Office of Research Strategy and Development

Weekly Funding Opportunity Announcements Tuesday, October 1, 2013

NIH Funding Announcements – New This Week

New RFAs for week ending September 27, 2013:

Announcement Number	Issuing Organization	Release Date	Opening Date (SF424 Only)	Expiration Date	Activity Code(s)	<u>Title</u>
RFA-CA-13-016	NCI	09-30-2013	12-15-2013	06-21-2014	R01,	Research Answers to NCIs Provocative Questions - Group A (R01)
RFA-HG-13-013	NHGRI	09-30-2013	12-21-2013	01-22-2015	R01,	Interpreting Variation in Human Non-Coding Genomic Regions Using Computational Approaches and Experimental Assessment (R01)
RFA-CA-13-017	NCI	09-30-2013	12-15-2013	06-21-2014	R21,	Research Answers to NCI's Provocative Questions - Group A (R21)
RFA-CA-13-018	NCI	09-30-2013	12-15-2013	06-21-2014	R01,	Research Answers to NCIs Provocative Questions - Group B (R01)
RFA-CA-13-019	NCI	09-30-2013	12-15-2013	06-21-2014	R21,	Research Answers to NCIs Provocative Questions - Group B (R21)
RFA-CA-13-020	NCI	09-30-2013	12-15-2013	06-21-2014	R01,	Research Answers to NCIs Provocative Questions - Group C (R01)
RFA-CA-13-021	NCI	09-30-2013	12-15-2013	06-21-2014	R21,	Research Answers to NCIs Provocative Questions - Group C (R21)
RFA-CA-13-022	NCI	09-30-2013	12-15-2013	06-21-2014	R01,	Research Answers to NCIs Provocative Questions - Group D (R01)
RFA-CA-13-023	NCI	09-30-2013	12-15-2013	06-21-2014	R21,	Research Answers to NCIs

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						Provocative Questions - Group D (R21)
RFA-CA-13-024	NCI	09-30-2013	12-15-2013	06-21-2014	R01,	Research Answers to NCIs Provocative Questions - Group E (R01)
RFA-CA-13-025	NCI	09-30-2013	12-15-2013	06-21-2014	R21,	Research Answers to NCIs Provocative Questions - Group E (R21)
RFA-HS-14-006	AHRQ	09-30-2013		12-17-2013	P50,	Patient-Centered Outcomes Research (PCOR) for Treatment Options in Uterine Fibroids: Developing a Prospective Multi-Center Practice-based Clinical Registry (P50)
RFA-DK-13-016	NIDDK	09-26-2013	01-27-2014	02-28-2014	UC4,	Consortium on Human Islet Biomimetics (CHIB) - HIRN (UC4)
RFA-DK-13-018	NIDDK	09-26-2013	01-27-2014	02-28-2014	UC4,	Consortium on Beta-cell Death and Survival (CBDS) - HIRN (UC4)
RFA-DK-13-015	NIDDK	09-26-2013	01-27-2014	02-28-2014	UC4,	Consortium on Targeting And Regeneration (CTAR) - HIRN (UC4)
RFA-DK-13-013	NIDDK	09-26-2013	01-27-2014	02-28-2014	U01,	Human Islet Research Network Coordinating Center (U01)
RFA-DK-13-014	NIDDK	09-26-2013	01-27-2014	02-28-2014	U01,	Human Islet Research Network Bioinformatics Center (U01)
RFA-DK-13-017	NIDDK	09-26-2013	01-27-2014	02-28-2014	UC4,	Consortium on Modeling Autoimmune Interactions (CMAI) - HIRN (UC4)
RFA-FD-14-001	FDA	09-26-2013	10-01-2013	11-16-2013	UC2,	Cigarette Tobacco Reference Products Program (UC2)

New PARs:

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PAR-13-370	NEI	09-30-2013	12-28-2013	01-29-2016	R24,	NEI Translational Research Program (TRP) on therapy for Visual Disorders (R24)

