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ARTS / HUMANITIES / INTERNATIONAL

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Accelerating Local Potential Addendum to the Science, Technology, Innovation, and Partnerships in Higher Education Program Annual Program Statement

FON:
7200AA18APS00003-ADDENDUM-ALP

AGENCY:
United States Agency for International Development (USAID)

ITEM:
Notice seeking concept notes to capitalize on the expertise, ingenuity, and passion of the global research community to accelerate institutional capacity for science, technology, and innovation within higher education institutions (HEIs) in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs) that have a USAID presence. PLEASE NOTE: This is an Addendum to an existing announcement. All interested organizations should carefully review both this addendum AND the full announcement.

ACTION:
Concept Notes are due April 6, 2018. Approximately $1 million for each partnership is available over two to three years.

Limited Submission:
All HEIs are restricted to submitting one Concept Note as the lead LMIC or U.S. applicant.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Emmanuella Delva, Email: edelva@usaid.gov (mailto:edelva@usaid.gov) with copy to LABCDR_Feedback@usaid.gov (mailto:LABCDR_Feedback@usaid.gov)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Department of State-Embassy of the United States, Nouakchott, Mauritania

FON:
FY18-MRT-001

AGENCY:
Department of State (State)

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications for US-Mauritanian cultural exchange projects that relate to one or more of the US embassy's priorities: security; increasing opportunities and reducing poverty; advancing political processes; and increasing tolerance and social cohesion.

ACTION:
Applications are due May 30, 2018 at 12:00 pm UTC. Approximately $36,000 is available to fund multiple awards with a ceiling of $8,000 per award.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
PAS Small Grants Mauritania, Email: PASNouakchott@state.gov (mailto:PASNouakchott@state.gov)

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FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Equitable Access to Education in Southern Senegal

FON:
72068518RFA00007

AGENCY:
United States Agency for International Development (USAID), Senegal USAID-Dakar

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications to ensure the maximum number of children (aged approximately 9-16) in the Casamance (Ziguinchor, Sedhiou, and Kolda) and Kedougou regions of Senegal have equitable access to relevant basic education opportunities that develop essential life skills.

ACTION:
Applications are due April 18, 2018. Approximately $20 to $25 million is available to support one award.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Chadwick Mills, 221/33.879.43.51. Email: cmills@usaid.gov (mailto:cmills@usaid.gov)

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FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
FY 2018 Conflict Mitigation and Reconciliation Programs and Activities (Global Reconciliation Fund)

FON:
7200AA18RFA00008

AGENCY:
United States Agency for International Development (USAID)

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications to carry out activities that mitigate conflict and promote reconciliation by bringing together individuals of different ethnic, religious, or political backgrounds.

ACTION:
Applications are due April 23, 2018. Approximately $16 million is available for multiple awards to support projects lasting up to one to four years. Questions are due March 23, 2018.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Native Hawaiian Library Services Grant

FON:
NAG-HAWAIIAN-FY18

AGENCY:
Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS)

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications available to carry out activities that enhance existing library services or implement new library services. Successful Native Hawaiian grant projects will align with one of three project categories: Preservation and Revitalization; Educational Programming; or Digital Services.

ACTION:
Applications are due May 1, 2018. Approximately $550,000 is available to support three to four awards.

Limited Submission:
An applicant organization may submit only one Native Hawaiian grant per fiscal year.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
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FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Preservation and Access Education and Training Grants

FON:
20180501-PE

AGENCY:
National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), Division of Preservation and Access

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications from professionals responsible for preserving and establishing access to humanities collections that reach audiences in more than one state to obtain the knowledge and skills needed to serve as effective stewards of those collections and to promote educational programs that prepare the next generation of preservation professionals, as well as projects that introduce the staff of cultural institutions to new information and advances in preservation and access practices.

ACTION:
Applications are due May 1, 2018. Multiple awards are anticipated with an award ceiling of $440,000. Cost sharing is not required, but in most cases, grants in this program cover no more than 80 percent of project costs.

LINKS:
CONTACT:
Division of Preservation and Access, 202/606-8570. Email: preservation@neh.gov
(mailto:preservation@neh.gov)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Preservation Assistance Grants

FON:
20180501-PG

AGENCY:
National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), Division of Preservation and Access

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications to improve their ability to preserve and care for their significant humanities collections. These may include special collections of books and journals, archives and manuscripts, prints and photographs, moving images, sound recordings, architectural and cartographic records, decorative and fine art objects, textiles, archaeological and ethnographic artifacts, furniture, historical objects, and digital materials.

