of intent are due May 25, 2018. Proposals are due June 25, 2018. Approximately $75 million to $112.5 million is available to fund 20 to 30 awards with a per-award ceiling of $750,000 per year.


CONTACT:
FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Investigator-Initiated Genomic Medicine Research (R01 and R21 Clinical Trial Optional)

FON:
PAR-18-735; PAR-18-736

AGENCY:
National Institutes of Health (NIH), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), National Human Genome Research Institute (NHGRI)

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications that will advance our understanding of, and the implementation of, the use of genomic information about an individual to inform clinical care, and the health outcomes of that clinical use.

ACTION:
Optional letters of intent are due 30 days prior to the application due date. Applications are due June 20, 2018; October 19, 2018; June 20, 2019; October 21, 2019; June 19, 2020; and October 20, 2020. Program expires January 23, 2021.

LINKS:
Grants.gov (R01) (https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=302414),

CONTACT:
Christine Chang, 301/480-2255. Email: christine.chang2@nih.gov (mailto:christine.chang2@nih.gov)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Lasker Clinical Research Scholars Program (Si2/R00 Clinical Trial Optional)

FON:
PAR-18-740

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

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications for the Lasker Clinical Research Scholars Program for the purpose of supporting the research activities during the early stage careers of independent clinical researchers. The program offers the opportunity for a unique bridge between the NIH intramural and extramural research communities and contains two phases. In the first phase, Lasker scholars will receive appointments for up to 5-7 years as tenure-track investigators within the NIH Intramural Research Program with independent research budgets. In the second phase, successful scholars will receive up to 3 years of NIH support for their research at an extramural research facility; or, the scholar can be considered to remain as an investigator within the intramural program.

ACTION:
Applications are due August 31, 2018. Up to five awards are available.
LINKS:

CONTACT:
Charles Dearolf, 301/402-1225. Email: LaskerScholar@nih.gov (mailto:LaskerScholar@nih.gov)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Mechanisms Underlying the Contribution of Type 1 Diabetes Disease-associated Variants (R01 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)
FON:
RFA-DK-18-005

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

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications for projects to determine the mechanisms underlying the contribution of disease risk-associated genes and their variants for type 1 diabetes. The purpose is to accelerate the discovery of function of the causal genes and variants that influence the risk for disease.

ACTION:
Optional letters of intent are due November 6, 2018. Applications are due December 6, 2018. Approximately $3.25 million is available to fund four to five awards with a per-award ceiling of $600,000.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
John Connaughton, 301/594-7797. Email: NIDDKLetterofIntent@mail.nih.gov (mailto:NIDDKLetterofIntent@mail.nih.gov)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Mechanistic Ancillary Studies to Ongoing Clinical Projects (R01/R21 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)
FON:
RFA-AR-19-006 (R01); RFA-AR-19-007 (R21)

AGENCY:
National Institutes of Health (NIH), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases (NIAMS)

ITEM:
Notice soliciting applications (R01 or R21) that propose to conduct time-sensitive mechanistic ancillary studies related to the NIAMS mission in conjunction with privately or publicly funded, ongoing clinical projects. The ongoing “parent” clinical project can be an interventional clinical trial, or a clinical study such as an observational study that will be actively collecting patient samples or clinical data. The “parent” project(s) should provide a cohort of well-characterized patients, infrastructure, data, and biological samples for the ancillary study.
ACTION:
Optional letters of intent are due 30 days prior to due dates. Applications are due August 7, 2018; December 4, 2018 and April 2, 2019. Approximately $1.5 million is available for up to five awards.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Ricardo Cibotti, 301/451-5888. Email: ricardo.cibotti@nih.gov (mailto:ricardo.cibotti@nih.gov)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
National Center of Excellence for Tobacco-Free Recovery (Short Title: National Center – TFR)

FON:
SM-18-016

AGENCY:
Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications to establish a national center with specialized subject matter expertise to provide training and technical assistance to states, local governments, tribal communities, behavioral health organizations, primary care providers, clinicians, peers, families, and other stakeholders to help reduce tobacco use among persons with behavioral health disorders, with an emphasis on individuals with serious mental illness and co-occurring disorders. The expectation is that the National Center will build upon and expand efforts to increase awareness, disseminate current research, educate behavioral health care providers, and create results-oriented collaborations among stakeholder organizations in an effort to reduce tobacco use among individuals with behavioral health disorders.

