

# THE STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA

## WASHINGTON E-UPDATE

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***Budget and Appropriations Update*** – Congressional lawmakers agreed late Sunday night to a final omnibus appropriations bill to fund government agencies for the remainder of fiscal year 2017 – less than 5 months. The legislation, [H.R. 244](#), will be voted on first in the House later this week and then in the Senate before being sent to the President who has said he will sign it.

In order to avert a government shutdown, Congress late last week was forced to pass a one-week extension to the continuing resolution that was due to expire on April 28, allowing lawmakers more time to iron out last-minute funding and policy disputes.

Earlier in the week, President Trump backed away from a demand that Congress provide \$1.4 billion for construction of a border wall, opting instead for funding of other border security measures. Trump said he was willing to postpone construction funding until Congress began work on fiscal year 2018 appropriations later this year.

With that issue resolved, lawmakers turned to other sticking points, including whether to add another \$15 billion in war funding for the Defense Department.

Another sticking point in the negotiations had been whether the government would continue to provide funding for cost-sharing subsidies under the Affordable Care Act. Seven million Americans depend on cost-sharing reduction subsidies to lower their insurance premiums. The Trump administration eventually said it would continue those subsidies, for now, taking that issue off the table.

### ***Research increases included in omnibus***

The bill includes an increase for Pell grants to provide a maximum grant of \$5,935, as well as a \$2 billion increase for biomedical research grants by the National Institutes of Health. Other research programs are also increased such as those in agriculture, science research at the Energy Department, NASA, Defense Department and the National Science Foundation. See below for summaries of each funding title in the omnibus spending bill.

***Omnibus Summaries*** – For detailed summaries of the 11 appropriations bills within the omnibus, including funding levels and policy items, please visit the following:

[Agriculture](#)

[Commerce/Justice/Science](#)

[Defense](#)

[Energy and Water](#)

[Financial Services](#)  
[Homeland Security](#)  
[Interior and Environment](#)  
[Labor/Health and Human Services/Education](#)  
[Legislative Branch](#)  
[State/Foreign Operations](#)  
[Transportation/Housing and Urban Development](#)

To read the individual legislative reports accompanying each title of the bill click on the links below:

- Introduction [PDF](#)
- Division A Agriculture [PDF](#)
- Division B Commerce, Justice, Science [PDF](#)
- Division C Defense [PDF](#)
- Division D Energy and Water [PDF](#)
- Division E Financial Services [PDF](#)
- Division F Homeland Security [PDF](#)
- Division G Interior [PDF](#)
- Division H Labor, HHS, Education [PDF](#)
- Division I Legislative [PDF](#)
- Division J State, Foreign Ops [PDF](#)
- Division K Transportation, HUD [PDF](#)
- Division L Military Construction, VA [PDF](#)

## **Campus Accountability and Safety Act reintroduced in both chambers**

Having been offered in two previous sessions of Congress, the bipartisan [Campus Accountability and Safety Act](#) (S.856/H.R. 1949) was again reintroduced in both the Senate and the House on April 5. Senator Claire McCaskill (D-MO), Florida Senator Marco Rubio and others led the Senate effort while Representatives Carolyn Maloney (D-NY) and Patrick Meehan (R-PA) are the lead sponsors in the House.

The bill would change the way sexual assault cases are addressed and reported by colleges and universities. The legislation would require additional resources for sexual assault victims and a uniform disciplinary process for all accused offenders. To help determine the magnitude of the crime on campuses, a mandatory survey would be distributed to students in colleges and universities. Under the legislation colleges and universities could face increased penalties for failing to fully comply with new standards.

According to the sponsors, the Campus Accountability and Safety Act:

- Establishes new campus resources and support services for student survivors: Colleges and universities will be required to designate Sexual Assault Response Coordinators to assist survivors of sexual harassment, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking. Sexual Assault Response Coordinators will coordinate support services and accommodations for survivors, provide

information about options for reporting, and provide guidance or assistance—at the direction of the survivor—in reporting the crime to campus authorities and/or law enforcement. Schools will no longer be allowed to sanction students who report sexual violence but reveal a non-violent student conduct violation in good faith, like underage drinking.

- Requires fairness in the campus disciplinary process: All schools will now be required to use one uniform process for campus student disciplinary proceedings and may no longer allow athletic departments or other subgroups to handle complaints. Schools must now provide written notification to the accused as well as the victim of any decision to move forward with a campus disciplinary proceeding within 24 hours of that decision. The notice must include details of the complaint, a summary of the disciplinary proceeding, and the rights and due process protections available to both parties.
- Ensures minimum training standards for on-campus personnel: This legislation ensures that everyone from the Sexual Assault Response Coordinators to those responsible for investigating and participating in disciplinary proceedings will receive specialized training so that they have a firm understanding of the nature of these crimes and their effect on survivors.
- Increases transparency: For the first time, students at every college and university in America will be surveyed about their experience with sexual violence to get an accurate picture of this problem. This new biennial survey will be standardized and confidential, with the results published online so that parents and high school students can make an informed choice when comparing universities. The Department of Education will also be required to publish the names of all schools with pending investigations, final resolutions, and voluntary resolution agreements related to Title IX with respect to sexual violence and the requirements of the Clery Act.
- Improves campus accountability and coordination with law enforcement: This legislation will require colleges and universities to enter into memoranda of understanding with each local law enforcement agency that has jurisdiction to report to a campus as a first responder to clearly delineate responsibilities and share information so that when a crime occurs, both campus authorities and local authorities can focus on solving the crime rather than debating jurisdiction.
- Creates stiffer penalties for Clery Act violations: Schools that do not comply with certain requirements under the bill may face a penalty of up to 1 percent of the institution's operating budget. The bill also increases penalties for Clery Act violations up to \$150,000 per violation from the current penalty of \$35,000. Financial penalties collected from universities in violation will be distributed back to campuses through a new competitive grant program, administered by the Education Department, for which colleges and universities can apply for the purpose of researching best practices for preventing and responding to sexual

harassment, sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence and stalking on college campuses and sharing such research with peer institutions and the Department of Education.

## **Congress clears weather forecasting bill**

The House gave final Congressional approval April 4 to the Weather Research and Forecasting Innovation Act ([H.R.353](#)). The legislation aims to help improve the accuracy and productivity of weather forecasts and research. The President signed the legislation April 18 enacting Public Law 115-25.

The bill included provisions from the [Hurricane Forecast Improvement Act](#) sponsored last Congress by Florida Senators Marco Rubio and Bill Nelson.

The measure authorizes a number of programs to enhance weather forecasting and alerts at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration:

- NOAA's Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research must conduct a program to improve forecasting of weather events and their effects, with a special focus on high impact weather events.
- The National Weather Service must collect and utilize information to make reliable and timely foundational forecasts of sub seasonal and seasonal temperature and precipitation.
- The bill provides for technology transfers between the National Weather Service and private sector weather companies and universities to improve forecasting.
- NOAA must complete and operationalize the Constellation Observing System for Meteorology, Ionosphere, and Climate (a weather satellite program which develops observational techniques using global navigation systems).
- NOAA must continue its Environmental Information Services Working Group, which advises NOAA on weather research and opportunities to improve communications between weather stakeholders.
- Additionally, the bill strongly encourages agreements with the private sector to obtain data for weather forecasting. NOAA will be expected to enter into at least one pilot contract with a private sector entity for space-based weather data. The federal government will be allowed to purchase weather data through commercial providers, given the Department of Commerce's creation of a multiyear agreement strategy.

