

Research Brief

Message from the Senior Associate Dean for Research

Dear Colleagues,

Last Monday, gun violence claimed more lives at Michigan State University; not only were the lives of Arielle Anderson, Brian Fraser, and Alexandria Verner taken so suddenly, but their families and loved ones must bear the profound grief of losing them to senseless violence. Injured victims and their classmates have to deal with trauma, and the fact that this marks the 74th mass shooting that has occurred in the U.S. in 2023. What will it take for us as a country to make meaningful change in gun laws and prevent tragedy from happening again? Gun violence is one of the most urgent public health issues we are facing and it must be treated as such. Let's hope with research, evidence-based prevention programs, and effective policy solutions, we can make our schools and living spaces free of gun violence.

It was also deeply saddened to read of the devastation caused by the earthquakes that struck Turkey and Syria early this February, that claimed thousands of lives. The tragedy continues as the search for survivors and human remains by emergency services is still underway. Through community and worldwide support, the world can only hope to rebuild the homes, businesses, and livelihoods that lay in ruin. Our hearts go out to the people of Turkey, Syria, and those miles away wondering if their loved ones are safe. Please keep everyone affected by this tragedy in your thoughts, and it is heartening to know that many of us are engaged in efforts, big or small, to bring some relief to them.

With condolences to these victims of human-made and natural disasters and their families,

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The GW Biostatistics Center is Awarded \$50 million in NIH Funding for Search for Link Between Alzheimer's and Diabetes



In continuation of the Diabetes Prevention Program Outcomes Study that began in 1994, a team of researchers at GW's Biostatistics Center is advancing a nearly 30-year study on the connection between diabetes and Alzheimer's. In this 5 year study, with researchers spanning across 25 clinics, they will observe the original 1,976 participants of the DPPOS study and see if they are showing signs of Alzheimer's. The Biostatistics Center, housed under Milken will act as the study's coordinating center, a facility for managing and storing data for the study.

[Read the full GW Hatchet article](#)

Lectures & Events



Global Health Justice: Methodologies for Epistemic Reparations Independent Resource Group for Global Health Justice Spring Symposium 2023

Hosted by the George Mason University Department of Philosophy

When: April 14th, 2023

Join the Philosophy Department at George Mason University for a one-day conference is dedicated to methodologies for making reparations, and in particular, **epistemic reparations** needed for realizing more global health justice. Hear from keynote speakers **Melanie Altanian**, **Himani Bhakuni**, and **Ayesha Ahmad** as they discuss the ways in which imperialism/colonialism has silenced and suppressed the knowledge of countless peoples, including distorting the fields of inquiry and practice informing global health governance, policy and practice, and continues to perpetuate injustices. They will address questions such as:

- How might migrants identify and address the conditions that threaten their health?
- How can the historically silenced or erased and the powerful use and be critical of long-accepted methods in fields like epidemiology, economics, international relations, and philosophy that were generated and developed in a context of social and global injustice?
- How can there be greater access to and awareness of the value of information from community-based knowledge products which don't surface in English or rich country academic databases and literature searches?

[Register](#)

Funding Opportunities



REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS: AGING AND CANCER

Letter of Intent due: March 1, 2023

Full Application due: June 1, 2023

The **Samuel Waxman Cancer Research Foundation** and **The Israel Cancer Research Fund** are pleased to issue a joint Request for Applications for collaborative proposals to focus on aging and cancer. To qualify, projects must involve collaboration between two research groups – **one in the U.S. and one in Israel** - with different, but complementary expertise. Proposals must justify the partnership through synergistic scientific aims.

Two collaborative projects will be funded. Each of these projects will be awarded **\$200,000 per year for two years**, or a total of **\$400,000**, with **each research group receiving \$100,000 per year (\$200,000 total)**. Successful projects may be eligible for a third year of funding at the level of **\$100,000 (\$50,000 per research group)**.

For more information on guidelines and how to apply, click [here](#).



2024-2025 Team Science Award

LOI (Letter of Intent) application deadline: March 24, 2023 at noon ET

Award: \$400,000/2 years

The Honorable Tina Brozman Foundation ("Tina's Wish") is requesting Letters of Intent (LOI) for the Tina's Wish Team Science Awards for 2024-25 (formerly known as Individual Investigator Awards). Tina's Wish awards annual grants to researchers proposing new ideas and concepts specifically for the early detection or interception of ovarian cancer.

To be eligible, applicants must be working in a school of medicine or public health or a recognized non-profit scientific research facility in the United States. Their research should be innovative, exemplify/embody "collaborative science", and not currently funded. Applicants must also have attained the faculty position of Assistant Professor or higher (or equivalent; if at the Instructor level as an independent lab one is eligible to apply; if lab is embedded in a more senior/established lab, please apply for the Rising Star Grant).