ACTION:
Applications are due May 1, 2018. The maximum award for Preservation Assistance Grants is ordinarily $6,000. Applicants in federally designated disaster areas may request up to $10,000 to cover costs associated with disaster response, recovery, and remediation.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Division of Preservation and Access, 202/606-8570. Email: preservation@neh.gov
(mailto:preservation@neh.gov)

MEETING:
U.S. Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy; Notice of Meeting

AGENCY:
Department of State (State)

ITEM:
Notice announcing a meeting of the US Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy with the theme of "Optimizing diplomatic engagement: An evidence-based, results-oriented approach." The session will include a presentation and discussion of recommendations on improving the assessment of State Department public diplomacy programs.

ACTION:
RSVPs must be received by 5:00 pm ET March 16, 2018. The meeting will be held on March 20, 2018 from 10:30 am to 12:00 pm ET at the Rayburn Office Building, room 2200, Washington, DC.
LINKS:

CONTACT:
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NOTICE:
Science, Technology, Innovation, and Partnerships in Higher Education Program

FON:
7200AA18APS00003

AGENCY:
United States Agency for International Development (USAID)

ITEM:
Notice seeking concept notes to produce breakthrough development innovations by sourcing, testing, and scaling proven solutions that impact millions of people; and accelerate the transformation of the development enterprise by opening development to people anywhere with good ideas, promoting new and deepening existing partnerships, bringing data and evidence to bear, and harnessing scientific and technological advances.

ACTION:
Concept Notes are due March 4, 2019.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Questions, Email: labcdr_feedback@usaid.gov (mailto:labcdr_feedback@usaid.gov)

EDUCATION / ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Accelerated implementation of key conservation objectives

FON:
USDA-NRCS-OK-18-01

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

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications to solicit partnerships to help enhance the implementation of key conservation objectives and priorities.

ACTION:
Applications are due May 7, 2018. Approximately $2 million is available.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Federal-State Marketing Improvement Program

FON:
USDA-AMS-TM-FSMIP-G-18-0004

AGENCY:
United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications to focus on addressing barriers, overcoming challenges or realizing opportunities manifesting at any stage of the marketing chain including direct, wholesale, and retail.

ACTION:
Applications are due May 7, 2018. Approximately $1 million is available for multiple awards to support projects lasting up to three years. Cost sharing is required.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Martin Rosier, 202/260-8449. Email: Martin.Rosier@ams.usda.gov (mailto:Martin.Rosier@ams.usda.gov)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Higher Education Challenge Grants Program

FON:
USDA-NIFA-CGP-006538

AGENCY:
United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications for higher education projects that strengthen the nation's food and agricultural scientific and professional workforce by: addressing a state, regional, national, or international educational need; involving a creative or non-traditional approach toward addressing that need that can serve as a model to others; encouraging and facilitating better working relationships in the university science and education community, as well as between universities and the private sector, to enhance program quality and supplement available resources; and resulting in benefits that will likely transcend the project duration and USDA support.

ACTION:
Applications are due May 7, 2018. Approximately $4.5 million is available to fund multiple awards.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Antonio McLaren, 202/720-0742. Email: Antonio.A.McLaren@nifa.usda.gov (mailto:Antonio.A.McLaren@nifa.usda.gov)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
NIJ FY18 Programs and Services for Victims of Crime: Phased Evaluation Research

FON:
NIJ-2018-14060

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

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications to fund multiple projects evaluating programs and models related to technology-based victim services, housing and shelters for victims of crime, and legal assistance for victims of crime.

ACTION:
Applications are due May 4, 2018. Approximately $3 million is available to support multiple awards.

LINKS:

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

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
OJJDP FY 18 Court-Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) Membership and Accreditation Program and Training and Technical Assistance

FON:
OJJDP-2018-13505

AGENCY:
Department of Justice (Justice), Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP)

ITEM:
Notice seeking applicants to the Court Appointed Special Advocates Membership, Accreditation, and Subgrants Program, which ensures that court-appointed special advocates are available to all victims of child abuse or neglect, and that children receive high-quality representation in dependency court hearings. Subgrantees are welcome and required.

ACTION:
Applications are due April 23, 2018. Approximately $9 million is available for one award. A minimum of 35% of the award must be subgranted.

Limited Submission:
Each entity may only submit one application as the primary applicant.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Pipeline Safety Research Competitive Academic Agreement Program (CAAP) - 2018

FON:
693JK31852A01

AGENCY:
Department of Transportation (DOT), Pipeline & Hazardous Material Safety Administration (PHMSA)

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications to obtain funding to research innovative solutions to pipeline corrosion and other known pipeline integrity challenges.