## **DeVos weighs in on upcoming loan servicing procurement for contractors**

With an approaching procurement for student loan servicers, Education Secretary Betsy DeVos withdrew several policy memos from former Secretary John King and former

Under Secretary Ted Mitchell regarding the student loan servicing procurement process. Her action came in an April 11 letter to Federal Student Aid Chief Operating Officer James Runcie.

That earlier guidance by King and Mitchell directed the Office of Federal Student Aid to take into account the past behavior of loan servicers in the upcoming award of contracts and to include consumer protections and transparency requirements in new contracts.

DeVos wrote that the procurement process had been "subjected to a myriad of moving deadlines, changing requirements and a lack of consistent objectives." She wrote that "The student loan servicing procurement affords us a significant opportunity to improve outcomes and experiences for federal student loan borrowers, as well as demonstrate sound fiscal stewardship of public dollars." She added: "We must create a student loan servicing environment that provides the highest quality customer service and increases accountability and transparency for all borrowers, while also limiting the cost to taxpayers." The full letter can be found [here](#).

To read the earlier memos issued during the previous Administration, visit:

<https://www2.ed.gov/documents/press-releases/loan-servicing-policy-memo.pdf>

<https://sites.ed.gov/ous/files/2016/06/John-King-servicer-past-performance-memo.pdf>

## **Congressional letters sent to Education Secretary on Public Service Loan Forgiveness policy confusion**

Concerned about the status of the Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program administered by the Education Department, members of the Senate and the House sent separate letters to the Education Secretary.

Florida Senator Bill Nelson joined in leading a letter by 36 Democratic Senators April 6 expressing concern over the Department's recent legal filing casting doubt on certain employer certifications for the program. The filing indicated that some certifications may not be considered binding for the program.

"Our nation's student loan borrowers who uphold their commitments expect the federal government to do the same. Members of our military, first responders, teachers, social workers, public defenders, and many other honorable public servants across the country are dedicating 10 or more years of their lives to help their communities in return for the basic promise of relief on their student loan debt," wrote the senators.

"It is unacceptable for the Department to have told students they may rely on PSLF to help pay their student loans, only to have that assurance suddenly revoked," the letter continued.

“Borrowers who have been told in error that their employers qualify for PSLF should at a minimum be grandfathered-in for the period they were previously approved, even if the Department intends to change its determination about qualifying employment going forward.”

That letter was followed April 24 by another sent by 77 Members of Congress. The Members urged Secretary Betsy DeVos to review her Department’s “implementation of the program for consistency, transparency, and fairness in order to restore trust in the program for those who have chosen to pursue public service.” It continues, “It is unacceptable for the Department to revoke or retroactively deny employer certifications...the Department must honor its commitment to borrowers...To do otherwise completely undermines the financial calculus that individuals made when choosing to participate in the program and leaves them stranded with an unexpected and undue debt burden.”

The letter refers to Congress’ inclusion of the program in the College Cost Reduction and Access Act of 2007 as a way to promote public service and provide public service employers with additional recruitment tools.

The Members recommend creation of a transparent, formal appeals process that should be disclosed at the time of certification. September will be the first opportunity for eligible borrowers to claim forgiveness after meeting obligations for ten years. Over 550,000 borrowers have an approved Employment Certification Form.

## **Education Department changes FAFSA verification in light of DRT shut down**

The Education Department announced two changes being instituted April 24 for higher education institutions attempting to verify FAFSA tax information now that the IRS Data Retrieval Tool (DRT) will not be accessible for the year and until new security protections can be added to the system. The Department and the IRS had previously announced that the online DRT system would likely be shut down for the rest of the year because of fears that it could be used in identify theft.

The new options available to institutions are designed to support those applicants who may not have had all of their required tax-related documentation available. They include:

- **IRS Tax Return Filers** – In lieu of using the IRS DRT, or obtaining an IRS transcript, institutions may consider a signed paper copy of the 2015 IRS tax return that was used by the tax filer for submission to the IRS as acceptable documentation to verify information provided on the FAFSA

- **Verification of Non filing** – Institutions are no longer required to collect documentation obtained from the IRS or other tax authorities verifying that the applicant, the applicant’s spouse or the applicant’s parents did not file a 2015 tax return (often referred to as Verification of Non filing).

The new flexibilities begin immediately and apply to both the 2016-17 and 2017-18 FAFSA processing and verification cycles. The full letter sent to institutions is available here: <https://ifap.ed.gov/dpcletters/GEN1704.html>.

## **Sen. Nelson leads letter to President on staffing up OSTP**

Eight Democratic members of the Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee led by Sen. Bill Nelson sent President Trump a letter April 21 urging him to appoint top leaders and staff at the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy.

The letter states, “Without adequate OSTP staffing, the country will lack key insights from those with deep experience in these fields. We understand that few staff are currently assigned to OSTP, with only one staff member in the Office of the White House Chief Technology Officer as of last month – a position recently authorized by Congress. Moreover, you have yet to name a science advisor, OSTP director, or Chief Technology Officer.”

Most OSTP staff are designated for assignment from other federal agencies, the letter notes, so a buildup of staff would not require a large new influx of government employees. The letter urges the President to nominate “well-qualified experts” to these positions.

## **Sens. Rubio and Bennet offer accreditation bill**

Senators Marco Rubio (R-FL) and Michael Bennet (D-CO) have reintroduced their bill from the previous Congress to create an alternative system of accreditation for colleges, universities, and other higher education providers, including previously unaccredited institutions, so their students can access federal financial aid.

The *Higher Education Innovation Act* ([S.615](#)) creates a five-year pilot program for an alternative, outcomes-based process to access federal student financial aid. Through this process, students would have the ability to use federal student aid funds to attend institutions that offer high-quality, innovative, and effective programs and have a proven track record of successful student outcomes, according to the sponsors.

The bill would also create an additional approach to financing higher education. The Bennet-Rubio proposal would allow new programs, including college and non-college providers, to enter into contracts with the Department of Education so long as they are

generating positive student outcomes. “Innovation authorizers” would be designated by the Education Department under the bill to authorize eligible entities to provide instruction.

## **House committee examines accreditation issues in hearing**

In preparation for eventually reauthorizing the Higher Education Act, the House Committee on Education and the Workforce held a hearing April 17 examining accreditation.

Committee Chairwoman Virginia Foxx (R-NC ) opened the session titled “Strengthening Accreditation to Better Protect Students and Taxpayers” by expressing her purpose to “gain a better understanding of the challenges facing the accreditation system, as well as how we can tackle those challenges.”

Witnesses included: Mary Ellen Petrisko, president of the WASC Senior College and University Commission, George A. Pruitt, president of Thomas Edison State University, Ben Miller, senior director for Postsecondary Education at the Center for American Progress, and Michale S. McComis, executive director for Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges.

Dr. Pruitt testified about improvements schools would like to see from accreditors and the Education Department. In discussing State authorization regulations he urged the Committee to incorporate the developing State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement process into the HEA. He supported accreditation focused on objectively demonstrable student outcomes, conclusions about institutional effectiveness based on objective evidence, appropriate metrics and if possible, third party validation. Finally, he said accreditors should continue to oppose the substitution of compliance for quality assurance and complained about over regulation by the Education Department. “Over the last several years, the Department of Education continually promulgated a series of increasingly intrusive, overreaching regulatory and reporting requirements and made the regional accreditors enforcers of these rules as a condition of federal recognition,” he said.

