May OVCR Newsletter Program Announcements

American Heart Association

About the AHA:
The AHA is a nonprofit organization that supports basic, clinical, translational, and population health and outcomes research related to cardiovascular function, disability, and stroke. Within these broad areas, AHA considers projects in many areas including aging, health disparities, diabetes, emergency cardiac care, epidemiology, genetics, nutrition, obesity and women’s health.

What’s new at AHA?
The American Heart Association (AHA) has released information on their upcoming grant portfolio. Grant mechanisms and deadlines are:

Career Development Awards - Applications are due December 3, 2020
Collaborative Sciences Awards - Letters of intent are due January 7, 2021; invited full applications are then due March 16, 2021
Established Investigator Awards - Letters of intent are due October 14, 2020 with invited full applications due January 14, 2021
Innovative Project Awards - Letters of intent are due November 3, 2020; invited full applications are then due February 2, 2021
Merit Awards - Letters of intent are due October 1, 2020; invited full applications are then due November 10, 2020
Postdoctoral Fellowships - Applications are due September 10, 2020
Transformational Project Awards - Applications will be due February 16, 2021

Note the agency is also moving from an in-house electronic submission system (Grants@Heart) to ProposalCentral for this year’s competitions.

Howard Hughes Medical Institute (HHMI)

About the HHMI:
HHMI is an independent philanthropy that supports basic biomedical scientists and educators with the potential for transformative impact. The HHMI has four guiding priorities: Discovery Science; Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in the Scientific Workforce; Public Engagement; and Healthy Academic Ecosystem.

What’s new at HHMI?
The Howard Hughes Medical Institute (HHMI) has released details on a new program, the Medically Trained Scientist Program, designed to enhance clinicians’ skills in conducting basic science research, starting at the postdoctoral fellow phase and transitioning through independent faculty status. Eligible applicants 1) hold an MD, DO or MD/PhD degree that was received less than 8 years prior to award state date (no earlier than June 30, 2013 and no later than July 1, 2021); 2) must be accepted to work in the mentor’s lab by the application deadline; 3) if already in a postdoctoral research training position, may

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not have more than 24 months of postdoctoral training by application deadline; and 4) may not hold a current position higher than Instructor.

This program provides up to four years of postdoctoral training (covering salary, benefits, and a $30,000 expense allowance); the potential faculty phase will last four years and provide salary/benefits, an annual research budget of $250,000 and comes with a medical school loan repayment plan.

Note there are no institutional nominations required, and there are no limits on the number of applicants or awardees affiliated with any given institution or sponsor. The University of Colorado Denver is an eligible institution for this program. The deadline for applications is August 11, 2020.

Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI)

About PCORI:
PCORI was created as part of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. The agency is charged with providing a better understanding of prevention, diagnosis, and treatment options for patients, their caregivers, health care providers and other stakeholders. This charge is met through 1) research, 2) an emphasis on research methodology and 3) efforts to encourage other funding agencies to incorporate patient-centered research methods.

What’s new at PCORI?
The Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI) has announced Cycle 3 deadlines for their Broad Areas of interest: Addressing Disparities, Assessment of Options, Communication and Dissemination Research and Improving Healthcare Systems.

Note that PCORI’s recent reauthorizing legislation provided additional direction about national research priorities, noting that they should include research with respect to:

- Intellectual and developmental disabilities
- Maternal mortality

Pending further stakeholder input and elaboration of specific research needs, PCORI invites investigators to submit Letters of Intent (LOIs) for studies comparing clinical and/or health systems interventions to address adverse consequences and outcomes in these two new priority areas as well as those addressed in their publication, National Priorities for Research and Research Agenda.

Required letters of intent will be due September 29, 2020 with invited full applications then due January 12, 2021. Note that the PCORI Funding Announcement will be available September 1, 2020. Additional details are available at https://www.pcori.org/funding-opportunities/announcement/broad-pcori-funding-announcements-cycle-3-2020

PCORI will also be accepting letters of intent and invited full applications on the same schedule for the Improving Methods for Conducting Patient-Centered Outcomes Research funding opportunity; limited details are at https://www.pcori.org/funding-opportunities/announcement/improving-methods-cycle-3-2020.

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The Mark Foundation

About the Mark Foundation
The Mark Foundation provides grant support to an expanding network of scientists conducting research across cancer types.

What's new with the Mark Foundation?
Mark Foundation for Cancer Research Emerging Leader Awards
Letters of intent are due June 4, 2020; Invited full applications are then due August 24, 2020.
Link: https://themarkfoundation.org/emerging-leader-award/

National Center for Complementary and Integrative Health

About the NCCIH:
As one of the National Institutes of Health (NIH), the mission of NCCIH is to define, through rigorous scientific investigation, the usefulness and safety of complementary and integrative health interventions and their roles in improving health and health care.

NCCIH’s vision is that scientific evidence informs decision making by the public, by health care professionals, and by health policymakers regarding the use and integration of complementary and integrative health approaches.
To learn more, visit the NCCIH Facts-at-a-Glance and Mission webpage.

What’s new at the NCCIH?
National Center for Complementary and Integrative Health Center of Excellence for Research on Complementary and Integrative Health (P01)
Deadlines: January 25, May 25, September 25 (program announcement expires May 26, 2023)

The National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities (NIMHD)

About the NIMHD:
As one of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) NIMHD envisions an America in which all populations will have an equal opportunity to live long, healthy, and productive lives. To accomplish this, NIMHD raises national awareness about the prevalence and impact of health disparities and disseminates effective individual-, community-, and population-level interventions to reduce and encourage elimination of health disparities.

What’s new at the NIMHD:
The National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities (NIMHD) dropped out of the NIH-wide R21 parent announcement last week. Then they issued one of their own and made a big deal about 1) no need for preliminary data and 2) encouraging Early Stage Investigators to apply. Applications are due

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If you are a faculty member interested in a personalized fund search, contact Lynette Michael (lynette.michael@ucdenver.edu) according to the NIH deadline schedule. The full program announcement is available at https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-20-150.html.