

Research Brief

Message from the Senior Associate Dean for Research

Dear Colleagues,

I wanted to reflect on the importance of diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) in research especially at GWSPH. I hope all of us have encountered and engaged with DEI efforts in our academic or research settings, where we celebrate our diversity, focus on equity, and insist on inclusion in research systems.

For example, **diversity** involves actively seeking and valuing input from individuals with different ideas, backgrounds, and experiences; and by including diverse perspectives, we can collectively tackle complex public health challenges more effectively. **Equity** is essential in ensuring that both the participants in our studies and researchers themselves are representative of individuals who will benefit from our research, understanding how factors such as race and ethnicity affect data, and approaching analysis with cultural competence. **Inclusion** means that every person and each viewpoint is not only acknowledged but also respected and considered when making decisions. Incorporating these values in our research work also shows our adherence to public health ethics and promotes our credibility as researchers.

I believe that one of our greatest strengths at GWSPH is amplifying previously marginalized voices in research - so as you start work this year, I request you to reflect on how to actively promote DEI in your own study, program or lab - and welcome your efforts to promote DEI in GWSPH research.

Warmly,

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RESEARCH DAY 2024
Call for Abstracts

All abstracts must be submitted by **March 22, 2024**

A forum for all students and researchers to showcase their work through poster presentations. For more information and additional guidelines, visit the [GWResearchDay](#) website using the QR code or contact [office@researchday.gwu.edu](#).

Scan here to learn more about Research Day

GWSPH Research Day

THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY
WASHINGTON, DC

GWSPH Research Day, a forum for all students, postdocs, research staff, and alumni to showcase their work through poster presentations, will take place on **April 9, 2024**.

Research Project Highlight



Dr. Manya Magnus

Dr. Magnus is the Chair of the Department of Epidemiology at the Milken Institute School of Public Health. She is also the Principal Investigator (Multiple) for the NIH/AIDS-funded DC Clinical Trials Unit (DC CTU) and co-Director of the NIH-funded DC Center for AIDS Research. Dr. Magnus has conducted applied epidemiologic research for over three decades, focusing on innovative biomedical and structural interventions to prevent HIV transmission. Her work has contributed to developing novel prevention strategies for those at the highest risk of HIV. She has also developed and evaluated unique community-based programs, increased engagement and outreach to highly affected subpopulations, and integrated health information technology solutions in the care of people with and at risk for HIV. Her ultimate goal is to remove structural barriers and promote health equity.

Collaboratively with colleagues from GW's Medical Faculty Associates, the Milken Institute School of Public Health, and the GW School of Medicine and Health Sciences, and Whitman-Walker Institute, Magnus and the DC CTU consortium implement randomized controlled trials for preventing HIV and its consequences in close contact with the DC metropolitan area community. The DC CTU also is proud to have a number of GW Milken Institute School of Public Health students and graduates among its staff, serving as an outstanding location to train the next generation of public health scholars.

Read more about her [research](#), [peer-reviewed publications](#), and her new [appointment](#).

We are proud of our Research!

Monthly Deadlines

2024 TCO Innovation Competition: Call for Submissions.

Deadline: Friday, February 2, 2024

[Science Policy Scholar Travel Application.](#)

February 2, 2024 11:59 pm EST

[Screening, Brief Intervention and Referral to Treatment or Prevention for alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs use and misuse in adult populations that experience health disparities.](#)

First Receipt Date: February 5, 2024

[DEIA Mentorship Supplements.](#)

February 16, 2024

Continuous Deadlines

[RWJF Pioneering Ideas: Exploring the Future to Build a Culture of Health](#)

[Antiviral Program for Pandemics \(APP\)](#)

[Pfizer Competitive Grants Program](#)

[GW Postdoctoral Primary Care Research Training Program](#)

Funding Opportunities

GW Milken Institute School of Public Health

The Spring 2024 GWSPH Research Innovation Awards: Request for Applications

The GW Milken Institute School of Public Health (GWSPH) 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 only are eligible to apply for this award. Read more about the award by clicking the button below.

Release Date: January 15, 2024

Due Date: March 15, 2024

[Read the full announcement](#)

[Budget Form](#)

Advanced Research Projects Agency for Health (ARPA-H)

HEROES: Health care Rewards to Achieve Improved Outcomes

Program Manager: [Darshak Sanghavi, MD](#)

The [draft solicitation](#) was released, and feedback is due by **Tuesday, February 20**.