Dr. Petrisko, spoke about various opportunities to improve accreditation. She emphasized that it is imperative that the HEA reauthorization support innovation to serve current and future students and allow accreditors to review and approve institutions in a “safe zone” like those currently allowed in experimental sites. She also stressed the need for greater transparency for schools and agencies, and the ability to allow students to access relevant and up-to-date information in regard to their schooling. Finally, she suggested excessive regulations, like those defining credit hour, may be at a level where they are inhibiting growth by adding to costs without adding value.



Mr. Miller recommended six reforms to the current system. He said solutions should include making the systems more outcome focused, requiring more transparency, becoming tougher on lower performing institutions, and employing alternative approaches for quality assurance.

Dr. McComis suggested that there should be a more collaborative force between the federal government and various educational institutions. He also outlined four pillars that accreditation should be based on; Standards, Self-Evaluation, Ongoing improvement, and Stability. He reiterated the argument that the Education Department is placing an undue regulatory burden by defining the credit hour in the accreditation system. He said accreditation “should enforce an accountability-based model that combines rigorous input standards with performance outcomes such as student learning, student assessment, and student achievement.” He added, “The higher education community — including accrediting agencies — must be allowed to adapt and innovate in order to accommodate the diversity of students, student preferences, and learning styles.”

To view the hearing webcast or read the witness statements, [click here](#).

## **Industry-university coalition issues progress report, recommendations on national innovation call to action**

The organizers of a coalition of more than 500 businesses, scientific organizations, and universities in all 50 states, including five SUS institutions, issued a progress report April 24 that calls on Congress and the Administration to do more to maintain and expand America’s innovation advantage.

[“Innovation: An American Imperative”](#) was originally released by the coalition in June 2015. It called on the nation to address seven key policy areas to:

- Renew the federal commitment to scientific discovery
- Make permanent a strengthened federal R&D tax credit
- Improve student achievement in science, technology, engineering, mathematics (STEM)
- Reform U.S. visa policy
- Take steps to streamline or eliminate costly and inefficient regulations
- Reaffirm merit-based peer review
- Stimulate further improvements in advanced manufacturing

The [April 2017 Progress Report](#) details the status of the seven science, research, and innovation policy priorities.

It notes that the R&D tax credit was made permanent and that Congress reaffirmed the principle of merit-based review as part of the American Innovation and Competitiveness Act. The report highlights visa policy as a continuing area of concern, especially for H-1B visas. It also notes some progress in streamlining regulations via the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Cures Act and Congressional establishment of a network of manufacturing institutes. More funding is recommended for STEM programs throughout the federal government.

## **NIH seeking early career stage investigators to attend summer institute on health disparities research**

The National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities at NIH will host a four-day Health Disparities Research Institute (HDRI) from August 14 – 18 and is seeking early career academic investigators to participate.

The HDRI is designed to support the research career development of promising minority health/health disparities research scientists early in their careers and stimulate research in the disciplines supported by health disparities science. The due date for submitting an application is May 12.

The program will feature lectures, mock grant review, seminars, small group discussions on research relevant to minority health and health disparities. It will also include sessions with NIH scientific staff engaged in related health disparities research across the various institutes and centers. Attendance is competitive but there is no cost to attend. About 50 attendees will be selected to participate.

Lectures and seminars will include:

- Population science and health disparities
- Research design and measurement approaches
- Intervention Science methods
- Healthcare disparities and outcomes research
- Community-based participatory research
- Grant writing and mock grant review

Visit the NIMHD [website](#) for more information.

## **Highlights of competitive grant opportunities at federal agencies**

**Agency:** HRSA  
Health Resources and Services Administration

**Program:** Behavioral Health Workforce Education and Training (BHWET) Program  
Department of Health and Human Services Health Resources and  
Services Administration

**Description:** This notice solicits applications for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2017 Behavioral Health Workforce Education and Training (BHWET) Program. The BHWET Program aims to develop and expand the behavioral health workforce serving populations across the lifespan, including rural and medically underserved areas. The BHWET Program places special emphasis on establishing or expanding meaningful, longitudinal internships or field placement programs in behavioral health that include interprofessional training for students/interns, faculty, and field supervisors to provide quality behavioral health services. Grant recipients will help close the gap in access to behavioral health care services by establishing partnerships with a broad range of organizations and community partners to ensure a wide recruitment of students, opportunities for field placements, career development, and provide job placement services. Students will be trained in effective behavioral health treatment modalities at interprofessional and team-based care field placement sites or through internships that are working toward or have instituted the integration of behavioral health and primary care. These efforts will aid to increase the number of adequately prepared behavioral health providers serving populations across the lifespan, including persons in rural, vulnerable, and/or medically-underserved communities.

**Due Date:** 6/12/2017

**Funding:** \$44,000,000

**Awards:** 150

**Website:** <https://www.grants.gov/view-opportunity.html?oppld=293172>

**Agency:** HHS-ACF-OPRE  
Administration for Children and Families - OPRE

**Program:** Early Care and Education Research Scholars: Head Start Graduate Student Research Grants

**Description:** The Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation (OPRE) of the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) is soliciting applications for the Head Start Graduate Student Research Grants to support dissertation research by advanced graduate students who are working in partnership with Head Start programs and with faculty mentors. Competitive applicants will 1) demonstrate a collaborative partnership with their program partners, and 2) pursue research questions that directly inform local, state, or federal policy relevant to multiple early care and education practices.

**Due Date:** 6/12/2017

**Funding:** \$150,000

**Awards:** 6

**Website:** <https://www.grants.gov/view-opportunity.html?oppld=287810>

**Agency:** HHS-ACF-OPRE  
Administration for Children and Families - OPRE

**Program:** Early Care and Education Research Scholars: Child Care Research Scholars

**Description:** The Administration for Children and Families (ACF), Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation (OPRE) is soliciting applications for Child Care Research Scholars grants to support dissertation research on child care policy issues. These grants are meant to build capacity in the research field to focus research on questions that have direct implications for child care policy decision-making and program administration, and to foster mentoring relationships between faculty members and high-quality doctoral students.

**Due Date:** 6/12/2017

**Funding:** \$150,000

**Awards:** 6

**Website:** <https://www.grants.gov/view-opportunity.html?oppld=287555>

**Agency:** HHS-ACL  
Administration for Community Living

**Program:** Help America Vote Act (HAVA)

**Description:** The Administration on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (AIDD) in the Administration for Community Living (ACL), the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), announces the availability of Fiscal Year (FY) 2017 funds authorized under the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) of 2002, Pub. Law 107-252, Title II, Subtitle D, Part 5, section 291 (42 United States Code (U.S.C.) 15461). Provisions under this section provide for the award of grants for Training and Technical Assistance (T/TA) to assist Protection and Advocacy Systems (P & As) in promoting full participation in the electoral process for individuals with disabilities, including registering to vote, casting a vote, and accessing polling places; developing proficiency in the use of voting systems and technologies as they affect individuals with disabilities; demonstrating and evaluating the use of such systems and technologies by individuals with disabilities

(including blindness) in order to assess the availability and use of such systems and technologies for such individuals; and providing T/TA for non-visual access.

