Research Brief

Message from the Senior Associate Dean for Research

Dear Colleagues,

In the month of June, we celebrate and recognize Juneteenth, as well as Pride Month–both of which hold historical importance in our history and the ongoing struggle for equality. Juneteenth, also known as Emancipation Day, commemorates the day when 250,000 enslaved people in Galveston, Texas, were freed on June 19th, 1865, over 2 years after the Emancipation Proclamation was enacted. It serves as a testament to Black resilience in the face of injustice and a reminder of the progress we've made and have yet to make as a nation in securing equal rights for everyone. Pride Month honors the 1969 Stonewall Uprising during the Gay Liberation Movement. It memorializes the sacrifices made by members of the LGBTQ+ community and those we lost to violent hate crimes and HIV/AIDS.
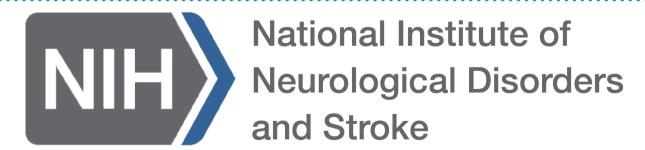
A single month or holiday is not enough time to fully honor the lives and legacies of those who brought liberation to their communities, nor do they denote a finish line in the fight for equality. Learning, unlearning, and advocacy work are continuous responsibilities that we should be committed to year-round; the research we do at GWSPH is very much a part of this movement. I encourage you all to not only celebrate these events with your friends, colleagues, and loved ones but be an active ally; and, if possible see how your own research can integrate, reflect or focus on these critical issues. Reflect on your biases, listen with an open heart, and have difficult conversations. By doing so, we can foster a more inclusive environment, and prevent history from repeating itself.

With hope for a more just future,

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💰 Funding **Opportunities**

National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke

HAPPENING TODAY:

Informational Webinar for the NINDS Collaborative Opportunities for Multidisciplinary, Bold, and Innovative Neuroscience (COMBINE) (RM1 Clinical Trial Optional)
When: Wednesday, June 28th from 1-2 PM EDT
next application receipt dates: October 20, 2023 and October 8, 2024

The Collaborative Opportunities for Multidisciplinary, Bold, and Innovative Neuroscience (COMBINE) program is designed to support integrated efforts of three to six PDs/PIs to pursue a bold, impactful, and challenging goal with

defined 5-year outcomes within the scope of this program and the **NINDS mission**. **Key proposal features include:**
• Transformative 5-year goal
o Bold, impactful, and challenging
o Single focused goal only achievable through interdisciplinary team science
o Multiple aims are non-responsive
• 3-6 MPIs integrating distinct viewpoints/expertise
o At least 20% effort each
o Subject to SCR policy
• Sufficient scope and complexity to warrant a team approach (as opposed to a Multi-PI R01)
• Anticipated direct costs/year are $500K - $1.5M.

To determine if your proposal fits the NINDS mission and RM1 mechanism, please provide the following information in a one-page Word/PDF to your NINDS Program Official or to NINDSTeamScience@nih.gov as soon as possible:
1. Title
2. Team Composition (Names, Title, Affiliation, 1-3 expertise keywords)
3. Planned Goal (Describe the single focused goal and its transformative nature)
4. Approach (Briefly describe the research strategy and the need for an interdisciplinary and integrated approach)
5. Budget (Estimated total costs with broad categorizations (personnel, equipment, travel, F&A, etc.))

During the informational webinar, NINDS staff will discuss the award background and motivation, application key elements and examples, the review process, and funding. Webinar attendees will have an opportunity for questions and answers with NINDS staff.
For more information on this funding opportunity, **click here**.

Register for the Webinar

GW | Office of the Vice Provost for Research

OVPR Funding Opportunities: Humanities Facilitating Fund & University Seminar Series Funding Program

Deadline: TOMORROW, June 29, 2023

The Office of the Vice Provost for Research (OVPR) sponsors **various intramural funding competitions and incentive programs** to support and encourage research and scholarship at the university.

The Humanities Facilitating Fund is open to all regular-status faculty conducting research in the humanities or interpretive research into human culture and cultural products. Awards for this fund go up to $5000. Proposals are due by **12:00 noon EDT, Thursday, June 29, 2023**. For full information on eligibility and how to submit, see the full announcement **here**.

The goal of the **University Seminar Series Funding Program i**s to connect the traditional research and scholarly endeavors of the academy across disciplines, thereby ensuring an exchange of perspectives and information. The makeup of each seminar is a group of highly qualified faculty from a range of appropriate departments and schools, and possibly distinguished individuals from outside the GW academic community. The award range for this program is up to $4000. Proposals are due by **1:00 EDT, Thursday, June 29, 2023**. For information on eligibility and how to submit, see the full announcement **here**.

AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF INDIAN STUDIES
2023 FELLOWSHIP COMPETITION

THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF INDIAN STUDIES (AIIS) is a non-profit consortium of ninety American colleges and universities that supports the advancement of knowledge and understanding of India in all of its complexity.

AIIS invites applications from scholars, professionals, and artists from all disciplines who wish to conduct research or carry out artistic projects in India in 2024-2026.

JUNIOR RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS
Available to doctoral candidates at U.S. universities to conduct research for their dissertations in India for up to eleven months.

SENIOR RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS
Available to scholars who hold the Ph.D. degree, either for long-term (six to nine months) or short-term (four months or less) periods.

SENIOR SCHOLARLY/PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FELLOWSHIPS
Available to scholars and professionals who have not previously worked in India.

SENIOR CREATIVE AND PERFORMING ARTS FELLOWSHIPS
Available to practitioners of the arts of India.

Note: Non-U.S. citizens are welcome to apply for AIIS fellowships as long as they are either graduate students or full-time faculty at a college or university in the U.S. This provision is not required for U.S. citizens who apply for senior or performing/creative arts fellowships.

APPLICATION DEADLINE
November 15, 2023

LEARN MORE
www.indiastudies.org

The American Institute of Indian Studies announces its 2023 fellowship competition and invites applications from scholars who wish to conduct their research in India. Junior fellowships are awarded to Ph.D. candidates to conduct research for their dissertations in India for up to eleven months. Senior fellowships are awarded to scholars who hold their Ph.D. degree for up to nine months of research in India. AIIS welcomes applicants from a wide variety of disciplines. It especially encourages applicants in fields such as Geography, Development Studies, Natural Resources Management, Public Health, and Regional Planning. The application deadline is **November 15, 2023**. Applications can be downloaded from the website **www.indiastudies.org**. Inquiries should be directed to 773-702-8638 or **aiis@uchicago.edu**

June Deadlines

Continuous Deadlines

Lectures & Events

HAPPENING TODAY:

PhD Info Session
When: June 28th 12-1pm
Where: Zoom

MPH and MS students--are you considering a research career after your Master's program? Come learn what it's like to get a PhD in Public Health at GW and have a career as a Public Health researcher in academia or at a public health agency. **RSVP here**.

Considering a PhD in Public Health?

Come learn what it's like to be a PhD student, get your PhD in Public Health at GW, and have a career as a Public Health researcher

WEDNESDAY JUNE 28TH
12:00 - 1:00 PM

Pre-register **HERE**

SPEAKERS
- Dr. Lorien Abroms, Associate Dean for PhD/MS Programs
- Tricia Realbuto, Assistant Director of Admissions
- Dr. Leighton Ku, PhD Health Policy Program Director
- Lauren O'Connor, PhD student in Epidemiology

Milken Institute School of Public Health
THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

HR HANOVER RESEARCH

GRANTS WEBINAR SERIES

Grantseeking for Clinical Faculty Webinar

When: Thursday, June 29th
12-12:45 pm ET / 9-9:45 am PT

Hanover Research provides research development, grant writing, and strategic advising support to a wide range of organizations. In this session, Hanover examines the unique opportunities available to clinical faculty, including discussion of human subjects research, clinical trials, and other key elements of clinical research. For more information and to register, please visit **this page.**

The Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health is offering various virtual and in-person courses through its SHARP (Skills for Health And Research Professionals) program. These short 29 trainings in omics, data science, climate, professional development, and many other topics provide immediate takeaway skills for investigators from any institution. Some workshops include Epigenetics, GIS, Bayesian Modeling, Climate Change & Health, and Environmental Justice. There are also 2 courses for PI's : **The PI's Business of Research Bootcamp** and **PI Crash**

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2023 Sony Research Award Program
UIDP Webinar

When: July 17, 2023, 1-2 pm ET

The University-Industry Demonstration Partnership (UIDP) provides a unique forum for representatives from universities and industries to find better ways to partner. In partnership with Sony, for its eighth year, it will be launching the Sony Research Award Program. This is an academic award initiative created to provide U.S., Canadian, select European countries, and Indian universities funding for emerging and innovative technology research projects in collaboration with Sony's own research division. With awards of up to $150,000 per year for each accepted proposal, the Sony Research Award Program creates new opportunities for university faculty to engage in pioneering research that could drive new technologies, industries, and the future. Read more about the program **here**.

