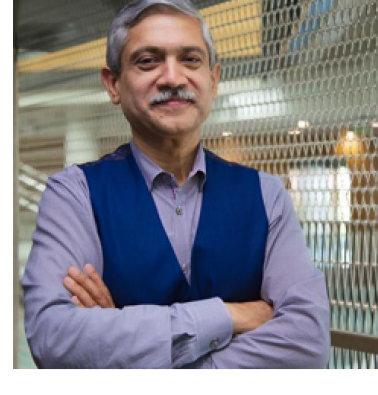


Message from the Senior Associate Dean for Research

Dear Colleagues,

The Office of Research Excellence (ORE), in collaboration with [Dr. Carla Berg](#) and [Dr. Lorien Abrams](#), successfully hosted its first *GWSPH Research Sandbox* event recently. Over 30 faculty members gathered for a dynamic day filled with facilitated networking, big ideation, and inspiring discussions centered on addressing non-communicable diseases and related behaviors. This event highlighted the vital role of interdisciplinary research collaboration in advancing public health. By uniting experts from various fields, we can effectively tackle diverse health challenges, foster innovative and culturally relevant solutions, and bridge critical knowledge gaps. [See pictures from the event here.](#)



As we approach the end of 2024, this will be our last newsletter for the semester - and it has been a great year! I want to thank our ORE staff for their efforts and especially our student helpers for this newsletter. And thank you to all who conduct, support and help our GWSPH research - our success is due to all of you - faculty, staff and students. I also encourage everyone to rest, connect with loved ones, and recharge during these holidays.

Happy holidays and see you all again in 2025!

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Research Announcements

GW Sponsored Research Updates

- Effective **December 1st**:
 - Letters of Intent and other pre-proposal material now have to be routed to the Office of Sponsored Projects for approval
 - For pre-award, applications must start using 4.5% for merit increases

[Learn More](#)

Research Day 2025: Call for Abstracts



All abstracts must be submitted by **March 28, 2025**

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@gwu.edu.



Scan here to learn more about GWSPH Research Day.



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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 16, 2025**. Read more about the abstract program areas, abstract guidelines, and award categories [here](#).

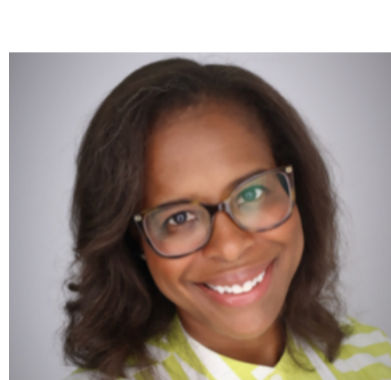
Call for Manuscripts in Frontiers in Public Health addressing Transforming Academia for Equity

In partnership with the [Robert Wood Johnson Foundation](#), ASPPH is sponsoring a [Research Topic](#) in *Frontiers in Public Health* to highlight progress, challenges, and successes across diverse public health institutions in advancing education for public health for health equity. The deadline for manuscript summary submissions is March 3, 2025, and the deadline for full manuscript submissions is June 3, 2025.

[Learn More](#)



Research Project Highlight



[Dr. Tamara Taggart's](#) research focuses on the social-structural determinants of health and cultural identity factors that influence health behaviors. She is an Associate Professor in the Prevention and Community Health Department, as well as the Associate Director of the DC Center for AIDS Research Social and Behavioral Sciences Core. Dr. Taggart uses community-based participatory research to investigate intervention strategies to ameliorate HIV-related outcomes, as well as reduce substance use and improve mental health among adolescents.

She was just awarded a \$3.6 million R01 grant from the National Institutes of Health and National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities for her project aiming to address the impact of structural racism and discrimination on substance use and mental health in Black adolescents. This project extends her current R01 (R01DA056264 MPI: O'Shea and Taggart) and builds on some of the analyses in her current UG3/UH3 (UH3AI16955 MPI: Rendina and Taggart).

Dr. Taggart's work includes: 1) Applying a community engaged framework to examine systems level factors associated with HIV prevention and treatment; 2) Using multilevel strategies to investigate the role of structural and environmental factors on HIV inequities among sexual and gender minorities of color; and 3) Investigating the role of religion, spirituality, and religious institutions on HIV syndemics. Ultimately, her work aims to mitigate health disparities and improve the overall health of adolescents and adults.