**Due Date:** See Announcement

**Funding:** \$347,410

**Awards:** 2

**Website:** <https://www.grants.gov/view-opportunity.html?oppld=293206>

**Agency:** HHS-AHRQ  
Agency for Health Care Research and Quality

**Program:** Scaling Established Clinical Decision Support to Facilitate the Dissemination and Implementation of Evidence-Based Research Findings (R18)

**Description:** This Announcement invites R18 grant applications for research projects to scale and spread existing clinical decision support (CDS) to facilitate the dissemination and implementation of evidence-based research findings into clinical practice. The purpose of this FOA is to extend the implementation ("scale") and evaluation of well-established and effective CDS beyond the initial clinical setting or institution in which the CDS was originally developed and implemented, thereby extending the impact on clinical practice.

**Due Date:** 1/25/2019

**Funding:** See Announcement

**Website:** <https://www.grants.gov/view-opportunity.html?oppld=293336>

**Agency:** HHS-AHRQ  
Agency for Health Care Research and Quality

**Program:** Developing New Clinical Decision Support to Disseminate and Implement Evidence-Based Research Findings (R18)

**Description:** This Announcement invites R18 grant applications for developing new clinical decision support (CDS) to facilitate the dissemination and implementation of evidence-based research findings. The purposes of this FOA are to develop new, reliable, valid, and usable CDS from evidence-based research findings and then demonstrate its effectiveness to improve care in clinical practice.

**Due Date:** 1/25/2019

**Funding:** See Announcement

**Website:** <https://www.grants.gov/view-opportunity.html?oppld=293285>

**Agency:** HHS-AHRQ  
Agency for Health Care Research and Quality

**Program:** Health Information Technology to Improve Health Care Quality and Outcomes (R21)

**Description:** This FOA issued by AHRQ invites grant applications for funding to conduct exploratory and developmental research grants (R21) for projects in the early and conceptual stages of development that will contribute to the evidence base of how health information technology (IT) improves health care quality and outcomes.

**Due Date:** 7/16/2019

**Funding:** See Announcement

**Website:** <https://www.grants.gov/view-opportunity.html?oppld=292975>

**Agency:** HHS-AHRQ  
Agency for Health Care Research and Quality

**Program:** AHRQ Mentored Clinical Scientist Research Career Development Award (K08)

**Description:** This FOA solicits individual Mentored Clinical Scientist Research Career Development (K08) grant applications from applicant organizations. The overall goal of AHRQ-supported career development programs is to help ensure that a diverse pool of highly trained health services researchers are available in adequate numbers and in appropriate research areas to address the mission and priorities of AHRQ.

**Due Date:** 7/12/2022

**Funding:** See Announcement

**Website:** <https://www.grants.gov/view-opportunity.html?oppld=292824>

**Agency:** DOD-USAFA  
Air Force Academy

**Program:** Project on Advanced Systems and Concepts for Countering Weapons of Mass Destruction (PASCC) CALL 0002

**Description:** The USAFA is seeking unclassified research white papers and proposals (if requested) that do not contain proprietary information. The United States Air Force's Institute for National Security Studies (INSS), in partnership with PASCC, performs a range of research to investigate topics of interest to the security studies community. Investigations and research will focus on expanding knowledge related to countering

weapons of mass destruction (WMD) and weapons of mass effect (WME). The program solicits innovative proposals for research on WMD/WME counterproliferation, nonproliferation, and strategy. The phrase "security studies research" refers to investigations in all disciplines, fields, and domains that (1) are involved in expanding knowledge for national defense, and (2) could potentially improve policy and international relations for combating WMD/WME. Disciplines include, but are not limited to: political science, sociology, history, biology, chemistry, economics, homeland defense, and public policy. This CALL is directed toward the research areas listed within the CALL document. Projects must be new research efforts.

**Due Date:** 6/15/2017

**Funding:** See Announcement

**Awards:** 30

**Website:** <https://www.grants.gov/view-opportunity.html?oppld=293414>

**Agency:** DOD-AFOSR  
Air Force Office of Scientific Research

**Program:** Fiscal Year 2018 Air Force Young Investigator Research Program (YIP)

**Description:** The Fiscal Year 2018 Air Force Young Investigator Research Program (YIP) intends support for scientists and engineers demonstrating exceptional ability and promise for conducting basic research who have: 1. Received a Ph.D. or equivalent degree on 1 April 2012 or later; or, (2) Received a Ph.D. or equivalent degree between 1 April 2010 and 1 April 2012, be presently in a tenure-track position and have served as a tenure-track faculty member for no more than two years prior to 01 April 2017. Examples of other interim appointments after receiving Ph.D. include: post-doctoral or research associate positions, serve as active duty service member for the U.S. Armed Forces, or maternity/paternity leave.

**Due Date:** 6/1/2017

**Funding:** \$17,000,000

**Awards:** 36

**Website:** <https://www.grants.gov/view-opportunity.html?oppld=292986>

**Agency:** Dept. of State-NEA-AC  
Assistance Coordination

**Program:** Entrepreneurship in the MENA region

**Description:** The Department of State Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs, Assistance Coordination (NEA/AC) invites applicants to submit proposals that will foster and support entrepreneurs in the Middle East and North Africa, advancing regional stability and prosperity. The aim of this opportunity is to assist new entrepreneurs seeking to expand and grow their businesses and activities. Proposals must demonstrate knowledge of the target countrys economy and entrepreneurial ecosystem, and propose project activities with the goal of moving seed stage entrepreneurs to the intermediate and expansion stage.

**Due Date:** 6/6/2017

**Funding:** \$1,500,000

**Awards:** 2

**Website:** <https://www.grants.gov/view-opportunity.html?oppld=293350>

**Agency:** DOS-NEA-AC  
Assistance Coordination

**Program:** Advancing Civic Engagement through the Assessment of Public Opinion

**Description:** The Bureau of Near East Affairs, Office of Assistance Coordination (NEA/AC) announces a Notice of Funding Opportunity for projects that focus on reinvigorating public participation in the MENA regions decision-making processes and supporting a more vibrant and robust dialogue between governments, business associations, private sector stakeholders, civil society organizations, and citizens. Advancing Civic Engagement through the Assessment of Public Opinion is an initiative intended to increase responsiveness to citizen, civil society, and business needs and enhance the publics ability to actively engage their government institutions, developing more informed and relevant policy making.

**Due Date:** 6/1/2017

**Funding:** \$2,000,000

**Awards:** 1

**Website:** <https://www.grants.gov/view-opportunity.html?oppld=293118>

**Agency:** DOS-GTIP  
Office to Monitor-Combat Trafficking in Persons

**Program:** International Programs to Combat Child Trafficking in the Philippines



**Description:** FY 2016 Request for proposals to combat child trafficking in the Philippines Please see the grant announcement for greater details concerning eligibility and application requirements.

**Due Date:** 5/11/2017

**Funding:** See Announcement

**Awards:** 1

**Website:** <https://www.grants.gov/view-opportunity.html?oppld=293125>

**Agency:** DOS-SCT  
Bureau of Counterterrorism

**Program:** Research and Training on Illicit Markets for Iraqi and Syrian Art and Antiquities

**Description:** The Bureau of Counterterrorism and Countering Violent Extremism (CT) announces a Notification of Funding Opportunity to support understanding the trafficking networks, destination markets, as well as developing tools, mechanisms, and good practices to interdict and prevent the trafficking of cultural property that could finance terrorism.