ACTION:
Applications are due April 20, 2018. Approximately $300,000 per award is available. There is a mandatory minimum 20 percent cost-sharing requirement for this agreement.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Ben Patterson, 202/366-5102. Email: ben.patterson@dot.gov

MEETING:
Army Education Advisory Subcommittee

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

ITEM:
Notice announcing a meeting of the Army Education Advisory Subcommittee. The purpose of the meeting is to provide the subcommittee with an overview of the U.S. Army War College Academic Campaign Plan, discuss Middle States and JPME II accreditation matters, and to address other administrative matters.

ACTION:
The meeting will be held from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm on April 6, 2018 at U.S. Army War College, 122 Forbes Avenue, Carlisle, PA, Command Conference Room, Root Hall, Carlisle Barracks, PA.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
David Dworak, 717/245-3365. Email: david.d.dworak.civ@mail.mil

MEETING:
Community Bank Advisory Council Meeting
AGENCY:  
(CFPB)

ITEM:  
Notice announcing a meeting of the Community Bank Advisory Council to discuss a call for evidence, regulatory updates, and the Home Mortgage Disclosure Act. Phone, webcast, and in-person attendance options are available.

ACTION:  
The meeting will be held March 22, 2018 from 1:15 pm to 2:15 pm ET at the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, 1700 G Street NW, Washington, DC.

LINKS:  

CONTACT:  
Crystal Dully, 202/435-9588. Email: CFPB_CABandCouncilsEvents@cfpb.gov (mailto:CFPB_CABandCouncilsEvents@cfpb.gov)

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MEETING:  
Pipeline Safety: Meeting of the Gas Pipeline Advisory Committee

AGENCY:  
Department of Transportation (DOT), Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA)

ITEM:  
Notice announcing a meeting of the Gas Pipeline Advisory Committee to discuss topics and provisions for the proposed rule change entitled "Safety of Gas Transmission and Gathering Pipelines."

ACTION:  
Required registration is due March 16, 2018. The meeting will be held March 26, 2018 from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm, March 27, 2018 from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm, and March 28, 2018 from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm ET. The location is yet to be determined.

LINKS:  

CONTACT:  
Cheryl Whetsel, 202/366-4431. Email: cheryl.whetsel@dot.gov (mailto:cheryl.whetsel@dot.gov)

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HEALTH

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:  
Administrative Supplements for Participation in the Concept to Clinic: Commercializing Innovation (C3i) Program (Admin Supp - Clinical Trial Not Allowed)

FON:  
PA-18-702
AGENCY:
National Institutes of Health (NIH), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications from NIH-funded investigators to participate in an entrepreneurship training course designed to provide medical device innovators with the specialized business frameworks and essential tools for successful translation of biomedical technologies from the lab to the market. Only certain NIH activity codes are eligible to apply.

ACTION:
Applications are due June 1 and August 1, 2018. Approximately $720,000 is available to support 24 awards with a ceiling of $30,000 per award.

Limited Submission:
Only one application per parent award is allowed.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Tood Merchak, 301/496-8592. Email: todd.merchak@nih.gov

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Advanced Laboratories for Accelerating the Reach and Impact of Treatments for Youth and Adults with Mental Illness (ALACRITY) Research Centers (P50 Clinical Trial Optional)

FON:
PAR-18-701

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

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications for centers to support transdisciplinary teams of clinical and mental health services researchers, behavioral scientists, social scientists, health information and communications technologists, health systems engineers, decision scientists, and mental health stakeholders (e.g., service users, family members, clinicians, payers) to engage in high-impact studies that will significantly advance clinical practice and generate knowledge that will fuel transformation of mental health care in the United States.

ACTION:
Optional letters of intent are due 30 days prior to the applications due date. Applications are due May 17, 2018, May 17, 2019, and May 18, 2020.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
LOI: Email: nimhpeerreview@mail.nih.gov
Joel Sherrill, 301/443-2477. Email: jsherril@mail.nih.gov
FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Alzheimer’s Disease Initiative - Specialized Supportive Services (ADI-SSS) Project Financed Solely by 2018 Prevention and Public Health Funds (PPHF 2018)

FON:
HHS-2018-ACL-AOA-ALGG-0284

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

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications to engage in activities, in support of individuals with Alzheimer’s disease and related dementias (ADRD), to develop and deliver supportive services to persons living alone with ADRD in communities, improve the quality and effectiveness of programs and services, and deliver behavioral symptom management training and expert consultation to family caregivers.