PAR-13-364	NIMH	09-27-2013	01-05-2014	01-08-2017	R01,	Development of Assays for High-Throughput Screening for Use in Probe and Pre- therapeutic Discovery (R01)
PAR-13-365	NIDDK	09-27-2013	02-03-2014	11-02-2016	R18,	Evaluating Natural Experiments in Healthcare to Improve Diabetes Prevention and Treatment (R18)
PAR-13-366	NIDDK	09-27-2013	02-03-2014	11-02-2016	R18,	Pragmatic Research in Healthcare Settings to Improve Diabetes Prevention and Care (R18)
PAR-13-367	NIDDK	09-27-2013	02-03-2014	11-02-2016	R34,	Planning Grants for Pragmatic Research in Healthcare Settings to Improve Diabetes Prevention and Care (R34)
PA-13-363	NIAAA	09-27-2013	01-05-2014	01-08-2017	R01,	Research on the Health Determinants and Consequences of Violence and its Prevention, Particularly Firearm Violence (R01)
PA-13-368	NIAAA	09-27-2013	01-16-2014	01-08-2017	R03,	Research on the Health Determinants and Consequences of Violence and its Prevention, Particularly Firearm Violence (R03)
PA-13-369	NIAAA	09-27-2013	01-16-2014	01-08-2017	R21,	Research on the Health Determinants and Consequences of Violence and its Prevention, Particularly Firearm Violence (R21)

Limited Submission Opportunity:

NIH 2014 Director's Early Independence Awards (EIA)

The NIH recently opened a call for the 2014 Director's Early Independence Awards (EIA) (http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-RM-12-018.html). HSPH is only permitted to submit two applications for this award.

This mechanism is for individuals who are within 12 months (before or after) receipt of the terminal research degree or completion of a clinical residency at the time of the application. As many are aware, this prestigious award supports exceptional investigators who wish to pursue independent research directly after completion of their terminal doctoral/research degree or clinical residency, thereby forgoing the traditional post-doctoral training period. The program is intended to help research intensive institutions invigorate their research departments by recruiting outstanding, early career scientists. Awards will be for up to \$250,000 in direct costs, plus applicable F&A fees for a period of five years; cost-sharing is not required.

Because HSPH is only allowed to submit two applications, the Office of Research Strategy and Development (ORSD) will coordinate an internal competition to select the institution's nominees. Students must be nominated by their Department Chair in order to be considered for the HSPH internal competition; Department Chairs must submit internal application materials to ORSD on behalf of the student no later than October 23, 2013.

Students interested in this opportunity should contact their faculty mentor and department chair immediately for additional details.

NIH Earl Stadtman Investigators

We are pleased to announce that the National Institutes of Health (NIH) Intramural Research Program is now recruiting for top-tier tenure track candidates to become "Earl Stadtman Investigators". We are seeking creative thinkers who are eager to take on high-risk high impact research as independent investigators in the NIH Intramural Research program. The NIH offers an outstanding research environment for scientists who are looking for opportunities to explore the limits of their productivity and independence.

We are interested in the best and the brightest early career investigators in all the disciplines of epidemiology and population sciences, including genetic, environmental, behavioral and psychosocial, reproductive, pediatric, cancer, chronic disease, infectious disease, alcohol, drug, and psychiatric epidemiology. Opportunities exist for basic, translational, and cross-disciplinary research on the full spectrum of health outcomes addressed across the NIH.

Please visit the <u>NIH website</u> which outlines the qualifications/eligibility requirements, and provides detailed information about the program and the application process. The application process began August 1, 2013 and applications will be accepted through **October 15, 2013.**

Other Federal Funding Announcements

Department of Defense

FY13 DOD CDMRP Program Pre-Announcements

The Fiscal Year 2013 (FY13) Defense Appropriations Act provides research funding for the peer reviewed programs managed by the Department of Defense (DOD) office of Congressionally Directed Medical Research Programs (CDMRP).