This program is calling for letters of interest from potential health accelerators, health insurers, philanthropists, and more. If faculty already have partnerships with the groups called out it could be a good fit for them to pull a team together for submission. **The deadline for letters of interest is February 29, 2024 and it is not required for abstract and/or proposal submission.**

PARADIGM: Platform Accelerating Rural Access to Distributed and Integrated Medical Care

Program Manager: [Bon Ku, MD, MPE](#)

The goal of this program is to address the challenges in rural health by creating a scalable platform that can provide advanced medical services outside of a hospital setting. This is spurred by the increasing scarcity of rural hospitals and the current health care system still heavily relying on brick-and-mortar models to provide services. The creation of these technologies are meant to help health care providers to meet rural patients where they are. **Abstract are due February 27, 2024, 4 pm ET. Full Proposals are due April 26, 2024 (invited proposals from abstract submissions).**

ARPA-H anticipates that teaming will be necessary for this program and they've provided a [learning page](#) for prospective performers to share their profiles and learn more about other interested participants. See the full draft solicitation [here](#).

DEIA Mentorship Supplements



This award will support program directors and principal investigators who have demonstrated compelling commitments and contributions to mentorship and DEIA in the biomedical sciences. NIH will award up to \$18 million in supplemental funding in Fiscal Year 2024, contingent upon NIH appropriations. **Applications are due February 16, 2024.** View the full announcement and recording [here](#).

2024 TCO Innovation Competition: Call for Submissions

The GW Technology Commercialization Office (TCO) hosts an Innovation Competition to showcase impactful GW research with strong commercial potential. At the event, GW inventors present their ideas to a panel of entrepreneurs, investors, and industry experts. Finalists win prize money, and many participants go on to license and commercialize their technologies. Email tcoc@gwu.edu or visit the [TCO website](#) to learn more about the competition and eligibility.

Deadline: Friday, February 2, 2024

FY25 Intramural Funding Opportunities

Each year the Office of the Vice Provost for Research sponsors [intramural funding programs](#) that support new scholarly projects. The next round of the University Facilitating Fund, the Cross-Disciplinary Research Fund and the Humanities Facilitating Fund are expected to go live this week with formal announcements going out in early January. Eligibility requirements will remain the same as prior years, so we encourage scholars to start thinking about fundable projects as soon as possible.

[UFF \(FY25\) University Facilitating Fund](#)

Deadline 06 Feb 2024 - \$20,000

[CDRF \(FY25\) Cross-Disciplinary Research Fund](#)

Deadline 13 Feb 2024 - \$50,000

[HFF \(FY25\) Humanities Facilitating Fund](#)

Deadline 15 Feb 2024 - \$5,000

[University Seminar Series \(AY2024-25\)](#)

Deadline 14 Apr 2024 - \$4,000

[GW Postdoctoral Primary Care Research Training Program](#)

Continuous - \$69,333

[Undergraduate Research and Fellowship Applications](#)

[OVPR Limited Submissions and Intramural Funding Competitions](#)

Philanthropy News Digest RFPs

Philanthropy News Digest publishes Requests for Proposals (RFPs) and notices of awards as a free service for U.S.-based nonprofit and grantmaking organizations. See the full list of open RFPs [here](#).

Lectures & Events

BIG BIOETHICS INTEREST GROUP THE OFFICE OF RESEARCH EXCELLENCE

BIG Forum

A forum for exchanging information and ideas about public health ethics to promote ethical practice, discourse, and ethical decision-making

6 February, 2024 | 12:00 PM EST

Hybrid Meeting, In-Person encouraged

Location: 7th Floor Conference Room, Milken Institute SPH

[HTTPS://GWU-EDU.ZOOM.US/J/99526185359](https://gwu-edu.zoom.us/j/99526185359)



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For any questions, please email qos@gwu.edu.
This website is an announcement for the following grants at GWU: US Mail Research Ethics Training Program (2023-2025), Interdisciplinary Toxicology Program (NCTR), Postgraduate Research Program (NCTR), Science Internship Program (NCTR), Summer Student Research Program (NCTR)

[Register Here](#)

Advanced Research Projects Agency for Health (ARPA-H) Upcoming Events

Proposer's Day: Hybrid in Washington, DC on February 13-14. The deadline to register is **Monday, February 5, 2024 at 9 pm ET.**

Proposer's Day: Hybrid in Phoenix, AZ on February 15, 2024, 9am - 4pm MST. The deadline to register is **February 5, 2024 at 5pm ET.**

Note: Proposer's Day is an excellent way for faculty to go and meet other stakeholders interested in responding to this solicitation. This could be an effective tool for finding partnerships that could be helpful in submitting a proposal.