ACTION:
Applications are due May 7, 2018. Informational conference call is on March 21, 2018 at 3:00 pm ET. Approximately $9.84 million is available for 10 awards to support projects lasting up to three years. A 25 percent cost share is required.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Erin Long, email: Erin.Long@acl.hhs.gov (mailto:Erin.Long@acl.hhs.gov)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Basic and Translational Oral Health Research Related to HIV/AIDS (R01 and R21 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)

FON:
PA-18-699; PA-18-695

AGENCY:
National Institutes of Health (NIH), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) , National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research (NIDCR)

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications to encourage innovative basic and translational research into mechanisms of HIV transmission, persistence, pathogenesis and co-morbidities in the oral cavity.

ACTION:
R01 applications are due annually on February 5, June 5, and October 5 through January 8, 2021. R21 applications are due annually on February 16, June 16, and October 16 through January 8, 2021.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Gallya Gannot, 301/451-5096. Email: gallya.gannot@nih.gov

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Clinical Coordinating Center for NCCIH Multi-Site Investigator-Initiated Clinical Trials of Natural Products (Collaborative UG3/UH3 Clinical Trial Required)

FON:
PAR-18-696

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 (Phase III and beyond) to study the effects of natural products in NCCIH designated areas of high research priority. Applicants should describe plans for a Clinical Coordinating Center to develop and implement the proposed multi-site clinical trial.

ACTION:
Optional letters of intent are due 30 days prior to the application due date. New Applications are due June 7, 2018; February 7, 2019; and October 7, 2019. Resubmission and Renewal Applications are due June 21, 2018; February 21, 2019; and October 21, 2019.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
LOI: Martina Schmidt, 301/594-3456. Email: schmidma@mail.nih.gov
Scientific: Wendy Weber, 301/402-1272. Email: weberwj@mail.nih.gov

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
High Priority HIV/AIDS Research within the Mission of the NIDDK (R01 Clinical Trial Optional)

FON:
PAS-18-698

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 stimulate HIV/AIDS research within the mission of the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK) that addresses high priority HIV/AIDS research priorities outlined by the NIH Office of AIDS Research (OAR).

ACTION:
Applications are due February 5, June 5, and October 5 until January 8, 2021.
FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
HIV Services for Key Populations Affected by HIV/AIDS

FON: 72038618RFA00001

AGENCY: United States Agency for International Development (USAID)

ITEM: Notice seeking applications for a cooperative agreement from US and non-US organizations a program to rapidly demonstrate and assess efficient and effective models of HIV/AIDS services for key populations, their partners, spouses and children in an effort to increase accessibility, availability, and demand of high quality, comprehensive HIV prevention, care and treatment services in India.

ACTION: Applications are due May 7, 2018. Approximately $20 million is available over five years for one cooperative agreement. 10% cost-sharing is required.

Limited Submission: Applicants may submit only one application under this NFO.


CONTACT: Contacts vary.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Innovative Basic Research on Adducts in Cancer Risk Identification and Prevention (R21/R01 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)

FON: PAR-18-703; PAR-18-704

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

ITEM: Notice seeking applications focused on adducts to cellular macromolecules as indicators of exposures to cancer risk factors relevant to human populations. The priority is on projects that will focus on adductomic approaches, i.e., address some aspects of the totality of adducts. These projects should explore the basic aspects of adducts/adductomics that may have a potential utility in cancer detection, cancer prevention, and/or assessing cancer risks. Both R21 and R01 mechanisms are available.
ACTION:
Optional letters of intent are due 30 days before the application. Applications for both awards are due July 12, 2018. Multiple awards are anticipated. R21 awards are limited to $275,000 for two years.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Wendy Wang, 240/276-7117. Email: wangw@mail.nih.gov (mailto:wangw@mail.nih.gov)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Nutrition Training Program

FON:
HRSA-18-076

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

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications to establish and enhance nutrition centers of excellence to improve access to comprehensive, community-based, nutrition-centered, and culturally competent coordinated care by increasing the availability of practitioners trained in maternal and child health (MCH) nutrition that are able to meet the needs of MCH populations.

ACTION:
Applications are due May 7, 2018. Approximately $1.825 million is available for eight awards to support projects lasting up to five years.

Limited Submission:
One application per institution

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Hazel Booker, 301/443-6686. Email: nbooker@hrsa.gov (mailto:nbooker@hrsa.gov)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
National Dental Practice-Based Research Network: Administrative and Resource Center (U19 Clinical Trial Required)

FON:
RFA-DE-19-001

AGENCY:
National Institutes of Health (NIH), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research (NIDCR)
ITEM:
Notice seeking applications to maximize efficiencies to conduct national oral health research studies in dental practices on topics of importance to practitioners and their patients, to provide evidence useful in daily patient care, and to facilitate the translation of research findings into clinical practice.