Funding Opportunities now available:

- Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis
- Autism
- Bone Marrow Failure
- Breast Cancer
- <u>Defense Medical Research and Development Program</u>
- <u>Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy</u>
- Gulf War Illness
- Lung Cancer
- Multiple Sclerosis
- Ovarian Cancer
- Peer Reviewed Cancer
- Peer Reviewed Medical
- Prostate Cancer
- Spinal Cord Injury

*New - CDC - Mentored Research Scientist Development Award (K01)

Closing date: September 2, 2015

*New - NIH - Center for Evaluation and Coordination of Training and Research (CECTR) in Tobacco Regulatory Science (U54)

Closing Date: December 10, 2013

*New - NIH - Disaster Mental Health Intervention Research Center (P60)

Closing Date: February 2, 2014

* New - NIH - Opportunities for Collaborative Research at the NIH Clinical Center (U01)

Closing Date: November 20, 2014

*New - NIH - Nutrition and Alcohol-Related Health Outcomes (R21)

Closing Date: February 7, 2017

*New - <u>USAID - Strengthening Local Capacity for Scientific Research and Knowledge Management in Health Sectors</u>

in Asia

Closing Date: October 25, 2013

HRSA: R40 Maternal and Child Health Policy Analysis Program

Closing Date: November 8, 2013

HRSA: R40 Maternal and Child Health Research Program (MCHR)

Closing Date: November 8, 2013

HRSA: R40 Maternal and Child Health Secondary Data Analysis Studies (MCH SDAS)

Closing Date: November 8, 2013

NIH: National Institute on Drug Abuse National Early Warning System (NEWS) Coordinating Center (U01)

Closing Date: December 3, 2013

NIH: Sustained Release of Antivirals for Treatment and Prevention of HIV

Closing Date: January 7, 2016

NIH: Translational Research to Improve Diabetes and Obesity Outcomes (R01)

Closing Date: January 7, 2017

NIH: Bridges to the Doctorate (R25) Closing Date: September 25, 2015

NIH: Mechanisms of Alcohol and Stimulant Co-Addiction (R01)

Closing Date: January 7, 2017

CDC: Capacity Building Assistance for High-Impact HIV Prevention

Closing Date: October 2, 2013

HRSA: Social and Behavioral Interventions to Increase Solid Organ Donation

Closing Date: November 20,2013

NIH: Inner City Asthma Consortium (UM1)

Closing Date: December 20, 2013

NIH: Neuroscience Research on Drug Abuse (R21)

Closing Date: January 7, 2017

HRSA: Public Education Efforts to Increase Solid Organ Donation

Closing Date: December 13, 2013

NIH: National Cancer Institute Program Project Applications (P01)

Closing Date: January 7, 2015

NIH: Increased Knowledge and Innovative Strategies to Reduce HIV Incidence-iKnow Projects

Closing Date: January 7, 2016

NIH: Methods for Prevention Packages Program III (MP3 III) (R01)

Closing Date: January 7, 2016

NIH: Behavioral and Social Science Research on Understanding and Reducing Health Disparities (R01)

Closing Date: September 7, 2016

NIH: Exploratory/Developmental Research Grant Program (Parent R21)

Closing Date: September 7, 2016

NIH: Research Centers in Injury and Peri-operative Sciences (P50)

Closing Date: September 7, 2016

NIH: Research Project Grant (Parent R01)

Closing Date: September 7, 2016

NIH: Small Research Grant Program (Parent R03)

Closing Date: September 7, 2016

NMSS: Health Care Delivery and Policy Research Program

Closing Date: January 8, 2014

NIH: NIMHD Basic and Applied Biomedical Research on Minority Health and Health Disparities (R01)

Closing Date: November 27, 2013

PCORI Funding Opportunities

PCORI has three broad funding cycles a year. Starting with May 2013, cycles are designated by the month and year that applications are due. More targeted and special funding opportunities may be available outside of these cycles.