Funding Opportunities

Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award (NRSA)

This F31 [NRSA Individual Predoctoral Fellowship to Promote Diversity in Health-Related Research award](#) is to enhance the diversity of the health-related research workforce by supporting the research training of predoctoral students from diverse backgrounds, including those from groups that are underrepresented in the biomedical, behavioral, or clinical research workforce. Application deadlines: **12/08/2024, 04/08/2025, 08/08/2025**.

[Learn More](#)

Office of Graduate and Postdoctoral Affairs: Three Minute Thesis

OGPA will host the second annual University-wide [Three Minute Thesis \(3MT®\)](#) competition on February 20, 2025 with **cash prizes up to \$1,000!** All participants must be current GW doctoral students, in good academic standing, and have advanced to candidacy before February 1, 2025. **Registration** will close on **Friday, December 20, 2024 at 11:59 PM**.

[Register](#)

REACH Center Seed Grant

The Research and Engagement for Action on Climate and Health (REACH) Center is seeking proposals that connect climate change data with health outcomes and is offering two kinds of grants: research grants up to \$40,000 and developmental grants up to \$20,000. Full proposals are due **January 15, 2025**.

[Learn More](#)

Foreign Language & Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowships



Foreign Language & Area Studies (FLAS) Summer & Academic Year Fellowships

Academic Year (at GW):
Open to Graduate Students
\$18,000 Tuition
\$20,000 Living Stipend
Deadline: Feb. 15, 2025

Summer (Abroad):
Open to Graduate & Undergraduate Students
\$5,000 Tuition
\$3,500 Living Stipend
Deadline: Feb. 15, 2025 go.gwu.edu/FLAS

[Learn More](#)

Office of the Vice Provost for Research - Intramural Funding Opportunities

[UFF \(FY26\) University Facilitating Fund](#) - \$5000-\$25,000, due **January 14, 2025**

[CDRE \(FY26\) Cross-Disciplinary Research Fund](#) - \$50,000, due **January 15, 2025**

[HFF \(FY26\) Humanities Facilitating Fund](#) - \$5000, due **January 16, 2025**



Continuous Deadlines

Intramural

[Mentor Match Review Awards](#)

[Research Enhancement Awards](#)

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

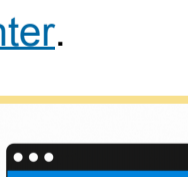
Extramural

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

[NIH Supplemental Opportunities](#)

[RWJF: Evidence for Action - Innovative Research to Advance Racial Equity](#)

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



Lectures & Events

Fireside Chat with Dr. Anthony Fauci

Monday, December 9th | 12:00 - 1:00 pm

Milken Institute School of Public Health, Convening Center

The Office of Applied Public Health is launching a monthly 'lunch and learn' series. The first session will be with Dr. Anthony Fauci for a Fireside Chat with **doctoral students**. A boxed lunch will be served. If you have any questions, please reach out to Sydnae Law, the Director for Applied Public Health, slaw@gwu.edu.

[Register](#)

NSF Fall 2024 Virtual Grants Conference

December 9th-12th

The NSF Grants Conference is designed to give new faculty, researchers, and administrators key insights into a wide range of current issues at NSF. NSF staff will provide up-to-date information about policies and procedures, specific funding opportunities, and answer attendee questions.

[Learn More](#)

Join Us for an Informative Session of NIH Overview!

Wednesday, January 15th | 10:30 am - 12:00 pm

Join us for an overview of NIH structure, funding mechanisms, and review policies. This is your chance to learn more about how to prepare a competitive proposal from concept to resubmission, and how to navigate the NIH resources to help you excel. Additional information on funding opportunities in the climate and health will be explored by the REACH Center.

This event is co-sponsored by the [Office of the Vice Provost for Research](#), the [Office of Research Excellence at the GW School of Public Health](#), and the [REACH Center](#), a new cross-institutional research center focused on climate and health. Please contact Dr. Robert Ortung (rortung@gwu.edu) or Rachel Clark (rachelclark@gwu.edu) with any questions or for additional information.

[Register](#)



Research Resources

Research Toolkit

This essential resource hub offers tools, guides, and support for navigating the research landscape. From funding opportunities to data management and ethical guidelines, our toolkit simplifies your path to success. Find the toolkit [here](#).

NIH Resources

[Changes Coming to NIH Applications in 2025](#)

[Data Management and Sharing Policy](#)

[Grants Process for Beginners](#)

The Office of Research Excellence (ORE) at The George Washington University's Milken Institute School of Public Health (GWSPH) is a vital support system for our faculty, staff, and students in their research activities. It plays a crucial role in providing guidance for research coordination, compliance, integrity, communication, and services to promote research and discovery, making each member of our community an integral part of our research mission.

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