ACTION:
Applications are due June 1, 2018. Approximately $1 million is available to fund one award.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Carlton Speight, 240/276-1949. Email: Carlton.speight@samhsa.hhs.gov (mailto:Carlton.speight@samhsa.hhs.gov)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Pilot and Feasibility Clinical Research Grants in Kidney Diseases (R21 Clinical Trial Optional)

FON:
PAR-18-744

AGENCY:
National Institutes of Health (NIH), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK)
ITEM:
Notice seeking applications for small scale or pilot and feasibility clinical and translational research studies, including epidemiological studies or clinical trials related to kidney disease research. Studies should address important clinical and translational questions and are potentially of high clinical and public health impact. It is anticipated that some projects supported by these grants may lead to full-scale clinical studies including diagnostic strategies, epidemiological studies, or randomized clinical trials of diagnosis, prevention, or treatment of kidney diseases.

ACTION:
Applications are due annually on February 16, June 16 and October 16 through May 8, 2021.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Tracy L. Rankin, 301/594-4748. Email: rankint@mail.nih.gov (mailto:rankint@mail.nih.gov)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Pilot and Feasibility Clinical Research Grants in Urologic Disorders (R21 Clinical Trial Optional)

FON:
PAR-18-743

AGENCY:
National Institutes of Health (NIH), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK)

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications for small scale or pilot and feasibility clinical and translational research studies, including epidemiological studies or clinical trials related to urologic disorders research. Studies should address important clinical and translational questions that are potentially of high clinical and public health impact. It is anticipated that some projects supported by these grants may lead to full-scale clinical studies including diagnostic strategies, epidemiological studies, or randomized clinical trials of prevention, diagnosis or treatment of urologic disorders.

ACTION:
Applications are due annually on February 16, June 16 and October 16 through May 8, 2021.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Ziya Kirkali, 301/594-7717. Email: ziya.kirkali@nih.gov (mailto:ziya.kirkali@nih.gov)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Rehabilitation Research and Training Center (RRTC) on Community Living and Participation for People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities

FON:
HHS-2018-ACL-NIDILRR-RTCP-0262
AGENCY:  
Administration for Community Living (ACL), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)  

ITEM:  
Notice seeking applications for research, training, technical assistance, and dissemination activities in areas that benefit rehabilitation service providers, individuals with disabilities, family members, policymakers and other research stakeholders of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.  

ACTION:  
Applications are due June 4, 2018. Approximately $875,000 is available to support one award.  

LINKS:  

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

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:  
Secondary Analyses in Obesity, Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (R21 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)  

FON:  
PA-18-741  

AGENCY:  
National Institutes of Health (NIH), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK)  

ITEM:  
Notice seeking applications to conduct secondary analyses of existing data sets relevant to diabetes and selected endocrine and metabolic diseases including thyroid, parathyroid and Cushing's diseases and acromegaly; and genetic metabolic disease including cystic fibrosis, lysosomal storage diseases, and disorders of the urea cycle, amino acid metabolism and metal transport where the focus is on peripheral metabolism or organ function; obesity, liver diseases, alimentary GI tract diseases and nutrition; kidney, urologic, and hematologic diseases. The goal of this program is to facilitate research that explores innovative hypotheses through the use of existing data sets or data, for which the primary goal is data analysis and not preparation/presentation of data.  

ACTION:  
Applications are due on a standard schedule of June 16, October 16, and February 16 until 2021. Multiple awards are anticipated with a per-award ceiling of $275,000 over two years.  

LINKS:  

CONTACT:  
Aynur Unalp-Arida, 301-594-8879. Email: aynur.unalp-arida@nih.gov (mailto:aynur.unalp-arida@nih.gov)
FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Silvio O. Conte Centers for Basic Neuroscience or Translational Mental Health Research (P50 Clinical Trial Optional)

FON:
PAR-18-737

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

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications to support interdisciplinary basic neuroscience or translational research demonstrating an extraordinary level of synergy, integration, and potential for advancing the state of the field. This program is intended only for projects that could not be achieved using other, more standard grant mechanisms.

ACTION:
Optional letters of intent are due 30 days prior to the application due date. Applications are due June 22, 2018; and May 24, 2019.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
LOI: Email: nimhpeerreview@mail.nih.gov (mailto:nimhpeerreview@mail.nih.gov)
Contacts vary by subject.

MEETING:
Board of Scientific Counselors, Office of Infectious Diseases (BSC, OID)

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

ITEM:
Notice announcing a meeting of the Board of Scientific Counselors. The agenda will include discussions on priority issues for the national centers, including influenza, foodborne infections, antimicrobial resistance, and viral hepatitis, as well as public health workforce development.