NIH: Research Linking Environmental Exposure to Alzheimer's Disease (R01)

Closing Date: October 31, 2013

NIH: Research Linking Environmental Exposure to Neurodegenerative Disease (R21)

Closing Date: October 31, 2013

HRSA: Social and Behavioral Interventions to Increase Solid Organ Donation

Closing Date: November 20, 2013

NIH: Novel NeuroAIDS Therapeutics: Integrated Preclinical/Clinical Program (P01)

Closing Date: January 7, 2016

NIH: Implications of New Digital Media Use for Underage Drinking, Drinking-Related Behaviors, and Prevention

Research (R21)

Closing Date: September 7, 2016

NIH: NIA Program Project Applications (P01)

Closing Date: September 7, 2016

NIH: NICHD Program Project Grant (P01)

Closing Date: September 7, 2016

NIH: Secondary Analyses of Alcohol and Chronic Disease (R21)

Closing Date: September 7, 2016

NIH: Mentored Clinical Scientist Research Career Development Award in Tobacco Control Regulatory Research

Closing Date: October 2, 2013

NIH: Pathway to Independence Award in Tobacco Control Regulatory Research

Closing Date: October 2, 2013

NIH: Transition Career Development Award in Tobacco Control Regulatory Research

Closing Date: October 2, 2013

NIH: Sexually Transmitted Infections Cooperative Research Centers

Closing Date: October 23, 2013

CDC: Prevention NIOSH Small Research Program

Closing Date: September 8, 2015

CDC: Prevention NIOSH Exploratory/Developmental Grant Program

Closing Date: September 8, 2015

CDC: Occupational Safety and Health Research

Closing Date: March 5, 2018

NIH: Tobacco Control Regulatory Research

Closing Date: January 16, 2015

NIH: Comorbid HIV, Chronic Pain, and Substance Use among Older Adults

Closing Date: November 15, 2013

NIH: HIV/AIDS and Substance Use Among the Homeless and Unstably Housed

Closing Date: November 15, 2013

NIH: HIV/AIDS and Substance Use among Black/African American Women and Young MSM

Closing Date: November 15, 2013

NIH: Integrating Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment within HIV/AIDS Service Delivery Settings

Closing Date: November 15, 2013

NIH: NIAID Resource-Related Research Projects (R24)

Closing Date: September 7, 2016

NIH: NINDS Research Education Opportunities (R25)

Closing Date: September 7, 2016

NIH: Services Research for Autism Spectrum Disorder across the Lifespan (ServASD): Pilot Research on Services for

Transition-Age Youth

Closing Date: October 22, 2013

NIH: FY14 NIDA Avant-Garde Award Program for HIV/AIDS Research (DP1)

Closing Date: November 6, 2013

NIH: Chronic Inflammation and Age-related Disease (R01) Grant

Closing Date: September 7, 2014

FDA: Advancing Medical Device Postmarket Surveillance Infrastructure and Epidemiologic Methodologies through

Multi-stakeholder Partnership Closing Date: April 30, 2017 NIH: National Cooperative Reprogrammed Cell Research Groups (NCRCRG) to Study Mental Illness (U19)

Closing Date: January 7, 2016

NIH: Countermeasures Against Chemical Threats (CounterACT) Cooperative Research Projects (U01)

Closing Date: September 16, 2015

NIH: Innovative Measurement Tools for Community Engaged Research Efforts (R01)

Closing Date: September 7, 2016

NIH: Symptom Management in HIV-Infected Individuals with Comorbid Conditions (R01)

Closing Date: September 7, 2016

NIH: MARC Undergraduate Student Training in Academic Research (U-STAR) National Research Service Award

(NRSA) Institutional Research Closing Date: June 24, 2015

NIH: Dissemination and Implementation Research in Health

Closing Date: January 7, 2016

NIH: Understanding and Promoting Health Literacy

Closing Date: May 7, 2016

NIH: Research on Alcohol and HIV/AIDS (R03)

