

# Research Brief

## ***Message from the Senior Associate Dean for Research***

As the regular academic school year ends, it's a great time to reflect on the year's accomplishments - congratulations to all for an amazing year. Thank you for all you do to support and enhance the research enterprise across GWSPH - as faculty, staff or student!

It is also a good time to relax in order to prepare and feel rejuvenated for the next academic year. With all that is going on in the world, let alone the day-to-day energy required to do our jobs and family, it is no surprise that many of us may be feeling over worked. Offering ourselves a reprieve from day-to-day stress should be one of the main tasks on the 'to-do' list during the summer months; we need to give our minds a decent rest whenever we find the opportunity. Everything inside us is so amazingly interconnected; taking care of ourselves physically and emotionally is not only a good habit, it is also great for focus, new ideas, and creativity.

I hope we can all rest, restore, and replenish!

***Adnan Hyder, MD MPH PhD***  
*Senior Associate Dean for Research*  
*Professor of Global Health*  
*Milken Institute School of Public Health*

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## **Did You Know?**

**2020-2021 We Conducted,**  
**First review of current PhD Students**  
**First school-wide PhD Orientation!!**

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## ***Research Project Highlight***

### **HIV Prevention, Care, and Treatment**



***Dr. Amanda D. Castel***  
*Professor, Epidemiology*

The project on ***HIV prevention, care, and treatment*** focuses on developing innovative methods to improve outcomes like incorporating a longitudinal cohort study, digital/mHealth, implementation science, and interventional studies.

Some highlights of this project are its DC cohort study, which is supported by an R24 grant and PositiveLinks, supported by an R01 grant. The project is able to provide HIV testing for adolescents (SBIR Phase II). Lastly, the project allows for a rapid start for pre-exposure Prophylaxis for HIV in the GWU ED. Funding for the project comes from four different prestigious sources. Two sources are mentioned above. Another source is an R44 grant, and there is a Gilead Sciences NOVA grant that is pending.

Various main and expected outcomes are to improve overall outcomes along the HIV care continuum. This largely includes HIV testing, engagement in care, and viral suppression. Next steps include using the cohort as a platform for interventional studies and launching an adolescent trials network.

**We are proud of our Research!**

## Lectures & Events

Center on Commercial  
Determinants of Health presents

### **WEBINAR** **COMMERCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH: UNDERSTANDING THE ROLE OF THE ALCOHOL INDUSTRY**

#### Panelists



**Kristina Sperkova, MS**  
International President,  
Movendi International



**Maristela G. Monteiro, MD, PhD**  
Senior Advisor on Alcohol, Pan  
American Health Organization

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#### Moderator



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George Washington  
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**22 JUNE 2022**

**10 AM -11 AM EST**

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## OFFICE OF SPONSORED PROJECTS

For those research faculty who have sponsored projects and would like to know how to access their financial information...it's at your fingertips, join OSP on Thursday, June 23rd at 11:00am for a walkthrough of the PI dashboard system from Bridgette Heine, Sr. Data Analyst, along with OSP staff to be on hand to answer award-related questions.

**PI Dashboard Training: Thursday, June 23rd at 11am**

Can't make it, another session will be held Thursday, September 8 at 11:00am.

**PI Dashboard Training: Thursday, September 8th at 11am**

## Funding Opportunities



# Arnold Ventures

Reducing Violence Research RFP

**Application Deadline:**

**July 11th, 2022**

The Arnold Ventures (AV) Reducing Violence portfolio aims to reduce community violence, support a safe future for all community members, and minimize the fear that comes from living in communities without effective responses to violence. To advance this vision, this portfolio focuses on the development of a rigorous evidence base on violence reduction strategies and programs to support communities, policymakers, and law enforcement agencies in their efforts. Specifically, Arnold Ventures supports research to better understand effective strategies to reduce community violence by focusing on the most high-risk people and places and promoting effective policing, and ensuring that what is learned leads to scalable results. Awards are ~\$500K but go well over \$1-2M.. Brief proposals are due July 11<sup>th</sup>.

*For more information click [here](#).*



## The Greenwall Foundation

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**Application Deadline:**

**June 27th, 2022**

**The Greenwall Foundation—Making a Difference in Real-World Bioethics Dilemmas** program to support “research to help resolve an important emerging or unanswered bioethics problem in clinical, biomedical, or public health decision-making, policy, or practice.” Priority topics include bias and discrimination, trust in science, medicine, and public health, public health crises, developments in AI, and healthcare access, costs, and resource allocation. Awards are ~\$220K/18 or 24 months. LOIs are due June 27<sup>th</sup>.

*For more information click [here](#).*

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Wellcome Leap

**Application Deadline:**

**June 30th, 2022**

**Wellcome Leap—In Utero** program “to create the scalable capacity to measure, model and predict gestational development with sufficient accuracy to reduce stillbirth rates by half, without increasing provider-initiated delivery.” Areas of focus include identification and testing of new measures and biomarkers, pilot novel approaches to data collection, development, integration and validation of predictive models of gestational development, and methods for scalable screening, prevention and intervention. There are no set award amounts for this \$50M program. Seven-page abstracts are due June 30<sup>th</sup>.

*For more information click here.*



**NIHCM Foundation**

**Application Deadline:**

**July 1st, 2022**

**NIHCM Foundation—Research Grants** for “innovative investigator-initiated research with high potential to inform improvements to the US health care system. Projects must advance the existing knowledge base in the areas of health care financing, delivery, management, and/or policy.” Awards are ~\$55K and LOIs are due July 1<sup>st</sup>.

*For more information click here.*

[June Deadlines](#)

[Continuous Deadlines](#)

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 **Pod 2 Team Spotlight** 



**Quinn Benson**  
*Senior Research Administrator*  
*Pod 2*

Quinn Benson joined the GW community and Pod 2 in November of 2021. He has been working with both pre-award and post-award activities thus far. In the past 8 months, Quinn has helped manage various portfolios while the Pod has been going through staffing changes. Prior to working at GW, Quinn has worked professionally at the University of Delaware, Florida Atlantic University, and the University of Oregon.

**We love Pod 2!**  
**Thank you for your hard work.**

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 **Pod 2 Job Opportunity** 

Are you looking for full-time employment? Have you thought about a career in Research Administration here at GW? Do you have the following key attributes: good organizational skills, strong financial capacity, basic understanding of scientific research, and an ability to prioritize tasks? Knowledge of basic accounting or economics, the ability to monitor and manage multiple needs simultaneously is critical along with basic familiarity of Excel and tracking information are all key attributes that promote success in research administration. Looking to apply? A well-rounded resume, with a focus on organization and project management will get you noticed.

***For more details click here.***

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## Research Resources



***REDCap is available for current GW faculty, staff, students, and affiliates after completing the GW RedCap Online Training.***

**REDCap (Research Electronic Data Capture)** is a secure web application for building and managing online surveys and databases. REDCap can be used to collect virtually any type of data, enables rapid project development, provides users with complete autonomy and control of a project, and direct exports to common statistical packages.

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

**Early Career Reviewer (ECR) Program:** The NIH Offers an Opportunity for Early Career Faculty to join and to take part in the Grant Review Process and to Gain Insights for their Own Applications.



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