ACTION:
Optional letters of intent are due June 17, 2018. Applications are due July 17, 2018. Approximately $3.2 million is available for one award to support a project lasting up to seven years.

Limited Submission:
One application per institution

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Dena Fischer, 301/594-4876. Email: DentalPBRN@nidcr.nih.gov (mailto:DentalPBRN@nidcr.nih.gov)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
National Dental Practice-Based Research Network: Coordinating Center (U01 Clinical Trial Required)

FON:
RFA-DE-19-002

AGENCY:
National Institutes of Health (NIH), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research (NIDCR)

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications to centralize and harmonize study operations, data management, and biostatistical support, to facilitate rapid development and implementation of oral health studies conducted in the national Dental Practice-Based Research Network.

ACTION:
Optional letters of intent are due June 17, 2018. Applications are due July 17, 2018. Approximately $2.2 million is available for one award to support a project lasting up to seven years.

Limited Submission:
One application per institution

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Center for Clinical Research, Email: DentalPBRN@nidcr.nih.gov (mailto:DentalPBRN@nidcr.nih.gov)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Natural Product, Multi-Site, Clinical Trial, Data Coordinating Center (Collaborative U24 - Clinical Trial Required)
FON: PAR-18-697

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 a collaborating Data Coordinating Center (DCC) application that accompanies an investigator-initiated multi-site clinical trial (Phase III and beyond) application submitted under PAR-18-696. The DCC application must be specific to the collaborating Clinical Coordinating Center (CCC) application.

ACTION: Optional letters of intent are due 30 days prior to the application due date. New Applications are due June 7, 2018; February 7, 2019; and October 7, 2019. Resubmission and Renewal Applications are due June 21, 2018, February 21, 2019, and October 21, 2019.


CONTACT: LOI: Martina Schmidt, 301/594-3456. Email: schmidma@mail.nih.gov
Scientific: Wendy Weber, 301/402-1272. Email: weberwj@mail.nih.gov

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
NEI Translational Research Program (TRP) on Therapy for Visual Disorders (R24 Clinical Trial Optional)

FON: PAR-18-707

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

ITEM: Notice seeking applications to translate laboratory research findings into therapies, devices or other resources for use by clinicians to treat visual system diseases or disorders. Multidisciplinary teams of scientists and clinicians will focus on generating preclinical data that will lead to the development of biological interventions, such as gene therapy, cell-based therapy, pharmacological approaches, and/or medical devices. The ultimate goal of this program is to make technological, biological and pharmacological resources available to clinicians and their patients.

ACTION: Applications are due April 10 2018, April 10, 2019, and April 10, 2020. Multiple awards are anticipated with a ceiling of $1.5 million per award.


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

FON: PA-18-700

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

ITEM: Notice seeking applications from doctoral candidates in the biomedical, behavioral, or clinical sciences with a focus in audiology to apply for a mentored training experience promoting dissertation research with the goal of attaining a research doctorate.

ACTION: Applications are due annually on April 8, August 8, and December 8 until January 8, 2021. Multiple awards are anticipated.


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FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Safe and Effective Devices for Use In Neonatal, Perinatal and Pediatric Care Settings (R43/R44 Clinical Trial Optional)

FON: RFA-HD-19-001

AGENCY: National Institutes of Health (NIH), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD)

ITEM: Notice seeking applications to foster collaboration between clinical and bioengineering research communities to develop and test safe, accurate, and effective devices for use in neonatal, perinatal, and pediatric care settings. These can be new devices or improvements on existing devices.

ACTION: Optional letters of intent are due 30 days prior to the application due date. Applications are due August 1, 2018. Approximately $1.5 million is available to support up to five awards. Colleges and universities are eligible to partner.

CONTACT:
Tonse N. K. Raju, 301/402-1872. Email: rajut@mail.nih.gov

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
SBIR Technology Transfer (R43/R44 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)
FON:
PA-18-705
AGENCY:
National Institutes of Health (NIH), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)
ITEM:
Notice seeking proposals from small business concerns (SBCs) for projects to transfer technology out of the NIH intramural research labs into the private sector. If selected for SBIR funding, the SBC will be granted a royalty-free, non-exclusive patent license agreement for internal research use for the term of and within the field of use of the SBIR award to technologies held by NIH with the intent that the SBC will develop the invention into a commercial product to benefit the public. Colleges and universities may partner.
ACTION:
Applications are due annually on April 5, September 5, and January 5 until April 6, 2021. Multiple awards are anticipated. Early application is encouraged.
LINKS:
CONTACT:
Stephanie Fertig, 301/496-1447. Email: fertigs@ninds.nih.gov

