

Research Brief

Message from the Senior Associate Dean for Research

Dear Colleagues,

The urgency of the climate crisis is clearly evident in the increasing frequency and severity of heat waves, the rising temperatures and biological responses from vectors to microbes. These extreme weather events pose severe threats to our health and wellbeing, particularly for vulnerable populations such as the elderly, young children, pregnant women, and those with underlying medical conditions. However, the climate crisis means no one is immune - heat waves are becoming more intense, last longer, and are occurring more often globally. The same human activities driving climate change, like burning fossil fuels, also contribute directly to the urban heat island effect, trapping more heat in our cities and neighborhoods. Every action we take, from the energy we use to the food we consume, impacts our planet.

To keep ourselves and our communities safe, we must take steps to adapt to the new climate reality. This includes personal safety actions such as seeking shade, staying hydrated, checking on elderly neighbors, and limiting time spent outdoors during the hottest parts of the day. We also need societal actions to reduce use of carbon fossil fuels, ensuring laws that limit unhealthy gases and environmental protection. By taking action, individually and as a society, we can build resilience and protect ourselves from the dangerous consequences of a warming world. Inaction is not an option.

Stay cool and hydrated,
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Announcement for GWSPH Principal Investigators

If you are considering or planning to submit a proposal for extramural funding, please inform Pod 2 by completing an [Intent to Submit form](#) as soon as possible. Proposal applications from GWSPH principal investigators to outside funding agencies do require facilitation from Pod 2. A manager from Pod 2 will assign proposal support requests to aid with the application process within **2 business days**. The earlier Pod 2 receives the intent form, the better the quality of service they can provide.

Pod 2 requests at least **10 business days** to process a proposal on top of the **5 business days** required by the Office of Sponsored Projects (OSP).

Pod 2 [Intent to Submit form](#)

Questions: gwresearchpod2@gwu.edu

Protocol Builder: Writing a Clinical Research Study Protocol

GW provides free access to investigators for Protocol Builder that speeds the development of research protocols that comply with IRB and regulatory standards. Benefits of the Protocol Builder for protocol writing include:

- Structured, step-by-step guidance
- Eliminates time-consuming tasks involved in protocol development
- Multiple protocol templates and commonly used forms
- Aids collaboration with fellow researchers
- Confirms protocol completeness at a glance
- Enforces institutional protocol requirements and regulatory practices

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Monthly Deadlines



[NIDA: Ending the Epidemic: New Models of Integrated HIV/AIDS, Addiction, and Primary Care Services - August 20](#)

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Continuous Deadlines



INTRAMURAL

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EXTRAMURAL

[Congressionally Directed Medical Research Programs \(CDMRP\)](#)

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For further details about funding, please visit the [GWSPH Research Funding Resource Center](#).

Funding Opportunities



Milken Institute School of Public Health

The Fall 2024 GWSPH Research Innovation Awards: Call for Applications

The GW Milken Institute School of Public Health (GWSPH) Research Innovation Awards are designed to foster groundbreaking ideas and support promising research initiatives that have the potential to secure significant external grant funding. This prestigious program aims to encourage innovation, creativity, and bold thinking within the field of public health.

Faculty members who hold a primary appointment at GWSPH and are eligible to serve as Principal Investigators are invited to apply for this competitive award. Funding under this mechanism may be awarded for one or two years, with a **maximum of \$25,000 per year** (up to a total of \$50,000 for two-year projects).

To learn more about the application process and submission requirements, please visit the [GWSPH Research Funding webpage](#) or contact the research team at GWSPHResearch@gwu.edu.

Release Date: July 24, 2024

Due Date: October 11, 2024

[Read the full announcement](#)

[Budget Form](#)

NIDA: Ending the Epidemic: New Models of Integrated HIV/AIDS, Addiction, and Primary Care Services

The National Institute on Drug Abuse is interested in research that addresses gaps related to the delivery of comprehensive, integrated health services to include the full continuum of HIV/AIDS services, addiction prevention and treatment services, and primary care services, with a goal of improving the coordination of care, and improving health outcomes related to HIV, Hepatitis, and substance use disorder in the US.