Closing Date: May 7, 2016

NIH: Regional and International Differences in Health and Longevity at Older Ages (R03)

Closing Date: September 7, 2016

NIH: Obesity Policy Evaluation Research (R01)

Closing Date: May 7, 2016

AHRQ: Grants for Health Services Research Dissertation Program (R36)

Closing Dates: May 1, August 1, and November 1, 2013

NIH: School Nutrition and Physical Activity Policies, Obesogenic Behaviors, and Weight Outcomes

Closing Date: May 7, 2016

CDC: NIOSH Exploratory/Developmental Grant Program

Closing Date: September 8, 2015

CDC: NIOSH Small Research Program Closing Date: September 8, 2015

Other Funding Opportunities

*New – Limited Submission Opportunity: Brain Research Foundation/ 2014 Seed Grant Program (Neuroscience)

The Brain Research Foundation has invited Harvard to nominate two (2) faculty members to submit a Letter of Intent for the 2014 Seed Grant Program. The BRF considers Harvard one institution for this opportunity, and as such HMS is not eligible to make two separate nominations.

Eligible PIs for this opportunity must be full time Assistant or Associate Professors working in the field of Neuroscience. This includes molecular and clinical neuroscience as well as studies of neural, sensory, motor, cognitive, behavioral and emotional functioning in health and disease.

The grant period is for one year in the amount of 50,000 (direct costs).

Proposals must be new research projects not funded by other sources.

To facilitate the interest in this opportunity the Office of the Vice Provost for Research is running the following internal competition:

Sponsor: Brain Research Foundation Program: 2014 Seed Grant Program

Internal Due Date: Monday, November 25th, 2013 at 5:00 pm EST

Internal Competition Instructions: Interested applicants should submit the following to

autumn bennett@harvard.edu

- Nomination letter from a Department Chair/ Center Director
- A two page research proposal. A third page may be used for related graphics, if needed.
- A current CV (no specific format required)
- A budget (one page max.) describing how the award funds would be used. The budget may be in table or
 narrative form and does not need to follow an established template. If, after internal review, more
 information or clarification is needed, follow up will not affect the standing of an otherwise completed
 and timely submission.

Sponsor Due Date: January 8, 2014

Overview:

"The purpose of our Program is to provide start-up monies for new research projects in the field of Neuroscience that will likely lead to extramural funding from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) or other outside funding sources."

*New - Limited Submission Opportunity:

National Science Foundation - Partnerships for Innovation: Building Innovation Capacity (PFI: BIC)/ NSF 13-587

For this opportunity Harvard, as one institution, may submit two (2) applications. The NSF requires a Letter of Intent from applicants who are chosen to apply. It is due Monday, November 18th, 2013. Full proposals are due January 27, 2014.

The OVPR is aware of a faculty member who would like to apply for this opportunity. In order to gauge interest from the University as a whole we are asking other interested faculty to send an <a href="mailto:email:em

Below please find a limited number of details about this opportunity. Please refer to the full funding announcement at the link above for greater detail and explanation.

• Type of Award: Stand Grant or Continuing Grant

• Estimated Number of Awards: 10

Anticipated Funding Amount: up to \$8,000,000

• Anticipated Funding Duration: 3 years

• A minimum of one (1) US based industry partner of any size is required

"The Partnerships for Innovation: Building Innovation Capacity (PFI:BIC) program supports academe-industry partnerships, which are led by an interdisciplinary academic research team with a least one industry partner, to collaborate in building technological and human innovation capacity [4]. This innovation capacity is intended to endure beyond the initial award. Partnerships that build the capacity to innovate are expected to be effective at innovating and able to continue to innovate. They are highly intentional about creating an environment that fosters innovation. These partnerships not only develop new technology but also foster the development of human capital that embraces a culture of change, nurtures the generation of new ideas, and considers feedback an integral part of the innovation processes. Partnership members are diverse, representing a spectrum of backgrounds, perspectives, and skills. Partnership activities that drive sustained innovation include the targeted allocation of resources such as capital, time, facilities; and sharing of knowledge in a cross-organizational and interdisciplinary context.