**Due Date:** 5/26/2017

**Funding:** \$400,000

**Awards:** 1

**Website:** <https://www.grants.gov/view-opportunity.html?oppld=293032>

**Agency:** DOS-SCT  
Bureau of Counterterrorism

**Program:** Kenya Counterterrorism Criminal Justice Sector Support

**Description:** The Department of State Bureau of Counterterrorism and Countering Violent Extremism (CT) announces a Notification of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) to support counterterrorism programming in the criminal justice sector in Kenya. Subject to the availability of funds, CT intends to issue awards between \$395,000 and \$790,000 for project periods of up to two years. The anticipated start date for this activity is September 2017 and CT intends to support six awards as a result of this NOFO.

**Due Date:** 5/22/2017

**Funding:** \$3,750,000

**Awards:** 6

**Website:** <https://www.grants.gov/view-opportunity.html?oppld=293031>

**Agency:** DOS-DRL  
Bureau of Democracy Human Rights and Labor

**Program:** Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor (DRL) Supporting Anti-Torture Efforts in Tunisia

**Description:** The Department of State Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor (DRL) announces an open competition for organizations interested in submitting applications for projects that support Tunisia's efforts in the prevention of torture. DRL seeks to support programming that will assist the Government of Tunisia's new anti-torture authority, the National Body for the Prevention of Torture (Instance Nationale de la Prevention de la Torture, INPT), created upon Tunisia's ratification of the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture (OPCAT), in fulfilling its mandate to address and prevent torture. DRL seeks to strengthen the expertise and capacity of the INPT by providing its members with technical assistance and management systems, and engaging networks of key stakeholders and experts in anti-torture efforts.

**Due Date:** 6/15/2017

**Funding:** See Announcement

**Website:** <https://www.grants.gov/view-opportunity.html?oppld=293218>

**Agency:** DOS-DRL  
Bureau of Democracy Human Rights and Labor

**Program:** Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor NOFO Encouraging Citizen Participation in the NEA Region

**Description:** The Department of State, Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor (DRL) announces an open competition for organizations interested in submitting applications for a cooperative agreement that supports the policy objective to encourage meaningful citizen participation in public policy and governance in the NEA region. Projects should work to maintain the safe operating space for and improve the capacity of non-governmental organizations to promote the rights and interests of all citizens, including vulnerable populations; to engage the government and public on rights issues and other issues of public concern; and to promote the development of independent civil society. This program approach will operate as a flexible, regional, rapid-response mechanism to support independent civil society in the NEA region via targeted small grants and technical assistance.

**Due Date:** 5/29/2017

**Funding:** See Announcement  
**Awards:** 2

**Website:** <https://www.grants.gov/view-opportunity.html?oppld=292713>

**Agency:** DOS  
Department of State

**Program:** Grant Opportunities for Leading English Education Programs in Kyushu/Yamaguchi Region

**Description:** The U.S. Consulate Fukuoka Public Affairs Section (PAS) of the U.S. Department of State is pleased to announce that funding is available through its Public Diplomacy Small Grants Program. This annual notice of funding opportunities outlines our funding priorities and areas of interest, as well as procedures for submitting requests for funding. Please note that this notice supplements specific notices of funding opportunities that may be posted both here and on other relevant sites throughout the year.

**Due Date:** 6/30/2017

**Funding:** \$3,000  
**Awards:** 3

**Website:** <https://www.grants.gov/view-opportunity.html?oppld=293411>

**Agency:** HHS-CDC-NCHHSTP  
Centers for Disease Control - NCHHSTP

**Program:** Privacy Data Sharing Tool to Support De-duplication of Cases in the National HIV Surveillance System (NHSS)

**Description:** The purpose of this FOA is to support a more efficient method for jurisdictions to de-duplicate the National HIV Surveillance System. The applicant will develop a privacy data-sharing tool capable of identifying potential duplicates across jurisdictions. Activities will include acquiring a Security Assessment and Authorization, negotiating with the 59 jurisdictions to obtain their participation, providing a data sharing tool that will allow for secure, encrypted submission and matching of person-level HIV surveillance data, and providing a report back to jurisdictions on matching levels.

**Due Date:** See Announcement

**Funding:** \$2,000,000  
**Awards:** 1

**Website:** <https://www.grants.gov/view-opportunity.html?oppld=292860>

**Agency:** DOD-DARPA-DSO  
DARPA - Defense Sciences Office

**Program:** Molecular Informatics

**Description:** The Defense Sciences Office at the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) is soliciting innovative research proposals to explore new approaches to store and process information with molecules.

**Due Date:** 6/12/2017

**Funding:** See Announcement

**Website:** <https://www.grants.gov/view-opportunity.html?oppld=292888>

**Agency:** DOD-DARPA-I2O  
DARPA - Information Innovation Office

**Program:** Active Interpretation of Disparate Alternatives (AIDA)

**Description:** The government has an interest in developing and maintaining a strategic understanding of events, situations, and trends around the world, in a variety of domains. The information used on developing this understanding comes from many disparate sources, in a variety of genres and data types, and as a mixture of structured and unstructured data. Unstructured data can include text or speech in English and a variety of other languages, as well as images, videos, and other sensor information. Even structured sources can vary in the expressiveness, semantics, and specificity of their representations. Moreover, analysis is complicated by the need to overcome the noisy, conflicting, and potentially intentionally deceptive nature of the data.

**Due Date:** 6/6/2017

**Funding:** See Announcement

**Website:** <https://www.grants.gov/view-opportunity.html?oppld=292961>

**Agency:** DOD-DARPA-MTO  
DARPA - Microsystems Technology Office

**Program:** Lifelong Learning Machines (L2M)

**Description:** DARPA is soliciting highly innovative research proposals covering foundational components of a major advance in neural networks, machine learning, and associated support systems.

**Due Date:** 6/21/2017

**Funding:** See Announcement  
**Website:** <https://www.grants.gov/view-opportunity.html?oppld=293152>

**Agency:** DOD-DARPA-MTO  
DARPA - Microsystems Technology Office

**Program:** Dynamic Range-enhanced Electronics and Materials (DREaM)

**Description:** The Dynamic Range-enhanced Electronics and Materials (DREaM) program will exploit new materials and novel device structures to create radio frequency (RF) transistors that enable asymmetric operations in a complex electromagnetic spectrum.

**Due Date:** 5/24/2017

**Funding:** See Announcement  
**Website:** <https://www.grants.gov/view-opportunity.html?oppld=292806>

**Agency:** ED  
Department of Education

**Program:** Office of Innovation and Improvement (OII): Assistance for Arts Education Programs: Professional Development for Arts Educators Grants

**Description:** The Assistance for Arts Education program is authorized under Title IV, Part F, Subpart 4 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), as amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). It is intended to enrich the academic experiences by promoting arts education for students, including disadvantaged students and students who are children with disabilities. The Professional Development for Arts Educators grant (PDAE) specifically supports the implementation of high-quality model professional development programs for arts educators and other instructional staff in the areas of music, dance, drama, media arts, and visual arts, including folk arts, for students in kindergarten through grade 12 (K-12) in which 50 percent or more of the students are from low-income families.