Register Here

Meet our ORE Team Member of the Week:

Ogechi Abeduo

Ogechi joined the GWSPH ORE in May 2023 as a Manager of Research Fiscal Administration. Ogechi comes with a wealth of experience in financial planning, forecasting, budgeting, financial analysis, and management. She will be responsible for providing oversight and management for sponsored projects and related financial activity in the Milken Institute School of Public Health (GWSPH).

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Grant Writing Tips: Best Practices for Managing Your Grant

The Grant Training Center provides institutions and individuals the highest quality support to find, apply for, win, and manage federal, foundation, and corporate funding. Managing a grant effectively requires careful planning, organization, and ongoing oversight to ensure that the allocated funds are utilized optimally to achieve the desired outcomes. Here are some of the best ways to manage a grant:

Overview the goals and objectives of the funded proposal: Start by understanding and clearly articulating the goals and objectives of the funded grant. This will help you stay focused on what was promised and guide the decision-making throughout the grant period.

Follow the grant's original detailed budget: Review the funded budget that outlines the expected expenses and aligns with the grant guidelines. Create a timeline for monitoring and tracking expenditures to ensure they remain within the allocated budget.

Establish robust monitoring and evaluation systems: Implement a system to regularly monitor and evaluate the progress and impact of the grant. This will enable you to track outcomes, identify any challenges, and make necessary adjustments to ensure success.

Maintain open communication: Foster clear and frequent communication with all stakeholders. This includes the grant funder, project team, and beneficiaries. Regularly update them on project milestones, challenges, and successes to ensure transparency and build trust.

Adhere to the reporting requirements: Comply with the reporting guidelines set by the grant funder. Timely and accurate reporting is crucial to demonstrate accountability and maintain a positive relationship with the donor.

Document and store records: Maintain meticulous documentation of all grant-related activities, including financial records, progress reports, and communication logs. This will assist with audits and evaluations and maintain your reputation for the sake of future grant applications.

Mitigate risks: Identify potential risks and develop strategies to mitigate them. This includes establishing contingency plans, ensuring proper financial controls, and addressing any legal or compliance concerns.

Seek technical assistance and partnerships: Don't hesitate to seek guidance from experts in the field and/or collaborate with partner organizations. Their expertise and resources can enhance the success of the grant and help overcome any challenges.

For more helpful tips and help with developing you grant, visit the **Grant Training Center** website.

Be reminded that beginning June 1, 2023, GW will be instituting a **180-day deletion policy** for all cloud video recordings stored on GW provided platforms (Zoom, WebEx, Blackboard Collaborate, and Teams). Please note that this new policy does not pertain to 2U supported Zoom accounts. In view of this new policy, please give some thought to whether you have any academic or research related recordings that need to be preserved.   Please visit the GW IT website for **more information on the 180 day storage limits**. This website includes instruction guides on how and where to move your recordings. For researchers and research teams that have been using these platforms to conduct human subject research (consent recordings, individual or group interviews e.t.c), this new policy provides an opportunity to ensure they are in compliance with IRB approved protocols, approved data management plans as well as sponsor expectations regarding storage of research data.

If you believe that you may have video recordings that need to be preserved beyond the 180-retention window and would like to request assistance backing up the records, please:
Complete **this form** so that your needs can be addressed and carefully review the policy and support information.

New GWIT Policy Regarding Cloud Recording:
Recordings after January 1, 2023, will be saved for 180 days. After 180 days, recordings will be moved to the meeting host's "Trash" folder for an additional 30 days. Once the 30-day Trash countdown expires, the recordings will be permanently deleted and cannot be recovered.
On June 30, 2023 all recordings that are older than 180 days will be moved to the meeting host's "Trash" folder for 30 days. Once the 30-day Trash countdown expires, the recordings will be permanently deleted and cannot be recovered.

Platforms covered under this policy:
GW provided Zoom accounts
Please note: 2U and other externally provided Zoon accounts are not a part of this policy.
GW Blackboard Collaborate Ultra
GW Teams

GW WebEx

If faculty wish to preserve certain recordings, they must do so themselves using the following tools:
Echo 360 or GW Box: GW-wide supported option:
-GW IT support articles for transferring recording files are located at the bottom of the **Storage Limits for Web Conferencing Tools FAQs page**.
-Additional tool for GWSPH and SMHS faculty ONLY: Panopto
Panopto is not centrally managed by GWIT and is not governed by this policy
School of Public Health faculty/staff - Contact Andrew Wiss
Panopto Support is available 24x7 - 855-765-2341
https://support.panopto.com/s/article/Batch-Upload-Video-Files (video)
Other Panotpo support articles (courtesy of SMHS)

If you have questions or need assistance, please **contact IT Support**.

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