

Research Brief

Message from the Senior Associate Dean for Research

Dear Colleagues,

As we observe Black History Month this February, let us take the time to honor the invaluable contributions of Black scholars, practitioners, activists, and other changemakers who have championed transformative advancements in public health and health research. Their work has led to pivotal discoveries, policy reforms, and community-based interventions aimed at addressing systemic injustices and promoting health equity. Although every month can be a time to learn Black history, this month should serve as an opportunity to educate ourselves with open minds, so that teachings may be reflected in the work we do. We must acknowledge the many ways in which barriers such as systematic racism affect Black and Brown communities, and use our research to help uplift vulnerable voices in order to foster a healthier future for all of us. This month is also a time for us to ensure that diversity, equity and inclusion remain key drivers of our public health research enterprise.

In Solidarity,

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RESEARCH DAY 2024
Call for Abstracts

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

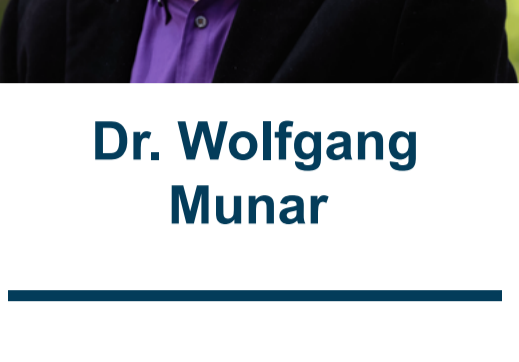
A forum for all students and researchers to showcase their work through poster presentations. For more information and additional guidelines, visit the [GWSPH Research Day website](#) using the QR code or contact [SPHResearchDay@milken.gwu.edu](#).

Scan here to learn more about GWSPH 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. Wolfgang Munar

Dr. Munar is the Director of the [Gill-Libovici Center for the Caribbean and Latin America](#) and an Assistant Professor in the Department of Global Health at the GWSPH. Before joining the GW research community, he occupied leadership positions at various global health, philanthropic, international development, and governmental organizations. Dr. Munar's research is focused on health systems research in low- and middle-income countries.

In partnership with PATH, he was recently awarded a \$5 million 5-year grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation focused on the routine immunization programs in the Democratic Republic of Congo, Niger, Pakistan, and Somalia. A participatory Learning Consortium was established between GWU and PATH, along with research centers and universities in participating countries. The award aims to characterize how routine immunization programs are operating, identify their effects, and explain why they are working or not. The learning acquired will be iteratively shared with implementers, decision-makers, and global stakeholders involved in routine immunization in the focus countries as well as in other conflict and post-conflict countries in Africa, Asia, and the Eastern Mediterranean regions.

We expect that participatory prioritization of learning questions, agenda setting, knowledge creation, and evidence dissemination will contribute to rapid cycles of learning and improvement and improve evidence translation into policy and practice.

Read more about Dr. Munar's work [here](#).

Monthly Deadlines

[Humanities Facilitating Fund \(HFF\) - February 15, 2024 @ 1:00pm ET](#)

[NAM Healthy Longevity Catalyst Award Competition - March 11, 2024 @ 11:59 pm ET](#)

[Research Innovation Awards - March 15, 2024](#)

Continuous Deadlines

[Research Enhancement Awards \(REA\) - Guidelines, Awards Form](#)

[Mentor Match Review Award](#)

[Doctoral Professional Development Award](#)

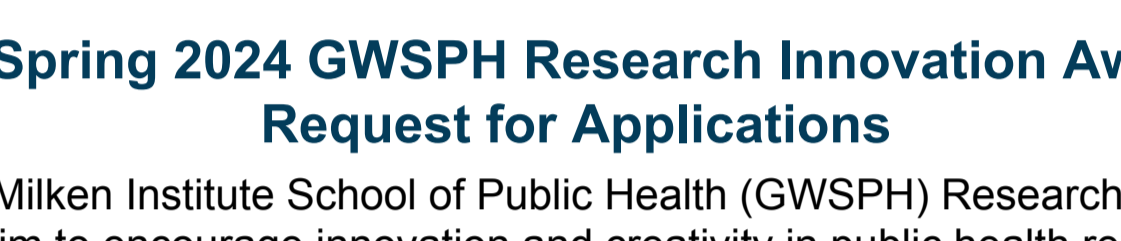
[Einstein Foundation Award for Promoting Quality in Research](#)

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

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

[Pfizer Competitive Grants Program](#)

Funding Opportunities



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](#)

Reductarian Foundation Fellowship Applications Open

The [Reductarian Fellowship](#) is for exceptional DC-area students who are eager to create a more sustainable, healthy, and compassionate world. The fellowship includes both a curricular component as well as a summer internship with one of many exciting and impactful [partner organizations](#). Each fellow receives a **\$7,500** stipend and one-on-one mentorship throughout the year. Applications close **April 15th**.

Read more about the program and relevant majors [here](#). Learn more about the foundation [here](#).

FY25 Intramural Funding Opportunities

Each year the Office of the Vice Provost for Research sponsors [intramural funding programs](#) that support new scholarly projects. Eligibility requirements will remain the same as prior years, so we encourage scholars to start thinking about fundable projects as soon as possible.