**Due Date:** 5/30/2017

**Funding:** \$7,100,000  
**Awards:** 20

**Website:** <https://www.grants.gov/view-opportunity.html?oppld=292803>

**Agency:** USDA-FNS1  
Food and Nutrition Service

**Program:** USDA FNS FY17 SNAP PTI

**Description:** The purpose of this grant competition is to support efforts by State agencies and their community-based and faith-based partners to develop and implement: Simple SNAP application and eligibility determination systems; or Measures to improve access to SNAP benefits by eligible applicants. This RFA seeks diverse proposals that would make the entire process easier and more efficient for SNAP applicants and participants. Grant proposals should focus on improving the quality and efficiency of operations and processes within the SNAP office. Specifically, FNS is interested in initiatives that use new technologies or examine office processes in order to improve application processing timeliness for initial or recertification applications. We encourage potential applicants to carefully read the three review criteria listed in the RFA. These criteria outline the qualities FNS expects successful proposals to have; they will also guide the reviewers' evaluation of proposals.

**Due Date:** 6/19/2017

**Funding:** \$5,000,000

**Awards:** See Announcement

**Website:** <https://www.grants.gov/view-opportunity.html?oppld=293250>

**Agency:** NASA-HQ  
NASA Headquarters

**Program:** University Student Research Challenge (USRC)- A Pilot Project

**Description:** Amendment 4 to the NASA ARMD Research Opportunities in Aeronautics (ROA) 2016 NRA has been posted on the NSPIRES site. Through this solicitation the Transformative Aeronautics Concepts Program (TACP) seeks to develop novel concepts with the potential to create new capabilities in aeronautics by stimulating aeronautics research in the student community. TACP will provide students, from accredited U.S. colleges or universities, with grants for aeronautics projects that also raise cost sharing funds using crowdfunding platforms. This challenge, which is being run as a pilot project, seeks students who have an aeronautics-related project idea and have the passion to develop that idea. The project must be relevant to the Aeronautics Research Mission Directorate (ARMD) Strategic Implementation Plan <https://www.nasa.gov/aeroresearch/strategy> and address one of ARMD's six strategic thrusts as they affect aviation. The solicitation goal can be accomplished through project ideas such as advancing the design, developing technology or capabilities in support of aviation, by demonstrating a novel concept, or enabling advancement of aeronautics-related technologies.

**Due Date:** 10/16/2017

**Funding:** See Announcement

**Website:** <https://www.grants.gov/view-opportunity.html?oppld=293273>

**Agency:** NASA-JSC  
NASA Johnson Space Center

**Program:** HERO Appendix E: Space Radiobiology and Human Health Countermeasures Topics

**Description:** BAA. This National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) Research Announcement (NRA), entitled Human Exploration Research Opportunities (HERO)–2016, solicits applied research in support of NASA’s Human Research Program. Research response area NRA NNJ16ZSA001N-SRHHC “Space Radiobiology and Human Health Countermeasures Topics” is Appendix E of the Human Exploration Research Opportunities (HERO) NRA (NNJ16ZSA001N). Proposals are solicited by NASA in the areas of Evaluation of Current Clinical Markers as Surrogate Endpoints for Space Radiation-Induced Cardiovascular Disease; Evaluation of Animal Model Systems and Common Pathways in Understanding Space Radiation-Induced Late CNS Outcomes and Cardiovascular Disease; Approaches to Evaluate Sex Dependence and Quality Effects on Space Radiation Carcinogenesis; Galactic Cosmic Ray (GCR) Simulator Validation Experiments: Dose-Rate Dependence; In-Flight Cognitive and Behavioral Central Nervous System Risks from Space Radiation; and Combined Effects of Simulated Weightlessness and Space Radiation on Cardiovascular Structure and Function. Please note that the last topic is being jointly solicited by HRP and NASA’s Space Biology (SB) Program.

**Due Date:** See Announcement

**Funding:** \$150,000 to \$650,000 per award

**Awards:** 6

**Website:** <https://www.grants.gov/view-opportunity.html?oppld=292991>

**Agency:** NEH  
National Endowment for the Humanities

**Program:** Digital Projects for the Public

**Description:** Digital Projects for the Public grants support projects that cogently interpret and analyze humanities content in formats that will attract broad public audiences. Digital platforms—such as websites, mobile applications and tours, interactive touch screens and kiosks, games, and virtual

environments—can reach diverse audiences and bring the humanities to life for the American people. The program offers three levels of support for digital projects: grants for Discovery projects (early-stage planning work), Prototyping projects (proof-of-concept development work), and Production projects (end-stage production and distribution work).

**Due Date:** 6/7/2017

**Funding:** See Announcement

**Website:** <https://www.grants.gov/view-opportunity.html?oppld=293003>

**Agency:** HHS-NIH11  
National Institutes of Health

**Program:** NICHD Exploratory-Developmental Research Grant (R21)

**Description:** The NICHD Exploratory-Developmental Grant program supports exploratory and developmental research projects that fall within the NICHD mission by providing support for the early and conceptual stages of these projects. These studies may involve considerable risk but may lead to a breakthrough in a particular area, or to the development of novel techniques, agents, methodologies, models, or applications that could have a major impact on a field of biomedical, behavioral, or clinical research.

**Due Date:** 5/7/2020

**Funding:** See Announcement

**Website:** <https://www.grants.gov/view-opportunity.html?oppld=293335>

**Agency:** HHS-NIH11  
National Institutes of Health

**Program:** NIH Director's New Innovator Award Program (DP2)

**Description:** The NIH Directors New Innovator Award (DP2) supports a small number of early stage investigators of exceptional creativity who propose bold and highly innovative new research approaches that have the potential to produce a major impact on broad, important problems in biomedical and behavioral research. The NIH Director's New Innovator Award complements ongoing efforts by NIH and its Institutes and Centers to fund early stage investigators through R01 grants, which continue to be the major sources of NIH support for early stage investigators. The NIH Directors New Innovator Award is a component of the High-Risk, High-Reward Research program of the NIH Common Fund.

**Due Date:** 9/8/2017



**Funding:** \$80,000,000

**Awards:** 33

**Website:** <https://www.grants.gov/view-opportunity.html?oppld=293281>

**Agency:** HHS-NIH11  
National Institutes of Health

**Program:** Identification of Reproductive-Tract Specific Proteins/Transcripts for the Development of Male and Female Non-Hormonal Contraceptives (R01)

**Description:** The purpose of this funding opportunity announcement is to encourage the use of bioinformatics combined with analytics to identify reproductive-tract specific transcripts and proteins for potential development as non-steroidal male and female contraceptives.

**Due Date:** 6/30/2017

**Funding:** \$500,000

**Awards:** 1

**Website:** <https://www.grants.gov/view-opportunity.html?oppld=293150>

**Agency:** HHS-NIH11  
National Institutes of Health

**Program:** Notice of Intent to Publish a Funding Opportunity Announcement to Support Competitive Revision Applications in Regenerative Medicine Innovation Projects (RMIP) (P50)

**Description:** The National Institutes of Health (NIH) and participating NIH Institutes and Centers (ICs) and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) intend to publish a Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) for competitive revisions that will support clinical research studies aimed at furthering the field of regenerative medicine (RM) using adult stem cells. A competing revision is a request for an increase in support in a current budget period for expansion of the project's approved scope or research protocol. Applicants must apply and undergo peer review.

