

Research Brief

Message from the Senior Associate Dean for Research

Dear Colleagues,

I am elated to welcome everyone back after what I hope was a rejuvenating summer break. It is wonderful to see campus become more lively with the return of staff, students, and faculty, excited for the start of a new academic year. I would also like to welcome the 19th president of George Washington University, Ellen M. Granberg. It was a pleasure having her visit GWSPH last week. President Granberg highlighted the importance of interdisciplinary collaboration in research among faculty members and so much more. We appreciate her outreach, and we are looking forward to her leadership of the GW community.

This month, I hope to provide a research update at the fall 2023 staff and faculty assemblies on September 6th and 7th in the Convening Center. I will have the opportunity to share important work underway within GWSPH.

Wishing everyone a successful and fruitful semester,

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Research Project Highlight



Dr. Rebecca Clifton

Dr. Rebecca Clifton is an Associate Research Professor in the Department of Epidemiology. For the past 20 years, her research at the Biostatistics Center has focused on maternal and child health. Dr. Clifton is the Principal Investigator for the Eunice Kennedy Shriver Maternal-Fetal Medicine Units (MFMU) Network Data Coordinating Center. The aims of the MFMU Network are to reduce maternal and neonatal morbidity and mortality, and to evaluate the efficacy and safety of therapeutic products used during pregnancy and lactation. Recent studies have also addressed high priority research areas including the opioid epidemic and the COVID-19 pandemic. Dr. Clifton was recently awarded a U24 to continue serving as the MFMU Network Data Coordinating Center for 7 years. It is anticipated that Dr. Clifton and her research team will collaborate with clinical investigators on the design, conduct, analysis, and reporting for 5-10 new clinical trials during this grant cycle. Dr. Clifton has ongoing collaborations with the NICHD Neonatal Research Network, NIH Helping to End Addiction Long-term (HEAL) Initiative, NICHD Maternal and Pediatric Precision in Therapeutics (MPRINT) Initiative, NIH Researching COVID to Enhance Recovery (RECOVER) Initiative, and the Foundation for the NIH.

We are proud of our Research!

GW Welcomes the 2023 Cohort of PhD Students!



 Funding Opportunities 



**Call for Papers for Supplement: Intersectoral
Collaboration and
Integrative Governance on the Road for Health in All
Policies**

Deadline: September 30, 2023

Health Systems Global is re-launching the call for articles for its Special Issue on Intersectoral Collaboration and Integrative Governance in collaboration with Health Policy and Planning. Research that appraises intersectoral collaboration in the following areas is particularly welcome: **The Environment and Health; Nutrition; Urban Health; School Health; Universal Health Coverage and primary health care; WASH; One Health; and Humanitarian crisis and migration.** This list is not exclusive. Original research articles as well as review papers are invited.

Accepted papers will be published to be presented at a special journal supplement of the 8th Global Symposium on Health Systems Research to be held in Nagasaki, Japan from 18 to 22 November 2024.

See the full flier [here](#).

[Submit Papers Here](#)



APPE RISE Call for Proposals

Deadline: October 2, 2023

The 2024 APPE RISEsm Pre-Conference Symposium invites abstracts describing recent research or activities of interest to the research ethics/integrity community. The symposium, titled "Research Ethics and Integrity in a Changing World," will be held on **February 22, 2024** at the Hilton Cincinnati Netherland Plaza Hotel, in conjunction with the 33rd Annual APPE International Conference. Submissions addressing any aspect of research integrity are welcome. This is an excellent opportunity for students and faculty to meet with experienced scholars and researchers to discuss developments in research, teaching, and policy.

For areas of special interest and research instructions, see the call for proposals [here](#), and view the flier [here](#).