For more information about funding, eligibility, and how to submit, click [here](#).



Mental Health Award: Finding the right treatment, for the right people, at the right time for anxiety and depression

Preliminary Application Deadline: June 7, 2023

£5 million up to 5 years

The Wellcome Trust aims to drive a transformative change in the ability to intervene as early as possible in the course of anxiety and depression, broadly defined, in ways prioritized by the people who experience them.

They are also looking to encourage equitable collaborations between low- and middle-income countries (LMICs) and high-income countries (HICs) so that findings may be applicable globally. Through this call, The

Wellcome Trust is looking to advance stratification in anxiety and/or depression, through funding further validation of promising biological, psychological, social and digital markers with the goal of enabling early identification of sub-groups and targeted treatment. For information on specific eligibility criteria and how to apply, click [here](#).



The Donaghue Foundation is awarding grants through 2 programs in 2023:

1.) Greater Value Portfolio 2023

Opening February 28th

Letters of Intent Due: April 4, 2023

The Donaghue Foundation will award up to \$400,000 for up to 2 years for the purpose of advancing promising approaches to achieve a higher-value healthcare system. The goal of this program is to test approaches and tools that organizations can readily use to improve the value of the healthcare they provide to their patients and communities.

Investigators conducting research to develop actionable solutions to one or more of these symptoms of low-value healthcare are encouraged to apply to the Greater Value Portfolio program:

- High and rising healthcare costs
- Unwarranted variation in prices
- Racial and ethnic disparities in access, prices, and outcomes
- Unaffordable cost of care burden on patients and families
- Unacceptable variation in quality
- Lack of transparency in both price and outcomes

For more details on eligibility and how to apply, click [here](#).

2.) Another Look 2023: Research to Improve Health for Older Adults in Long Term Care Facilities

Opening February 27th

Letters of Intent Due: March 27, 2023

The Foundation will invest a total of approximately \$750,000 in this grant program and expects to make four or five awards. Projects may be up to two years in length. This program provides funding for health-related research that has the near-term potential to improve health, well-being, and the quality and equity of care in long-term care facilities, for adults who are 65 years or older and are long-term residents in nursing homes, assisted living, and other congregate care facilities. This program is open to PhD (or equivalent) investigators at tax-exempt research institutions in the United States.

Requirements:

- 1.) Majority of the data analysis must use already existing datasets rather than new data that is collected for this study.
- 2.) inclusion of stakeholders from clinical, programmatic, or policy arenas on their project team to help inform the research

For more information about high priority topics and eligibility, click [here](#).



DEADLINE EXTENDED!
APPLY NOW TO BECOME A FELLOW
OF THE NIDA-FUNDED
HIV AND DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION
RESEARCH ETHICS TRAINING INSTITUTE

July 9th-17th, 2023

Deadline: March 15, 2023

-Attend two summer training programs with fully funded travel and lodging:

July 9-17, 2023: In-Person (New York City)

TBD 2024: In-Person (New York City)

-Receive a \$30,000 grant to conduct a mentored research study that will contribute to evidence-based HIV & drug use research ethics practice

-Join an international network of scholars examining current challenges in HIV & drug abuse research ethics

Eligibility:

Applicants must have (a) a medical or doctoral degree in social, behavioral, public health or related fields, (b) demonstrated scholarship in HIV and/or drug abuse prevention research; (c) must be early career; and (d) meet requirements to apply for NIH funding, but have not yet received an R01 (Career Development K awards are acceptable).

How to Apply:

Visit fordham.edu/RETIapply to see the application requirements and form. Feel free to contact Celia Fisher at ethicsinst@fordham.edu for more information.

see full flier [here](#)

February Deadlines

Continuous Deadlines



Pod Spotlight



**Meet our Pod 2 Team Member of the Week:
Daniel Siegeltuch**

Dan Siegeltuch joined GW's Research Pod 2 team after completing his Master of Public Administration at GW's Trachtenberg School of Public Policy and Public Administration in December 2020. He currently supports Pod 2's Yellow Team as a Research Program Associate coordinating both pre- and post-award activities for the Health Policy and Management department. Prior to joining GW, he worked in fundraising and non-profit development operations at organizations including Share Our Strength and the Jewish Federation of Greater Washington.

We are proud to have him as part of our team!



Research Resources



Is There a Tool That Can Help Me Prepare My Biosketch in the NIH Format?

The Science Experts Network Curriculum Vitae ([SciENCv](#)), which serves as an interagency system designed to create biosketches for multiple federal agencies, supports the NIH biosketch format. Within SciENCv, you can easily transform an existing biosketch from one format to another (e.g., old NIH format to new NIH format, NIH format to NSF format).



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