Spring 2024 PIVOT-InfoReady Review Training

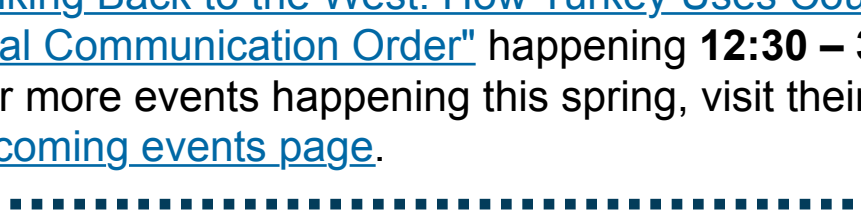
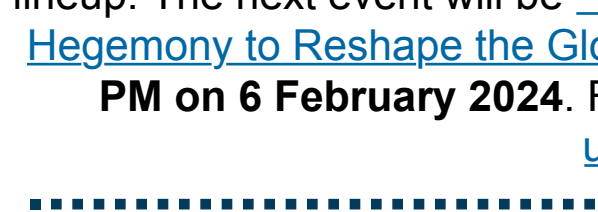
Are you familiar with the integration between PIVOT and InfoReady for helping projects? Understanding how these systems are used and linked can help you leverage them to your advantage. You may have questions regarding PIVOT, such as how it can help you find and send funding opportunities, or questions about applying for intramural funding for pilot data or exploring a new field.

Additionally, you may be curious about what to do if a funding opportunity is limited to one applicant per organization. Let's explore these questions to help you better understand the integration between PIVOT and InfoReady. All individuals who participate in sponsored research, including investigators, administrators, and reviewers, are recommended to attend the event. **Reserve A Spot** for either of the available dates (**Thursday, February 22 - 9 - 10:30 am EST** or **Tuesday, March 19 - 9 - 10:30 am EST**).



The Institute for Middle East Studies Presents: Spring 2024 Conversation Series

The Institute for Middle East Studies is excited to announce their Spring 2024 event lineup. The next event will be **"Talking Back to the West: How Turkey Uses Counter-Hegemony to Reclaim Global Communication Order"** happening **12:30 - 3:00 PM on 6 February 2024**. For more events happening this spring, visit their [upcoming events page](#).



The Office of Research on Women's Health (ORWH) is offering a **Science Policy Scholar Travel Award** to support the development of one junior investigator who is interested in women's health or sex and gender differences and is also interested in research policy. The \$6,000 award will defray the cost of attending the Organization for the Study of Sex Differences (OSSD) Annual Meeting on May 6-9, 2024, in Bergen, Norway.

Applications are due by February 2, 2024, at 11:59 p.m. EST. Read more [here](#).

FDA U.S. FOOD & DRUG ADMINISTRATION

NCTR Education and Training Programs

NCTR provides opportunities for undergraduate and graduate students, postgraduate scientists, scientists from other countries, college/university faculty members, and others to obtain hands-on laboratory experience by working with experienced research researchers. These training opportunities are available in the following areas:

[Faculty Research Program \(NCTR\)](#)

[Foreign National Training Program \(NCTR\)](#)

[Graduate Certificate in Regulatory Science \(NCTR\)](#)

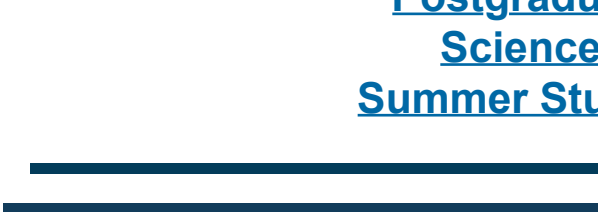
[Interdisciplinary Toxicology Program \(NCTR\)](#)

[Postgraduate Research Program \(NCTR\)](#)

[Science Internship Program \(NCTR\)](#)

[Summer Student Research Program \(NCTR\)](#)

Meet our Pod 2 Team Member of the Week:



Jessica Fohr

Jessica Fohr joined the George Washington University in 2015 beginning in the Office of the Board of Trustees, and in 2021, transitioned to a role within the Graduate School of Education and Human Development (GSEHD). In January 2024, she became one of the newest members of the Research Pod 2 Team as a Research Program Associate. Jessica will be supporting both pre-award and post-award research administration activities for the Pod's Yellow Team. She has developed several skills throughout her tenure at GW that will positively serve her in this new role.

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

Research Resources

NIH e-Protocol Writing Tool

The [electronic protocol writing tool](#) aims to facilitate the development of Phase 2 and 3 clinical trials involving human participants. The first type of protocol is two types 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 School of Medicine & Health Sciences

SMHS 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. GW recommends investigators consider using Protocol Builder for projects that involve greater than minimal risk. Don't forget to consult on biostatistical methods or study design at the [GW Biostatistical and Epidemiology Consulting Service](#). Read more about the protocol builder [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 website](#) 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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