Fall 2023 Research Innovation Awards (RIA)

Due Date: October 15, 2023

The Milken Institute School of Public Health (SPH) Research Innovation Awards aim to encourage innovation and creativity in public health research and support research initiatives aimed at generating extramural grant funding. **Faculty who have a primary appointment in GWSPH and may serve as Principal Investigators are eligible to apply for this award.**

For this specific round of Innovation Awards, the applications must include consideration or a focus on one or both of the following two themes: **Laboratory-based or basic-science public health research; and/or Development or application of a novel biomarker, new technology, or digital innovation for improving population health in the United States or globally.** Funding under this mechanism may be awarded for one or two years, and cannot exceed a total

of \$25,000 per year (up to a total of \$50,000 total for two years). Decisions of awards will be shared with applicants by **December 15, 2023**.

It is anticipated that work will start by **January 15, 2024**. Questions and final applications should be sent to GWSPHResearch@gwu.edu. See the full announcement [here](#) or visit <https://publichealth.gwu.edu/research/pre-award-unit> for more details.



FULBRIGHT

Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program: Hidden Gems in Europe and Eurasia

Application Deadline: September 15, 2023

Fulbright U.S. Scholar Awards give opportunities to U.S. citizens to teach, research and carry out professional projects around the world. Its 2024-2025 competition is now open for applications. Over 400 awards are available to applicants, many of which are not widely known. Fulbright wishes to highlight opportunities open in Europe and Eurasia:

Albania: Climate Change – Education and Advocacy

Austria: Fulbright-Natural History Museum Vienna Visiting Researcher

France: Fulbright-IMéRA-Aix-Marseille Université Award in Migration Studies

Croatia: All Discipline

Cyprus: All Disciplines

**Czech Republic: Fulbright Distinguished Scholar in Economics at CERGE-EI,
Charles University, Czech Academy of Sciences**

**Finland/Iceland: Fulbright Iceland-National Science Foundation Arctic Security Award
to Iceland and Finland**

Georgia: All Disciplines and Opportunities in STEM

Hungary: All available awards

**Italy: Fulbright Early Career Research Lectureship at the Department of Civil,
Environmental and Mechanical Engineering at the University of Trento**

Montenegro: All Disciplines

Slovak Republic: All Disciplines

Spain: Energy Production at the Universidad de la Laguna

**United Kingdom: Fulbright-British Library Eccles Centre Scholar Award (North
American Studies)**

These are just a few of the many opportunities available for this application cycle.
For a full list, visit <https://fulbrightscholars.org/awards/search>.



Fulbright-Fogarty Fellowships in Public Health

Upcoming Application Deadline: October 10, 2023

The Fogarty International Center is partnering with the Fulbright Program, the flagship international educational exchange program sponsored by the U.S. government, to promote the expansion of research in public health and clinical research in resource-limited settings for medical and graduate students. The program is designed for candidates who are currently enrolled in medical school or in a graduate-level program and who are interested in global health. The basic requirements and process for applying for the Fulbright-Fogarty Program are the same as for any Fulbright U.S. Student Study/Research Grant. For the 2024-2025 academic year, Fulbright-Fogarty Fellowship placements will be available in **Vietnam, Ethiopia, Ghana, Malawi, Uganda, Nepal, Jamaica, and Peru**. For application details and categories, visit the [Fulbright website](#).

NSF: FY24 Major Research Instrumentation (MRI) Program

Internal Competition Deadline: September 12, 2023 1pm ET

FY24: Deadline is November 15, 2023 (Submission window is 10/16/2023 – 11/15/2023)

The goal of the National Science Foundation (NSF) Major Research Instrumentation (MRI) Program is to increase access to shared-use/multi-user instrumentation for scientific and engineering research and research training. MRI is intended to be a capacity-building program that builds research capabilities across diverse institution types (institutions of higher education and not-for-profit scientific/engineering research organizations). MRI advances the National interest by providing U.S. organizations with instrumentation that opens new opportunities to advance the frontiers in science and engineering research and research training. An MRI proposal may request up to **\$1.4 million** for acquisition of a multi-user commercially available research/research training instrument and up to **\$4 million** for development of a research instrument with new capabilities.

Applicants must upload all required documents for the **internal competition** (competition form and CV) as a single pdf file through the OVPR InfoReady Limited Competition Portal by **September 12, 2023 @ 1:00PM ET**. Each organization may submit in "Tracks".