ACTION:
The meeting will be held on May 2, 2018, 8:30 am to 5:00 pm, ET, and May 3, 2018, 8:30 am to 12:00 pm, ET at CDC, Global Communications Center, 1600 Clifton Road NE, Building 19, Auditorium B1/B2, Atlanta, Georgia.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Sarah Wiley, 404/639-4840. Email: sed5@cdc.gov (mailto:sed5@cdc.gov)
MEETING:
CDC/HRSA Advisory Committee on HIV, Viral Hepatitis and STD Prevention and Treatment (CHACHSPT)

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

ITEM:
Notice announcing a meeting of the Advisory Committee on HIV, Viral Hepatitis and STD Prevention and Treatment. The agenda will include discussions on (1) HIV, Viral Hepatitis, and Sexually Transmitted Disease consequences of the opioid crisis; (2) Perspectives on, and experiences with, syringe services program (SSP); (3) Continued discussion on HIV transmission risk in the context of Antiretroviral Therapy (ART) use and Viral Suppression (Treatment as Prevention or TasP); (4) Anti-bullying policies in schools; and (5) Updates from Workgroups.

ACTION:
The meeting will be held May 9, 2018, 8:30 am to 5:00 pm ET and May 10, 2018, 8:30 am to 12:00 pm ET at CDC Corporate Square, Building 8, Conference Room 1-ABC, 8 Corporate Boulevard, Atlanta, Georgia. Written comments are due May 7, 2018 to zkr7@cdc.gov.

LINKS:
Federal Register [link]

CONTACT:
Margie Scott-Cseh, 404/639-8317. Email: zkr7@cdc.gov

MEETING:
Meeting of the National Vaccine Advisory Committee

AGENCY:
Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

ITEM:
Notice announcing a meeting of the National Vaccine Advisory Committee. The purpose of the meeting is to achieve optimal prevention of human infectious diseases through immunization and to achieve optimal prevention against adverse reactions to vaccines.

ACTION:
The meeting will be held on May 3, 2018, from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm ET. The confirmed meeting times and agenda will be posted on the NVAC website at http://www.hhs.gov/nvpo/nvac/meetings/index.html as soon as they become available. Pre-registration is required for members.

LINKS:
Federal Register [link]

CONTACT:
National Vaccine Program Office, 202/690-5566. Email: nvac@hhs.gov

NOTICE:
Chemical Biological Operational Assessment (CBOA)
FON:
W911NF18RCBOA

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

ITEM:
Notice seeking information that may lead to partnerships that accelerate development of technologies that will enable warfighters to assess, protect, and mitigate chemical and biological threats.

ACTION:
Submissions are due June 20, 2018.

LINKS:
FBO (https://www.fbo.gov/?s=opportunity&mode=form&id=25e130103fd1a3818074e89ad10be098&tab=core&_cview=0)

CONTACT:
Email: usarmy.belvoir.rdecom-cerdec.mbx.nvesd-art-tsoa-submissions@mail.mil (mailto:usarmy.belvoir.rdecom-cerdec.mbx.nvesd-art-tsoa-submissions@mail.mil) with subject line "QUESTION(s) for CBOA"

NOTICE:
Solicitation of Nominations for Membership on the National Vaccine Advisory Committee

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

ITEM:
Notice seeking nominations to serve on the National Vaccine Advisory Committee, which recommends ways to encourage the availability of vaccination products, while also identifying research priorities and other measures to enhance the safety and efficacy of vaccines.

ACTION:
Submit nominations to nvac@hhs.gov (mailto:nvac@hhs.gov) by May 4, 2018. Individuals may nominate themselves.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
National Vaccine Program Office, Email: nvac@hhs.gov (mailto:nvac@hhs.gov)

SCIENCE / TECHNOLOGY / ENGINEERING / MATH

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
2018 Mathematical Multifaceted Integrated Capability Centers (MMICCs)

FON:
DE-FOA-0001900
AGENCY: 
Department of Energy (Energy), Office of Science

ITEM: 
Notice seeking applications for basic research that address fundamental challenges within DOE's mission areas of energy, environment and security, and from a perspective that requires new integrated efforts across multiple mathematical, statistical and computational disciplines. This solicitation is for new Mathematical Multifaceted Integrated Capability Centers (MMICCs) to enable greatly enhanced scientific discovery, design, optimization or decision-support capabilities for the increasingly complex systems, processes, and problems that arise in science and energy research.

ACTION: 
Required pre-applications are due April 30, 2018. Invited full applications are due May 23, 2018. Approximately $5 million per year over four years is available.