[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](#)

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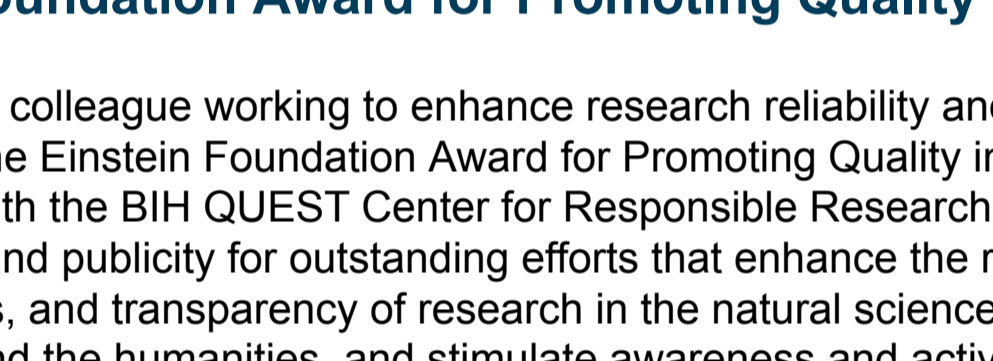
NAM Healthy Longevity Catalyst Award Competition

Deadline: March 11, 2024, 11:59 pm EST

The NAM Healthy Longevity Catalyst Award Competition offers **\$50,000 USD** prizes to individuals or teams with bold, new, and potentially transformative ideas that aim to improve the physical, mental, or social health and well-being of people as they age.

Ideas with the potential to dramatically change health as we age—even if they're high-risk—are encouraged in this unique competition. No preliminary data are required when submitting an idea. Applications may originate from any sector, field or combination of fields (e.g., biology, chemistry, medicine, engineering, behavioral and social sciences, technology, data science, and policy). Most US-based individuals or teams are eligible to apply.

Individuals and teams may [learn more](#) and [apply here](#).



Einstein Foundation Award for Promoting Quality in Research

Are you or a colleague working to enhance research reliability and build trust in science? The Einstein Foundation Award for Promoting Quality in Research in cooperation with the BIH QUEST Center for Responsible Research aims to provide recognition and publicity for outstanding efforts that enhance the rigor, reliability, robustness, and transparency of research in the natural sciences, the social sciences, and the humanities, and stimulate awareness and activities fostering research quality among scientists, institutions, funders, and politicians.

Individual Award: Individual researchers or small teams of collaborating researchers can be nominated. The laureate will be awarded **€200,000**.

Institutional Award: Governmental and non-governmental organizations, institutions, or other entities can apply or be nominated. The award-winning organization or institution will receive **€200,000**.

Early Career Award: Early career researchers or small teams of collaborating researchers can submit a project proposal that seeks to foster research quality and value for an award of **€100,000**.

Visit the [Einstein Foundation page](#) for more info

Pod 2 Notification

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](#)

Lectures & Events

Guarding Privacy, Sharing Knowledge: Strategies and Tools for Deidentifying Human Subjects' Data for Sharing

Thursday, February 29, 2024, 11:00 AM-12:00 PM ET, Virtual

This workshop provides participants with an understanding of various types of identifiers and equips them with the skills to assess the disclosure risk associated with their data. Additionally, attendees will be introduced to a range of tools and resources provided by GW to facilitate the effective de-identification of data for secure sharing. This will be presented by GW Libraries and Academic Innovation.

Learn more and join [here](#).

BIG BIOETHICS INTEREST GROUP

GW BIG Forum

An assemblage of GW faculty, staff, and students to discuss strategies and initiatives to strengthen Bioethics within GW through teaching, learning, research, collaboration, and service.

Join us as we navigate toward building a better future.

5 March, 2024 | 12:00 PM EDT

[Register Here](#)

New! Pre-Award Bootcamp Series

The Office of Sponsored Projects is pleased to announce the return of the Pre-Award Bootcamp! The Bootcamp will be hosted virtually, and split into manageable hour-long interactive sessions. Click on the links below for a description of each session and a sign-up link.

[Wednesday, February 21st, 2:00pm-3:00pm: Pre-Award Bootcamp Session 2- Proposal Budgeting](#)

[Tuesday, February 27th, 2:00pm-3:00pm: Pre-Award Bootcamp Session 3- Compliance Overview at the Pre-Award Stage](#)

[Thursday, March 7th, 10:30am-11:30am: Pre-Award Bootcamp Session 4- Proposal Review Before Routing to OSP](#)

[Wednesday, March 13th, 10:30am-11:30am: Pre-Award Bootcamp Session 5- The Three Cs](#)

Spring 2024 PIVOT-InfoReady Review Training

Are you familiar with the integration between PIVOT and InfoReady for sponsored 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 to 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 ["Politics in the Cruxes: Urban Design and the Making of Prosperity Markets in Cairo and Istanbul"](#) happening 12:30 - 2:00 PM on 15 February 2024. For more events happening this spring, visit their [upcoming events page](#).

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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 scientific 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 \(NCTR\)](#)

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 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 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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