Read more about the internal competition guidelines [here](#). See the flier To learn more about **specific tracks**, submission windows, and requirements, view the full announcement [here](#).

If you have questions, please contact: reshelp@gwu.edu.



Advanced Research Projects Agency for Health (ARPA-H) Open-Office Broad Agency Announcement (BAA)

The Advanced Research Projects Agency for Health (ARPA-H) seeks to "make pivotal investments in breakthrough technologies and broadly applicable platforms, capabilities, resources, and solutions with the potential to transform important areas of medicine and health that cannot readily be accomplished through traditional research or commercial activity". ARPA-H opened its first Agency-wide Open Broad Agency Announcement (Open BAA), seeking funding proposals for research aiming to improve health outcomes across patient populations, communities, diseases, and health conditions. The BAA calls for proposals to outline breakthrough research and technological advancements.

Proposals should investigate unconventional approaches, and challenge accepted assumptions to enable leaps forward in science, technology, systems, or related capabilities. ARPA-H also encourages concepts to advance the objectives of President Biden's Cancer Moonshot, as well as more disease-agnostic approaches.

The open BAA is available [here](#), and will require an initial submission of a white paper. ARPA-H will then closely review the white papers on a rolling basis (4 to 6 weeks) and invite teams to apply for a full proposal.

Are you planning on submitting a proposal for funding consideration from an outside sponsor (e.g., NIH, DOD, RWJ, etc.)?

As soon as you identify the funder and funding mechanism, contact Pod 2 by

submitting an “intent to submit” form.

A sponsored research administrator (SRA) from Pod 2 will be assigned and will reach to you to set up a kickoff meeting to go over logistics, establish timeline deadlines, and gather more information about the proposed project.

Please be mindful that the Pod requests **at least 10 business days** to process a proposal **on top of the 5 business days required by OSP**.

Intent to Submit Form

Monthly Deadlines

September Deadlines

Continuous Deadlines

Lectures & Events



WoW Talk

September 6th 2023, 4:00 - 5:00 pm
Lehman Auditorium of the SEH

The first WoW Talk of the year will be taking place **TODAY 4-5pm in the Lehman Auditorium of the Science and Engineering Hall**.

The WoW TALK (What’s Our Work) Series brings together colleagues and students from a variety of disciplines to present new research and share ideas.

These short, TED-style talks (15 minutes each) are designed to introduce members of the GW community to current and exciting research projects, to initiate discussion, collaborate, share expertise, and to promote research performed at GW.

These talks are an opportunity to gain awareness of the different kinds of important work being done at GW, and can open the door for future collaboration opportunities. They are targeted to an educated lay-audience in order to be accessible to graduate students and colleagues from other fields.

Everyone is welcome and students and postdocs are particularly encouraged to

attend!

Read more about today's speakers and Wow Talks on the [CCAS website](#).

See the event flier [here](#).



Privacy Training and Events

The GW Office of Privacy will be hosting trainings, workshops, and events throughout the summer and fall to educate the GW community on how to be in compliance with privacy standards. On **September 13, 2023 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM ET**, they will be hosting a Virtual **Protecting Sensitive University Data** workshop. Hear about data protection and privacy considerations, applicable to all who collect, access, use and transmit university data. The principal focus will be on the University's data protection requirements guide. Faculty and staff are welcome!

[Registration and More From GW Privacy](#)



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Metabolism & Exercise Testing Laboratory

The Department of Exercise and Nutrition Sciences offers fee-based research testing services for the GW community and the greater Washington DC metro region through the Metabolism & Exercise Testing Laboratory. The overarching goal of the laboratory facility is to provide researchers and practitioners access to comprehensive testing and research resources to facilitate evidence-informed decisions regarding health, human performance, and behavior change. Their compilation of assessment services include body composition, resting and exercise metabolism, aerobic fitness, and muscular strength. The lab is conveniently located on the Foggy Bottom campus in the Milken Institute School of Public Health facility at 950 New Hampshire Avenue, NW. Please refer to the website bodycomposition.gwu.edu or contact the laboratory directly (bodycomposition@gwu.edu) for all inquiries, questions, and additional information.



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