**Due Date:** See Announcement

**Funding:** See Announcement

**Website:** <https://www.grants.gov/view-opportunity.html?oppld=293160>

**Agency:** HHS-NIH11  
National Institutes of Health

**Program:** Lasker Clinical Research Scholars Program Si2/R00

**Description:** This FOA encourages 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.

**Due Date:** 8/25/2017

**Funding:** See Announcement

**Website:** <https://www.grants.gov/view-opportunity.html?oppld=293119>

**Agency:** HHS-NIH11  
National Institutes of Health

**Program:** From Genomic Association to Causation: A Convergent Neuroscience Approach for Integrating Levels of Analysis to Delineate Brain Function in Neuropsychiatry (Collaborative R01)

**Description:** The primary objective of this FOA is to stimulate innovative Convergent Neuroscience (CN) approaches to establish causal and/or probabilistic linkages across contiguous levels of analysis (e.g., gene, molecule, cell, circuit, system, behavior) in an explanatory model of psychopathology. In particular, applicants should focus on how specific constituent biological processes at one level of analysis contribute to quantifiable properties at other levels, either directly or as emergent phenomena. Although not required, it is preferable that applications link at least three levels of analysis and include an emphasis on genetics.

**Due Date:** 9/7/2020

**Funding:** See Announcement

**Website:** <https://www.grants.gov/view-opportunity.html?oppld=293117>

**Agency:** HHS-NIH11  
National Institutes of Health

**Program:** Integrative Computational Biology for Analysis of NHLBI TOPMed Data

**Description:** The purpose of this FOA is to support integrated analysis of whole genome, large scale omic data generated by the NHLBI's Trans-Omics for Precision Medicine (TOPMed) program and associated phenotype and clinical data using systems approaches. Ultimately, these studies will advance our understanding of the molecular underpinnings of heart, lung, blood, and sleep disease.

**Due Date:** 7/6/2018

**Funding:** \$3,000,000

**Awards:** 12

**Website:** <https://www.grants.gov/view-opportunity.html?oppld=293095>

**Agency:** HHS-NIH11  
National Institutes of Health

**Program:** Resource Centers for Minority Aging Research (P30)

**Description:** The National Institute on Aging (NIA) invites applications from qualified institutions for the creation or continuation of Resource Centers for Minority Aging Research (RCMARs). The primary purpose of this FOA is (1) to support centers that will enhance the diversity of the aging research workforce by mentoring promising scientists from under-represented groups for sustained careers in aging research in a selected area of scientific focus, and (2) to develop infrastructure to promote advances in this area and increase the number of researchers focused on the health and well-being of minority elders. RCMARs focus on priority areas of social, behavioral, and economic research on the processes of aging at the individual or societal level. The program supports research at multiple levels from genetics to cross-national comparative research, and at stages from basic through translational, with the goal to improve the health, well-being, function, and independence of older Americans. This new cycle of RCMARs will expand the scientific scope of the program to encourage transdisciplinary social and behavioral science research on any theme addressed in the National Institute on Aging Strategic Plan. Consistent with the longstanding focus of the RCMAR program on minority aging research, all centers are also expected to offer mentoring in health disparities and minority aging issues as a major component of their research education programs, thereby enhancing the potential impact of research supported by the program on all sectors of our aging society.

**Due Date:** 7/20/2017

**Funding:** \$4,000,000

**Awards:** See Announcement

**Website:** <https://www.grants.gov/view-opportunity.html?oppld=293016>

**Agency:** HHS-NIH11  
National Institutes of Health

**Program:** Extracellular Vesicles and Substance Use Disorders (R01)

**Description:** The purpose of this FOA is to encourage research projects that investigate the interplay between extracellular vesicles (EVs) and substance use disorders (SUDs). In particular, NIDA is interested in the potential utility of EVs with respect to understanding neuroplastic mechanisms relevant to SUDs or as biomarkers or therapeutics.

**Due Date:** 1/15/2020

**Funding:** See Announcement

**Website:** <https://www.grants.gov/view-opportunity.html?oppld=292982>

**Agency:** HHS-NIH11  
National Institutes of Health

**Program:** Collaborative Research Projects to Enhance Applicability of Mammalian Models for Translational Research (Collaborative R01)

**Description:** The purpose of this FOA is to encourage applications for collaborative R01 projects from multi-disciplinary teams to expand, improve, or transform the reliability and utility of mammalian cancer and tumor models for translational research. For a linked set of collaborative R01s, each site has its own Program Director(s)/Principal Investigator(s), and the program provides a mechanism for cross-site coordination and communication. Collaborative studies are appropriate to address translational modeling research questions beyond the capacity of a single-site investigation, particularly to accommodate collaborations among sites with diverse expertise, perspectives, and contributions.

**Due Date:** 5/7/2020

**Funding:** See Announcement

**Website:** <https://www.grants.gov/view-opportunity.html?oppld=292965>

**Agency:** HHS-NIH11  
National Institutes of Health

**Program:** Alzheimer's-related Resource Centers for Minority Aging Research (AD-RCMAR) (P30)

**Description:** The National Institute on Aging (NIA) invites applications from qualified institutions for the creation of Resource Centers for Minority Aging Research (RCMARs) with a focus on behavioral or social science research related to Alzheimers disease and related dementias (ADRD). The primary purpose of this FOA is (1) to support centers that will enhance the diversity of the aging research workforce by mentoring promising scientists from under-represented groups for sustained careers in ADRD-relevant research in a selected area of scientific focus, and (2) to develop infrastructure to promote advances in this area and increase the number of researchers focused on the health and well-being of minority elders. RCMARs focus on priority areas of social, behavioral, and economic research on the processes of aging at the individual or societal level. The program supports research at multiple levels from genetics to cross-national comparative research, and at stages from basic through

translational, with the goal to improve the health, well-being, function, and independence of older Americans.

**Due Date:** 7/20/2017

**Funding:** See Announcement

**Website:** <https://www.grants.gov/view-opportunity.html?oppld=293012>

**Agency:** HHS-NIH11  
National Institutes of Health

**Program:** Resource Centers for Minority Aging (RCMAR) Coordinating Center (R24)

**Description:** This FOA invites applications from qualified institutions to create or continue Resource Centers for Minority Aging Research (RCMAR) Coordinating Center (CC). The RCMAR Program aims to enhance the diversity of the aging research workforce by mentoring promising scientists from under-represented groups for sustained careers in aging research.. The RCMAR CC will facilitate and coordinate trans-RCMAR activities. The CC will work closely with the NIA Program Officer and, in coordination with all RCMAR sites, be responsive to requests generated by key RCMAR site personnel, NIA, NIH, the scientific community, and the general public.

**Due Date:** 7/20/2017

**Funding:** \$350,000

**Awards:** 1

**Website:** <https://www.grants.gov/view-opportunity.html?oppld=293004>

**Agency:** HHS-NIH11  
National Institutes of Health

**Program:** Activities to Promote Research Collaborations on Immune-Related Adverse Events (APRC-irAEs) Associated with Cancer Immunotherapy (Admin Supp)

**Description:** The overarching goal of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is to support collaborative pilot projects to generate new ideas and approaches to reduce the incidence and/or severity of auto-inflammatory or autoimmune adverse events in the setting of cancer immunotherapy. In order to facilitate formation of multidisciplinary teams with expertise in mechanisms of cancer immunology/immunotherapy as well as immune tolerance and/or autoimmunity, teams that include (a) a current NCI grantee and a current NIAID grantee, or (b) a current NCI grantee and a current NIAMS grantee, are encouraged to propose collaborative pilot projects that utilize their complementary and synergistic expertise.