LINKS: 

CONTACT: 
Steven L. Lee, 301/903-5710. Email: Steven.Lee@science.doe.gov

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY: 
Accelerating Discovery: Educating the Future STEM Workforce

FON: 
PD-18-1998

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

ITEM: 
Notice seeking proposals to support education research and development projects focused on re- or up-skilling the existing workforce; developing the skilled technical workforce; and/or preparing those at the undergraduate, graduate, or postdoctoral fellow/early career levels. NSF encourages projects to partner with industry, public, and private sectors to define the needs of tomorrow's workforce and develop educational and learning strategies to meet those needs.

ACTION: 
The full proposal window is April 2, 2018 to January 16, 2019. Proposals submitted by July 2, 2018 will be considered for FY 18 funding.

LINKS: 

CONTACT: 
Ellen Carpenter, 703/292-5104. Email: elcarpen@nsf.gov

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY: 
Air Force Research Laboratory (AFRL) Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear (CBRN) Survivability
FON: FA8650-18-S-6002

AGENCY: Department of Defense (Defense)

ITEM: Notice seeking white papers to assist system, command, and joint program offices with research and development (R&D), modeling and simulation (M&S), experimentation, testing, technology demonstrations, and analysis related to CBRN Survivability to mitigate the evolving CBRN threat environment that faces US and allied forces around the world.

ACTION: White papers are due March 14, 2023. Approximately $46 million is available to support multiple awards.

LINKS: FBO (https://www.fbo.gov/index?s=opportunity&mode=form&id=267d3246b035d253d476c9ee87063c04&tab=core&_cview=0)

CONTACT: William Greer, 937/255-2436. Email: William.Greer.5@us.af.mil

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY: Collection and Monitoring via Probes for Active Situational Scenarios (COMPASS)

FON: HR001118S0022

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

ITEM: Notice seeking proposals to develop decision aids that drive probing actions designed to improve situational awareness and reduce the ambiguity of actors and objectives in gray zone environments.

ACTION: Optional proposal abstracts are due April 20, 2018. Questions are due April 26, 2018. Full Proposals are due June 4, 2018. Multiple awards of varying amounts are available.

LINKS: FBO (https://www.fbo.gov/?s=opportunity&mode=form&id=70fce276570612b3f3bcbbaac3385e9&tab=core&_cview=0)

CONTACT: BAA Coordinator, Email: HR001118S0022@darpa.mil

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY: Cryptologic and Cyber Systems Division (CCSD) 2018 BAA

FON: CCSD_BAA_HNC_18_0001
AGENCY:  
Department of Defense (Defense)

ITEM:  
Notice seeking innovative technical approach concept papers addressing the modernization of existing Air Force (AF) cryptographic and cyber systems and laying a foundation for the next generation of AF solutions.

ACTION:  
Required concept papers are due at any time until April 1, 2019 to AFLCMC.HNC.AFCryptoMod@us.af.mil (mailto:AFLCMC.HNC.AFCryptoMod@us.af.mil).

LINKS:  
FBO (https://www.fbo.gov/index?s=opportunity&mode=form&id=646fcee3b38c83b009e3e0fe7282f1881&tab=core&_cview=0)

CONTACT:  
Questions, Email: AFLCMC.HNC.AFCryptoMod@us.af.mil (mailto:AFLCMC.HNC.AFCryptoMod@us.af.mil)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:  
Developing Technologies for Advancement of Associated Geologic Storage in Basinal Geo-Laboratories

FON:  
DE-FOA-0001829

AGENCY:  
Department of Energy (Energy)

ITEM:  
Notice seeking applications for research to develop technologies focused on field laboratory studies, including regional characterization and field validation testing of technologies, to demonstrate that different storage complexes in various geologic settings, distributed over different geographic regions, both onshore and offshore, have the capability to safely and permanently store carbon dioxide.

ACTION:  
Applications are due June 1, 2018. Approximately $9 million is available to fund two to four awards. Cost-sharing requirements are 20%.

LINKS:  

CONTACT:  
Amanda Lopez, Email: Amanda.Lopez@netl.doe.gov (mailto:Amanda.Lopez@netl.doe.gov)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:  
Open Proposal Research Announcement for HPEM - Sources & Components

FON:  
FA9451-18-S-0005

AGENCY:  
Department of Defense (Defense)
ITEM:
Notice seeking white papers for scientific study and experimentation relating to High Power Electromagnetics Sources and Components, specifically research and development on advanced compact rep-rate pulsed power, as well as alternatives to high-power vacuum-tube sources. The goal is to explore improved versions of narrowband High Power Microwave (HPM) sources as well as alternative approaches to developing higher-rep-rate, compact, high-power HPM devices. In addition, alternative approaches to counter-electronics technologies including ultrashort pulsed lasers and charged-particle beams are part of this effort.