The PFI:BIC partnership team should focus on technological innovations with potential for significant economic/societal impact. The team collaborates on research, focusing on novel applications motivated by existing research discoveries and based on a platform technology with the potential to achieve transformational change in existing service systems or to spur entirely new service systems. To attain this goal, these partnerships, which inherently require interdisciplinary research, must address what is needed to advance this technology so as to enable a "smart" service system or systems to enter into the commercialization process, succeed in the marketplace, and achieve positive economic, social, and environmental outcomes. Such advancement involves not only engineering, computer science, and other fields of science, but also an understanding of the potential interaction of the technology with customers and the broader public affected by the technology, the "sociotechnical system." A full understanding of the sociotechnical system will require interdisciplinary teams that include social, behavior, and/or cognitive sciences. Finally, the team should demonstrate an understanding of potential commercial applications and markets, which should contribute to guiding the project activities.

Examples [5] of technology applied to service systems include smart healthcare, smart cities, on-demand transportation, precision agriculture, smart infrastructure, and other technologies enabling self-service and customized service solutions."

National Science Foundation - 2014 Alan T. Waterman Award

Internal Coordination required

The National Science Foundation (NSF) is pleased to accept nominations for the 2014 Alan T. Waterman Award. Each year, the Foundation bestows the Waterman Award in recognition of the talent, creativity, and influence of a singular young researcher. Established in 1975 to commemorate the Foundation's first Director, the Waterman Award is NSF's highest honor for promising, early-career, researchers.

Nominees are accepted from all sources, from any field of science and engineering that NSF supports. The award recipient will receive a medal and an invitation to the formal awards ceremony in Washington, DC. In addition, the recipient will receive a grant of \$1,000,000 over a five-year period for scientific research or advanced study in any

field of science or engineering supported by the National Science Foundation, at any institution of the recipient's choice. We are especially interested in nominations for women, members of underrepresented minority groups, and persons with disabilities.

Eligibility and Selection Criteria

- 1. Candidates must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents. They must be 35 years of age or younger, or not more than 7 years beyond receipt of their Ph.D. degree, by December 31 of the year in which they are nominated.
- Candidates should have demonstrated exceptional individual achievements in scientific or engineering research of sufficient quality, originality, innovation, and significant impact on the field to place them at the forefront of their peers.

Complete nomination packages, consisting of nominations and four letters of reference, are due by October 25, 2013. The nominations and letters must be received through the FastLane system. To submit a nomination, please visit https://www.fastlane.nsf.gov/honawards/.

Please contact the Program Manager for the Alan T. Waterman Award at waterman@nsf.gov or 703-292-8040 if you have any questions. You may also visit http://www.nsf.gov/od/waterman/waterman.jsp for more information. A PDF version of the call for nominations is available at

http://www.nsf.gov/od/waterman/nsf_watermanaward_2014callfornominations_130730.pdf

If you are interested in applying for this award, please submit a Notice of Intent to ORSD (including name, title and department) by October 1st so that we may coordinate the nominations.

Limited Submission Opportunity:

National Science Foundation: Major Research Instrumentation Program/ NSF 13-517

Harvard, as one institution, may submit up to three proposals*. The Office of the Vice Provost for Research will facilitate the internal process to determine the entries from Harvard.

Sponsor: National Science Foundation

Program: Major Research Instrumentation Program/ NSF 13-517 Internal Due Date: Monday, October 28, 2013, 5:00 pm EST

Internal Competition Instructions:

- Letter of endorsement from department chair or center director that also specifies how the cost sharing requirement will be met.
- Two page research proposal (a third page may be used for graphics)
- Current CV for Principal Investigator (no specific format requested for internal submissions)

Sponsor LOI: Not applicable

Sponsor Due Date: January 23, 2014

Overview of Opportunity:

- * There are two tracks to consider when applying for this opportunity.
 - Acquisition: Track 1Development: Track 2
 - o If three proposals are submitted, at least one of the proposals must be for instrument development (i.e., no more than two proposals may be for instrument acquisition)
- The Major Research Instrumentation Program (MRI) "seeks to increase access to shared scientific and engineering instruments for research and research training..." by providing funds to assist with the

purchase or development of research tools that are otherwise too costly and/or not appropriate to acquire through other sources of NSF funding.