Application deadline:
August 20, 2024

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2025-26 Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program

The [Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program](#) offers over [400 unique fellowships](#) to U.S. citizens to teach, research and conduct professional projects in more than 130 countries.

Application deadline:
September 16, 2024

[Webinar Schedule](#)

NIMHD: Community Level Interventions to Improve Minority Health and Reduce Health Disparities

This initiative represents the next iteration of the NIMHD Community-Based Participatory Research (CBPR) program that was established in 2005. This funding opportunity will support research projects to develop and test prospective community-level interventions to improve minority health and decrease health disparities.

Letter of Intent deadline:
September 5, 2024

Application deadline:
October 5, 2024

[Learn More](#)

NCI: Addressing Barriers to Healthcare Transitions for Survivors of Childhood and Adolescent Cancers

The NCI intends to support multi-level intervention studies that address individual and system level barriers to transition from pediatric to adult care for survivors of childhood and adolescent cancers. Overall, it is anticipated that this research will provide critical evidence for establishing best practices and standards of care that can be widely disseminated and adopted.

Letter of Intent deadline:
September 11, 2024

Application deadline:
October 11, 2024

[Learn More](#)

Engagement Award: Building Capacity for Small Organizations To Engage in Patient-Centered Comparative Clinical Effectiveness Research

Projects funded through this opportunity will help your small organization build the partners you need to help you and your community be skilled with researchers and in research. [Register](#) for the virtual town hall on **July 31 at 2pm** for an overview of PCORI, the Engagement Award program, and an introduction to this funding announcement.

Letter of Intent deadline:
September 26, 2024

Application deadline:
January 13, 2024

[Learn More](#)



Lectures & Events



Strategies for Assessing Efforts in Preparing NIH Institutional Training Grants

Wednesday, July 31st | 3:00 - 4:00 pm

This virtual panel discussion will specifically address the NIH's upcoming modifications to institutional training grant applications, effective for proposals due on or after January 25, 2025. Participants will explore potential collaborative opportunities to evaluate burden reduction and incorporate faculty feedback for ongoing enhancements.

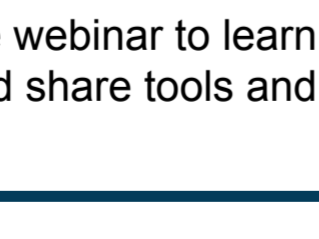
[Register](#)

What is a Pathfinder Study? Tools and Benefits

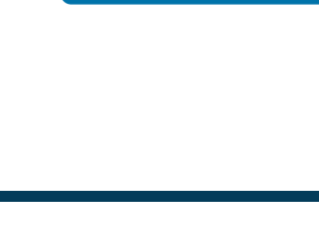
Tuesday, August 6th | 10:00 am

Introducing Pathfinder Studies, a concept designed to identify barriers within the health data research cycle and provide solutions that can be shared, used, and adapted by other health research teams to accelerate their own research. Join the webinar to learn how to identify key steps, track metrics, and share tools and solutions.

[Register](#)



Research Resources



NIH e-Protocol Writing Tool

The [electronic protocol writing tool](#) aims to facilitate the development of two types of clinical trials involving human participants. The first type of trials are Phase 2 and 3 clinical trial protocols that require a Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Investigational New Drug (IND) or Investigational Device Exemption (IDE) application. Find the tool [here](#).

GW Research Commons

Launched by the Office of the Vice Provost for Research, GW Research Commons is a website that showcases the resources and offices that support scholarly enterprise. The site includes featured content, upcoming research events, and links that are organized by category. Visit the [Research Commons webpage](#) for more.

The George Washington School of Public Health (GWSPH) Office of Research Excellence (ORE) is dedicated to supporting the research efforts of faculty, staff, and students within the Milken Institute School of Public Health. The ORE serves the School of Public Health and its departments in different ways by offering strategic research expertise and support for various research-related functions while catalyzing research productivity. It is responsible for research coordination, compliance with applicable regulations and institutional policies, research integrity and training, research communication, contracting and enhancement, and providing excellent service to advance research and discovery by faculty, students, staff, and individuals affiliated to GWSPH.

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