ACTION:
White papers will be accepted any time before April 3, 2023. Funding is contingent on acceptance of proposal.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Stephen Langdon, 505/846-4824. Email: stephen.langdon.1@us.af.mil (mailto:stephen.langdon.1@us.af.mil)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Project on Advanced Systems and Concepts for Countering Weapons of Mass Destruction (PASCC)

FON:
USAFA-PASCC-BAA-2016-CALL-0003

AGENCY:
Department of Defense (Defense)

ITEM:
Notice seeking white papers for rigorous, innovative projects in many broad areas related to countering the threat posed by weapons of mass destruction. Key topics for the current round of funding include: Impacts of new technologies on the development of WMD; Improved WMD risk assessment; Detection, characterization, and attribution of WMD use; Impact assessment on the convergence of IED and WMD proliferation; Impact assessment of US strategies to prepare for and combat WMD/IED threats; Concepts for understanding and shaping the dynamics of strategic stability among global and regional powers possessing nuclear weapons; Specific approaches, concepts, and methodologies for informing future negotiations on arms control agreements; Assessment of signaling by WMD-armed adversaries; Impact assessment on US alliances should a non-nuclear ally or partner decide to initiate a weapons program; and Identification and analysis of indicators and warnings in understudied regions relating to proliferation networks, etc.

ACTION:
White papers are due June 7, 2018 at 4:00 pm MT. Accepted white paper submitters will be invited to submit proposals.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
James Smith, 719/333-2717. Email: James.Smith@usafa.edu (mailto:James.Smith@usafa.edu)
FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Research at the Frontiers of X-ray Free Electron Laser Ultrafast Chemical And Materials Sciences

FON:
DE-FOA-0001904

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

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications from small groups of investigators for support of experimental and theoretical efforts to advance ultrafast chemical and materials sciences that utilize x-ray free electron lasers.

ACTION:
Required letters of intent are due April 30, 2018. Applications are due May 21, 2018. Approximately $10-$20 million is available to support 15 awards.

Limited Submission:
An entity may submit only two letters of intent.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Helen Kerch, 301/903-2346. Email: Helen.Kerch@science.doe.gov (mailto:Helen.Kerch@science.doe.gov)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Research, Development and Training in Isotope Production

FON:
DE-FOA-0001896

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

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications on novel methods to produce or improve production radioactive or enriched stable isotopes needed for a wide variety of research and applications.

ACTION:
Applications are due June 15, 2018. Up to $6 million is available to support 8 to 30 awards.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Ethan Balkin, 301/903-1861. Email: Ethan.Balkin@science.doe.gov (mailto:Ethan.Balkin@science.doe.gov)
FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Southwest Region Fish and Aquatic Conservation: Quagga/Zebra Mussel Action Plan for Western U.S. Waters (QZAP)

FON:
F18AS00103

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

ITEM:
Notice seeking proposals to address the problem of invasive quagga and zebra mussels on the lower Colorado River with projects in four principle areas: inspection and decontamination of watercraft; increasing compliance with state and tribal laws; increasing the effectiveness of outreach and education efforts; and conducting Research consistent with the highest priorities of the 2015 Dreissenid Mussel Research Priorities Workshop.

ACTION:
Proposals are due June 3, 2018. Approximately $940,000 is available to fund multiple awards, with a per-award ceiling of $600,000. 25% cost-sharing is required.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Sara Nicole Williams, Email: sara_n_williams@fws.gov

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Special Research Grants Program - Aquaculture Research

FON:
USDA-NIFA-SRGP-006544

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

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications for aquaculture research in the areas of genetics, disease, production systems, and economics.

ACTION:
Applications are due May 17, 2018. Multiple awards are anticipated with a per-award ceiling of $300,000. The project requires 100% matching funds.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
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MEETING:
Research, Engineering and Development Advisory Committee Meeting
AGENCY:
Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)

ITEM:
Notice announcing a meeting of the Research, Engineering and Development Advisory Committee. The meeting agenda will include receiving from the Committee guidance for FAA’s research and development investments in the areas of air traffic services, airports, aircraft safety, human factors and environment and energy.

ACTION:
The meeting will be held on April 11, 2018—9:30 am to 4:30 pm at the Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC.

LINKS:

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