**Due Date:** 6/15/2017

**Funding:** See Announcement

**Website:** <https://www.grants.gov/view-opportunity.html?oppld=292958>

**Agency:** HHS-NIH11  
National Institutes of Health

**Program:** Secondary Analysis and Integration of Existing Data to Elucidate the Genetic Architecture of Cancer Risk and Related Outcomes (R01)

**Description:** This funding opportunity announcement encourages applications that propose to conduct secondary data analysis and integration of existing datasets and database resources, with the ultimate aim to elucidate the genetic architecture of cancer risk and related outcomes. The goal of this initiative is to address key scientific questions relevant to cancer epidemiology by supporting the analysis of existing genetic or genomic datasets, possibly in combination with environmental, outcomes, behavioral, lifestyle, and molecular profiles data. Applications to this FOA are encouraged to leverage existing genetic data and perform innovative analyses of the existing data. Applications may include new research aims that are being addressed with existing data, new or advanced methods of analyses, or novel combinations and integration of datasets that allow the exploration of important scientific questions in cancer research.

**Due Date:** 5/7/2020

**Funding:** See Announcement

**Website:** <https://www.grants.gov/view-opportunity.html?oppld=292891>

**Agency:** HHS-NIH11  
National Institutes of Health

**Program:** Innovative Research in Cancer Nanotechnology (IRCN) (R01)

**Description:** This FOA encourages applications for the development of innovative research projects in cancer nanotechnology. This initiative, to be known as Innovative Research in Cancer Nanotechnology (IRCN), is a component of a broader program that is the NCI Alliance for Nanotechnology in Cancer. IRCN awards are designed to enable multidisciplinary research and transformative discoveries in cancer biology and/or oncology through the use of nanotechnology. Proposed projects should address major barriers in cancer biology and/or oncology using nanotechnology and should emphasize fundamental understanding of nanomaterial and/or nanodevice interactions with biological systems. This scope includes research concerning the delivery of nanoparticles and/or nanodevices to

desired and intended cancer targets in vivo and/or characterization of in vitro detection and diagnostic devices.

**Due Date:** 5/21/2020

**Funding:** See Announcement

**Website:** <https://www.grants.gov/view-opportunity.html?oppld=292850>

**Agency:** HHS-NIH11  
National Institutes of Health

**Program:** Neurosurgeon Research Career Development Program (NRCDP) (K12)

**Description:** The purpose of this funding opportunity announcement is to invite applications to continue support of a national program of mentored research career development for junior neurosurgeon faculty at institutions nationwide that support neurosurgical research. The goal of the program is to expand the cadre of neurosurgeon investigators trained to conduct research into neurological disorders, making use of their neurosurgical training.

**Due Date:** 5/30/2017

**Funding:** \$1,000,000

**Awards:** 1

**Website:** <https://www.grants.gov/view-opportunity.html?oppld=292869>

**Agency:** HHS-NIH11  
National Institutes of Health

**Program:** Centers for AIDS Research (P30)

**Description:** The purpose of this FOA is to invite applications for the Centers for AIDS Research (CFAR) program to provide administrative and shared research support to enhance HIV/AIDS research. CFARs provide core facilities, expertise, resources, and services not readily obtained otherwise through more traditional funding mechanisms. The program emphasizes interdisciplinary collaboration across all areas of HIV/AIDS research.

**Due Date:** 8/17/2019

**Funding:** See Announcement

**Website:** <https://www.grants.gov/view-opportunity.html?oppld=292867>

**Agency:** HHS-NIH11  
National Institutes of Health

**Program:** Mechanisms and Consequences of Sleep Disparities in the U.S. (R01)



**Description:** The purpose of this FOA is to promote research to understand the underlying mechanisms of sleep deficiencies among health disparity populations and how sleep deficiencies may lead to disparities in health outcomes.

**Due Date:** 7/11/2019

**Funding:** See Announcement

**Website:** <https://www.grants.gov/view-opportunity.html?oppld=292857>

**Agency:** HHS-NIH11  
National Institutes of Health

**Program:** Development of Appropriate Pediatric Formulations and Pediatric Drug Delivery Systems (R03)

**Description:** The purpose of this funding opportunity announcement is to address different and complementary research needs for the development and acceptability of pediatric drug formulations in different age groups. This FOA also encourages the development of novel drug delivery systems in the pediatric population. Investigators are encouraged to explore approaches and concepts new to the area of pediatric formulation development and testing and use newly developed techniques superior to the ones currently used in the field. This FOA supports discrete, well-defined projects that realistically can be completed in two years and that require limited levels of funding.

**Due Date:** 5/7/2020

**Funding:** See Announcement

**Website:** <https://www.grants.gov/view-opportunity.html?oppld=292828>

**Agency:** NSF  
National Science Foundation

**Program:** Alliances for Graduate Education and the Professoriate

**Description:** The Alliances for Graduate Education and the Professoriate (AGEP) program seeks to advance knowledge about models to improve pathways to the professoriate and success for historically underrepresented minority doctoral students, postdoctoral fellows and faculty, particularly African Americans, Hispanic Americans, American Indians, Alaska Natives, Native Hawaiians, and Native Pacific Islanders, in specific STEM disciplines and/or STEM education research fields. New and innovative models are encouraged, as are models that reproduce and/or replicate existing evidence-based alliances in significantly different disciplines, institutions, and participant cohorts. The AGEP program goal is to increase the number of historically underrepresented minority faculty, in specific STEM



disciplines and STEM education research fields, by advancing knowledge about pathways to career success. The program objectives include: To support the development, implementation and study of innovative models of doctoral education, postdoctoral training, and faculty advancement for historically underrepresented minorities in specific STEM disciplines and/or STEM education research fields; and to advance knowledge about the underlying issues, policies and practices that have an impact on the participation, transitions and advancement of historically underrepresented minorities in the STEM academy.

**Due Date:** 12/8/2017

**Funding:** \$8,000,000

**Awards:** See Announcement

**Website:** <https://www.grants.gov/view-opportunity.html?oppld=292814>

**Agency:** NSF  
National Science Foundation

**Program:** Competition for the Management and Operation of the National Center for Atmospheric Research

**Description:** The National Science Foundation is soliciting proposals for the management and operation of the National Center for Atmospheric Research (NCAR). NCAR, an NSF Federally Funded Research and Development Center (FFRDC), is a center of excellence supporting the atmospheric, geospace and broader Earth sciences communities. NCAR operates world-class observational facilities and computing infrastructure, conducts extensive in-house research, maintains vigorous programs of education, outreach, and the promotion of diversity, and cultivates extensive national and international collaborations. NCAR also carries out research and development on behalf of other organizations, most commonly other U.S. Government agencies. This work, which can only be undertaken if it supports the NCAR mission, currently accounts for approximately 30% of NCAR's total funding.

**Due Date:** 8/7/2017

**Funding:** \$500,000,000

**Awards:** 1

**Website:**  
[https://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2017/nsf17550/nsf17550.htm?WT.mc\\_id=USNSF\\_25&WT.mc\\_ev=click](https://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2017/nsf17550/nsf17550.htm?WT.mc_id=USNSF_25&WT.mc_ev=click)