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Science-Based Quality Measurement and Management Development for Opioid Use Disorder Treatment (R61/R33 Clinical Trial Required)
FON:
RFA-DA-19-005
AGENCY:
National Institutes of Health (NIH), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA)
ITEM:
Notice seeking applications proposing phased research projects, with transition milestones, to develop and rigorously test the effects of strategies to improve opioid treatment quality measures, both on changes in the measures themselves and on patient outcomes.
ACTION:
Optional letters of intent are due 30 days prior to the application due date. Applications are due November 7, 2018. Approximately $2.5 million is available to support five to six awards.
FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Selective Cell and Network Vulnerability in Aging and Alzheimer's Disease (R01 - Clinical Trial Not Allowed)

FON:
PAR-18-706

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

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications to define and characterize neural cell populations, neural circuits, and brain networks and regions that are vulnerable to brain aging and Alzheimer's disease in an effort to fully define the disease process and to develop effective therapies.

ACTION:
Optional letters of intent are due 30 days before the application. Applications are due June 5 and October 5, 2018; and February 5, June 5, and October 5, 2019; with final renewal submissions due on November 5, 2019. Approximately $8 million is available in FY18 to fund 10-12 awards.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Bradley Wise, 301/496-9350. Email: wiseb@mail.nih.gov (mailto:wiseb@mail.nih.gov)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Stimulating T4 Implementation Research to Optimize Integration of Proven-effective Interventions for Heart, Lung, and Blood Diseases and Sleep Disorders into Practice (STIMULATE) (R01 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)

FON:
RFA-HL-19-014

AGENCY:
National Institutes of Health (NIH), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NHLBI)

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications that propose to develop and test T4 implementation strategies to identify facilitators and overcome barriers in the adaptation, integration, scale-up, and sustainability of proven-
effective interventions and guidelines for preventing and/or managing heart, lung, and blood diseases and/or sleep disorders (HLBS conditions).

**ACTION:**
Optional letters of intent are due 30 days prior to the application due date. Applications are due June 14, 2018; June 14, 2019; and June 15, 2020. Approximately $3.75 million is available to support up to five awards in FY 2019.

**LINKS:**

**CONTACT:**
LOI: Director, Office of Scientific Review, 301/435-0279. Email: nhlbichiefreviewbranch@nhlbi.nih.gov (mailto:nhlbichiefreviewbranch@nhlbi.nih.gov)
Scientific: Rebecca Roper, 301/496-1051. Email: rebecca.roper@mail.nih.gov (mailto:rebecca.roper@mail.nih.gov)

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**MEETING:**
Advisory Council for the Elimination of Tuberculosis Meeting (ACET)

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

**ITEM:**
Notice announcing a meeting of the Advisory Council for the Elimination of Tuberculosis (TB) to discuss: an update to revision of the Report on Verified Case of TB; an overview of Division of Global Migration and Quarantine TB Technical Instructions; an update on healthcare workers screening guidelines; and updates from committee workgroups. Phone, web conference, and in-person attendance options are available.

**ACTION:**
The meeting will be held April 17, 2018 from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm ET at 8 Corporate Blvd., Building 8, Conference Rooms 1A and 1B, Atlanta, GA.

**LINKS:**

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

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**MEETING:**
Clinical Laboratory Improvement Advisory Committee (CLIAC)

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

**ITEM:**
Notice announcing a meeting of the Clinical Laboratory Improvement Advisory Committee, including agency updates, presentations focused on the clinical laboratory workforce, implementation of next
generation sequencing in clinical laboratories; laboratory interoperability; and using clinical laboratory data to improve quality and laboratory medicine practices.

ACTION:
Attendance in person requires preregistration, which is due five business days in advance for US citizens and 10 business days in advance for international registrants. The meeting will be held April 10, 2018 from 8:30 am to 5:30 pm and April 11, 2018 from 8:30 am to 1:00 pm ET at 10903 New Hampshire Avenue, Building 31, Great Room, Silver Spring, MD. A webcast option is also available.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Nancy Anderson, 404/498-2741. Email: NAnderson@cdc.gov

MEETING:
National Library of Medicine; Notice of Meetings

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

ITEM:
Notice announcing a meeting of the Board of Regents of the National Library of Medicine with program discussion and to review and evaluate grant applications.

ACTION:
The meeting will be held May 8, 2018 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm ET and May 9, 2018 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm ET at National Library of Medicine, Building 38, 2nd Floor, The Lindberg Room, 8600 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, MD.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Christine Ireland, 301/594-4929. Email: irelanc@mail.nih.gov

MEETING:
Notice of Meeting of the EPA Children's Health Protection Advisory Committee

AGENCY:
Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

ITEM:
Notice announcing a meeting of the Children's Health Protection Advisory Committee, which advises the Environmental Protection Agency on science, regulations, and other issues relating to children's environmental health, with the agenda forthcoming.