• Cost sharing of precisely 30% of the total project cost is required. Other budgetary information applies. Please carefully read over the announcement for further details.

• Estimated number of awards: 175

• Anticipated Funding Amount: \$90 million

Limited Submission Opportunity

Damon Runyon Cancer Research Foundation Clinical Investigator Award

HSPH faculty are eligible to compete for the Damon Runyan Cancer Research Foundation Clinical Investigator Awards. Because Harvard is only permitted to nominate six applicants, nominees will be selected through the University Committee on Biological Sciences (UCBS). **Applicants must apply through the UCBS online application portal no later than October 16, 2013:** http://www.fas.harvard.edu/~research/UCBS/damonrunyon.html

Description: The Clinical Investigator Award program supports early career physician-scientists conducting patient-oriented research. The goal of this innovative program is to increase the number of physicians capable of moving seamlessly between the laboratory and the patient's bedside in search of breakthrough treatments. Clinical Research is defined as:

- 1. Patient-oriented research: research conducted with human subjects
- 2. Epidemiologic and behavioral studies
- 3. Outcomes research and health services research

Excluded from this definition are in vitro studies that utilize human tissues but do not deal directly with patients. This award is designed to support physicians who adhere to "The Handshake Rule," meaning that he/she will meet each patient in his/her research studies.

Amount of support: \$150,000 per year for three years plus dept repayment program.

Eligibility Requirements:

- 1. The applicant must be an assistant professor level (possibly instructor, see note below).
- 2. The applicant must have received an MD or MD/PhD degree(s) from an accredited institution, completed his/her subspecialty training and be board-eligible.
- 3. The applicant must apply within the first four years of his/her initial full faculty appointment (cut-off July 2010).
- 4. The applicant must apply in conjunction with a mentor who is established in the field of clinical translational cancer research or cancer prevention and epidemiology and can provide critical guidance during the period of the award. No more than two Damon Runyon Clinical Investigators will be funded to work with the same mentor at any given time.
- 5. The applicant must commit 80% time to research.
- 6. Candidates holding or awarded R01s at the time of application are not eligible to apply. Applicants may not concurrently hold another physician-scientist career development award from a private source. See foundation website for examples.
- 7. The applicant must be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident.

The Life Sciences Research Foundation – Postdoctoral Fellowship Program

The LSRF solicits monies from industry, foundations and individuals to support postdoctoral fellowships in the life sciences. Active solicitation of funds continues, for which we need the assistance of all concerned individuals. We recognize that discoveries and the application of innovations in biology for the public's good will depend upon the training and support of the highest quality young scientists in the very best research environments. LSRF awards fellowships across the spectrum of the life sciences: biochemistry; cell, developmental, molecular, plant, structural, organismic population and evolutionary biology; endocrinology; immunology; microbiology; neurobiology; physiology; virology.

Click here for more information.

PCORI - Treatment Options for African Americans and Hispanics/Latinos with Uncontrolled Asthma

Today, PCORI announced plans to invest up to \$17 million in patient-centered outcomes research projects evaluating treatment options for uncontrolled asthma in African-American and Hispanic/Latino populations. Through this initiative, we are not only tackling a major health issue but also issuing our first funding opportunity targeting specific, high-impact health and healthcare topics.

This newly released <u>PCORI Funding Announcement (PFA)</u> seeks proposals to evaluate comprehensive and coordinated approaches to reducing poor health and other complications related to uncontrolled asthma in specific minority populations disproportionately affected by this condition. Our goal is to fund comparative effectiveness research to identify optimal strategies for leveraging the National Asthma Education and Prevention Program (NAEPP) guidelines to improve asthma outcomes for African Americans and Hispanics/Latinos.