ACTION:
The meeting will be held April 19, 2018 from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm and April 20, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 pm ET at the Holiday Inn Washington-Capitol 550 C Street SW, Washington, DC
SCIENCE / TECHNOLOGY / ENGINEERING / MATH

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Cybersecurity Innovation for Cyberinfrastructure

FON:
18-547

AGENCY:
National Science Foundation (NSF)

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications to develop, deploy and integrate security solutions that benefit the scientific community by ensuring the integrity, resilience and reliability of the end-to-end scientific workflow.

ACTION:
Applications are due June 4, 2018. Approximately $12 million is available for 6 to 12 awards across three purpose areas to support project lasting up to three years.

Limited Submission:
Two applications per institution

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Kevin Thompson, 703/292-4220. Email: kthompso@nsf.gov (mailto:kthompso@nsf.gov)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Flash and Laser Airborne Protection Systems (FLAPS)

FON:
FA8650-18-S-5006

AGENCY:
Department of Defense (Defense)

ITEM:
Notice seeking proposals to conduct exploratory and advanced research and development of materials technologies to control, manipulate, and protect against photonic energy. The objective is to increase aircrew survivability to flash-blindness and directed energy threats and to advance the current state-of-the-art in photonic materials technologies, interactions, and applications. Separate
task orders contain specific requirements relative to particular objectives. Technical areas include Optical Materials and Processing; Hardening Materials and Processing; Liquid Crystal Processing; and Warfighter Protection.

ACTION:
Optional intent to propose email is due March 16, 2018 at 3:00 pm CT. Proposals are due April 6, 2018 at 2:00 pm CT. An estimated $49.1 million is available to support two awards.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Melissa Prickett, 937/713-9907. Email: melissa.prickett@us.af.mil

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
FY 2018 – FY 2019 Pollution Prevention Grant Program

FON:
EPA-HQ-OPPT-2018-001

AGENCY:
Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

ITEM:
Notice seeking applications to provide pollution prevention (P2) technical assistance to business or develop or evaluate P2 best practices in order to reduce or eliminating pollutants from entering any waste stream or otherwise released into the environment prior to recycling, treatment, or disposal.

ACTION:
Applications are due April 26, 2018. Approximately $9.38 million is available for awards ranging from $40,000 to $500,000 over a two year period. Eligibility is limited to states and state colleges and universities. A 50 percent cost match through cash or in-kind contributions is required.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
See solicitation for list of regional contacts.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
Polyplexus Pilot

FON:
DARPA-RA-18-01

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

ITEM:
Notice seeking proposals from participants for a pilot program designed to utilize modern connectivity to rapidly develop promising basic research pathways and then efficiently develop basic research proposals that seek to investigate innovative approaches to enable revolutionary advances in science,
devices, or systems. The DARPA-developed Polyplexus platform is available to any researcher without applying, in order to build on a continuous expert conversation about the present and future states of science, to generate groundbreaking ideas that have been scrutinized by experts, develop a comprehensive proposal to capitalize on these ideas, and match proposals to research sponsors for possible funding. While Polyplexus is open to all researchers to use freely, the intent is to fund some of the research proposals resulting from this pilot program.

**ACTION:**
A Proposers Day will be held via webcast on March 23, 2018 at 11:00 am ET. Optional abstracts are due June 1, 2018. Proposals are due July 20, 2018. Up to four awards with a ceiling of $100,000 per award may be given for worthy ideas that come from this process.

**LINKS:**

**CONTACT:**
RA Email: PolyplexusPilot@darpa.mil (mailto:PolyplexusPilot@darpa.mil)

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**FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:**
Tribal Colleges and Universities Program

**FON:**
18-546

**AGENCY:**
National Science Foundation (NSF)

**ITEM:**
Notice seeking applications to promote high quality science (including sociology, psychology, anthropology, economics, statistics, and other social and behavioral sciences as well as natural sciences), technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) education, research, and outreach.

**ACTION:**
Applications are due June 11 (PAGE), September 4 (ICE-TI), September 20 (TSIP), and December 10 (SGR), 2018. Approximately $11.7 million is available for multiple awards.

**Limited Submission:**
See limit in solicitation

**LINKS:**

**CONTACT:**
See list in the solicitation

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**FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:**
Wideband Communication Links in Contested Environments

**FON:**
FA8750-18-S-7008
AGENCY:
Department of Defense (Defense)

ITEM:
Notice seeking white papers proposing innovative, secure, affordable links for both line-of-sight and beyond-line-of-sight communications capabilities across air, space, and terrestrial platforms. The goal is to provide warfighters an interoperable, modular, and sustainable network connectivity fabric that satisfies Joint Service, Interagency, and Coalition tactical information exchange requirements from the relay of intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance sensor data, to shared situational awareness and reliable command & control dissemination. Focus areas include: Wideband Higher Radio Frequency (RF) Links within 10GHz through 300GHz; Adaptive RF Links & Hybrid RF-Optical Modem Designs; Multiple-input multiple-output (MIMO) Line-of-Sight Communications; and Multi-band Link Demonstration and Analysis.

ACTION:
The submission period is open until September 30, 2022, with the following suggested submission dates to best align with projected funding: April 6, 2018; August 6, 2018; August 5, 2019; August 3, 2020; and August 2, 2021. An estimated $49.9 million is available to support multiple awards.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Frances Rose, 315/330-2038. Email: frances.rose@us.af.mil (mailto:frances.rose@us.af.mil)

MEETING:
Ad Hoc Task Force on STEM Education

AGENCY:
National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)

ITEM:
Notice announcing a meeting of the Ad Hoc Task Force on Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Education of the NASA Advisory Council (NAC). The purpose of the meeting to update on Transition, Business Service Assessment, and STEM Education Advisory Panel.

ACTION:
The meeting will be held Tuesday, March 20, 2018, 12:00 pm to 3:30 pm ET. This meeting will be open to the public telephonically and by WebEx. You must use a touch-tone phone to participate in this meeting. Any interested person may dial the toll free access number 844-467-6272 or toll access number 720-259-6462, and then the numeric participant passcode: 329152 followed by the # sign.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Beverly Girten, 202/358-0212. Email: beverly.e.girten@nasa.gov (mailto:beverly.e.girten@nasa.gov)

MEETING:
Human Exploration and Operations Committee
AGENCY:
National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)

ITEM:
Notice announcing a meeting of the Human Exploration and Operations Committee of the NASA Advisory Council (NAC). The purpose of the meeting is to receive updates on the status of the NASA Human Exploration and Operations Mission Directorate and related topics.

ACTION:
The meeting will be held Monday, March 26, 2018, 11:00 am to 5:30 pm; Tuesday, March 27, 2018, 8:00 am to 2:30 pm, ET at NASA Headquarters, Glennan Conference Center (1Q39), 300 E Street SW, Washington, DC.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Bette Siegel, 202/358-2245. Email: bette.siegel@nasa.gov

MEETING:
Schedules for Atlantic Shark Identification Workshops and Protected Species Safe Handling, Release, and Identification Workshops

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

ITEM:
Notice announcing a series of workshops being held through the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration on the topics of Atlantic Shark Identification and Protected Species Safe Handling, Release, and Identification.

ACTION:
Multiple workshop times and locations in multiple states along both the Atlantic and Pacific coasts are available. Registration is required.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Rick Pearson, 727/824-5399.

MEETING:
Technology, Innovation and Engineering Committee

AGENCY:
National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)
ITEM:
Notice announcing a meeting of the Technology, Innovation, and Engineering Committee of the NASA Advisory Council (NAC). The purpose of the meeting is to receive updates on NASA Space Technology Mission Directorate and FY 2019 President’s Budget Proposal.

ACTION:
The meeting will be held Monday, March 26, 2018, 9:00 am-5:00 pm, ET at the NASA Goddard Space Flight Center (GSFC), Building 34, Conference Room 120A, 8800 Greenbelt Road, Greenbelt, MD.

LINKS:

CONTACT:
Mike Green, 202/358-4710. Email: g.m.green@nasa.gov

NOTICE:
FY 2018 DOE Office of Environmental Management (DOE-EM) Minority Serving Institutions Partnership Program (MSIPP)

FON:
2018-SRNS-MSIPP

AGENCY:
Department of Energy (Energy), Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, LLC

ITEM:
Notice seeking expressions of interest from Minority Serving Institutions that provide research, design, development, engineering, test and evaluation and educational services to assist in the accomplishment of the current and future missions of the Department of Energy Office of Environmental Management (DOE-EM).

ACTION:
Letters of interest are due March 19, 2018. All letters must be submitted by email to susan.goodwin@srs.gov. MSI are eligible to apply.

LINKS:
FBO (https://www.fbo.gov/index?s=opportunity&mode=form&id=c80cd9ad47f57c4dc20a9fd0841de50&tab=core&_cview=0)

CONTACT:
Susan Goodwin, 803/725-6072. Email: susan.goodwin@srs.gov

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