We are particularly interested in studies that assess methods to improve both provider and patient adherence to the NAEPP's evidence-based guidelines, coupled with interventions tailored to the needs of specific individuals and populations. As the guidelines require a multidimensional approach to patient care, we welcome proposed studies that incorporate interventions at the community, home, and health system levels and assess combinations of patient-education tools, home-environment interventions, asthma medications, and team-based approaches.

In addition, in accordance with our patient-centered mission, we're looking for proposals that will examine outcomes that matter most to patients and their families, such as missed days of school or work, visits to emergency departments, limitations on individuals' activities, patients' and families' ability to manage symptoms themselves outside of medical facilities, and their overall quality of life.

Asthma affects nearly 26 million Americans; racial and ethnic minorities disproportionately suffer its effects. Almost 4.5 million African Americans -- approximately 12 percent -- had asthma in 2010 and experience significantly higher asthma-related illness and death rates than do white Americans. About 3.6 million Hispanics and Latinos/Latinas in the United States -- some 7 percent -- reported having asthma in 2010. Children in both these minority populations are less likely than white children to be prescribed asthma treatment and to follow it when they are.

Those interested in this funding announcement must submit letters of intent (LOIs) by **Thursday, Aug. 1, and applications by Wednesday, Sept. 18**. Application guidelines and templates will be available on Monday, July 1, in PCORI's Funding Center. We will host an informational webinar on Tuesday, July 9, for interested applicants.

This PFA is the first to result from our accelerated process to develop funding announcements on specific topics that patients, family caregivers, clinicians, payers, and other healthcare stakeholders have told us are of greatest concern to them and where our work could help to improve care. This "targeted" funding path complements calls for proposals issued under our broad National Priorities for Research.

United States-Israel Educational Foundation (USIEF), the Fulbright commission for Israel

The United States-Israel Educational Foundation (USIEF), the Fulbright commission for Israel, offers 8 fellowships to American post-doctoral researchers in support of work to be carried out at Israeli universities during the course of the 2014/2015-2015/2016 academic years.

The US Post-Doctoral Fellowship Program is open to candidates in all academic disciplines. Please click below for further details:

http://www.bsf.org.il/data/FormsToDownload/Fulbright Israel Post Doctoral2013.doc

<u>Keystone Symposia Early Career Investigator Travel Awards (ECITA)</u>

Keystone Symposia has now some additional funds for Early Career Investigator Travel Awards (ECITA). These awards are for Assistant Professors from designated URM backgrounds in the U.S., who are "bench" researchers. The purpose is to support their research success by providing funds for them to attend one of the Keystone Symposia research meetings (Up to \$1800).

The application may be found on-line at www.keystonesymposia.org/diversity http://www.keystonesymposia.org/diversity See ECITA.

- There will be (9) awards for the 2013/2014 Keystone Symposia meeting season.
- The applicants must choose a scheduled meeting from March 1, 2013 through February 28, 2014 and have all receipts submitted for reimbursement to Keystone Symposia within 2 weeks post the end of the meeting.
- Reimbursement is only for registration, ground and air transportation, and lodging.
- Applications are reviewed by meeting organizers and the DLSP office.
- Awards are made based on the applicant's research question and the likelihood of getting the question answered at the meeting selected.
- All awards will be made on a "first come first served" basis.
- Award Amount: 1,950 USD. This is a reimbursement award all receipts must be submitted at one time for reimbursement.
- The application process for such awards will open March 1, 2013.
- Click here to download the application.

Applicants MUST be engaged in laboratory research and focused on a career in "bench" research.

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Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Scholars in Health Policy Research

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Scholars in Health Policy Research program develops and supports a new generation of creative health policy thinkers and researchers within the disciplines of economics, political science and sociology.

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