

Office of Research Excellence

Message from the Senior Associate Dean for Research

Dear Colleagues,

Happy 2025, and welcome back! I hope this message finds you well-rested and that your New Year's resolutions are starting to take shape. As we settle back into our usual routines and embark on new endeavors, let's continue to embody the exceptional and collaborative spirit of GWSPH. Support your colleagues in their work, recognize the importance of constructive dialogue in tackling pressing global challenges, and, most importantly, help transform innovative ideas into research that can create meaningful change. Our intellectual diversity is our greatest strength as a research community.



I look forward to seeing what the GWSPH research community will achieve this spring! Let's make 2025 a year of research innovation and collaboration.

Wishing you all a fruitful semester ahead,  
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**Adnan Hyder, MD MPH PhD**  
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Research Announcements

Congratulations Fall 2024 GWSPH Research Innovation Award Recipients!



Dr. Adnan A. Hyder, Professor and Senior Associate Dean for Research and Innovation, is thrilled to announce and recognize the 2024 Fall GWSPH Research Innovation Awards recipients. These individuals, who stood out from a pool of deserving applicants, have been selected for their exceptional proposals. Sincere gratitude also goes to the GWSPH Research Committee (Chair: Dr. Kathleen Roche) and all the reviewers who did an excellent job in the highly competitive selection process.

**Gaige Hunter Kerr, MA PhD**  
Assistant Research Professor, Environmental and Occupational Health  
**Proposal Title:** *Linking Climate Action to Cleaner Air: Accountability in Tracking Pollution Reduction Under the Inflation Reduction Act*

**Marcos Perez-Losada, MS PhD**  
Associate Professor, Biostatistics and Bioinformatics  
**Proposal Title:** *Characterization of host-microbiome interactions and human endogenous retroviruses expression in patients with AIDS-associated Kaposi's sarcoma*

SciENcv Step-by-Step Guide

NIH will require faculty to use SciENcv for Biosketches and other support by **May 25, 2025** (NIH notice [here](#)) as part of their transition to Common Forms. **They have moved from optional to required use of SciENcv.**

[View the Step-by-Step Guide](#)

Research Day 2025: Call for Abstracts



All Abstracts must be submitted by **March 28, 2025**.

GWSPH Research Day is a forum for students, postdocs, research staff, and alumni to showcase their work through poster presentations. It will take place on **April 16, 2025**. Read more about the exciting abstract program areas, abstract guidelines, and award categories [here](#).

Email [SPHResearchDay@gwu.edu](mailto:SPHResearchDay@gwu.edu) for more information!

Federal Advisory Committee Nomination Opportunities

Membership is open on the following Federal Advisory Committees that are seeking nominations for new members:

1. **Innovation Fund Advisory Committee**
2. **Veterans' Rural Health Advisory Committee**
3. **Safety and Occupational Health Study Section**
4. **National Sea Grant Advisory Board**
5. **Clinical Laboratory Improvement Advisory Committee**

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Research Project Highlight



**Ramin Asgary, MD MPH FASTMH**, is Professor of Global Health and Director of the Humanitarian Health and Disaster Response Program. He is a practicing academic physician, health services researcher, and public health educator and practitioner. His international research topics include women's health and cancer control strategies, as well as broader humanitarian ethics and accountability and emergency disaster response operations. As an international expert, he has conducted some of the first and innovative studies related to task shifting of cervical and breast cancer screening using technology-based interventions. He has conducted informative research on the gaps and opportunities in international-level epidemic and pandemic response. He is nationally and internationally recognized as one of the experts in studying the healthcare of refugees and homeless persons, developing teaching curricula and service programs to address their needs, and pioneering the field of cancer control and chronic disease management among homeless persons.

His groundbreaking studies have been published in the Lancet Oncology, British Medical Journals, Academic Medicine, and the American Journal of Public Health, among others. Over the past three decades, Professor Asgary has worked in more than two dozen humanitarian projects with Doctors Without Borders/MSF and other major NGOs and served in high-level leadership positions in international humanitarian organizations, academic public health and medical education, professional associations, and federally qualified health centers. He has developed and implemented large-scale service, education, and research projects nationally and internationally, and founded multiple centers for health and human rights and global health, MPH programs in global health and humanitarian assistance, community medicine programs, health disparities units, and refugee and immigrant programs across multiple academic institutions. He has received funding from the NIH, international organizations, and foundations to conduct his groundbreaking research.



Funding Opportunities

Office of the Vice Provost for Research - Intramural Funding Opportunities

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

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

Foreign Language & Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowships



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2025 IOCDF Research Grant Awards

The International OCD Foundation awards annual grants of up to \$50,000 to research scientists seeking to advance scientific understanding of OCD and related disorders, improve existing therapies, and discover new and more effective treatments. Application deadline: **February 28, 2025**.

[Learn More](#)

Bryce Harlow Fellowship Program

The [Bryce Harlow Foundation](#) awards fellowships to highly motivated students in pursuit of a career in professional advocacy through government relations and lobbying. Fellowships are awarded to individuals who work full-time and undertake graduate level studies on a part-time basis. Application deadline: **May 4, 2025**.

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Continuous Deadlines

Intramural

[Mentor Match Review Awards](#)

[Research Enhancement Awards](#)

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

Extramural

[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

Research Ethics in Humanitarian and Priority Settings

Wednesday, February 19th | 12:00 - 1:00 pm



Research ethics in humanitarian settings is vital to protect the dignity and rights of vulnerable populations affected by crises. This webinar aims to provide an up-to-date overview of the Research Ethics in Humanitarian and Priority Settings, and the key considerations for public health officials, healthcare providers, and concerned citizens. We invite you to join us as we delve into the latest developments, potential impacts, and the coordinated actions necessary to mitigate this evolving global health crisis.

[Register](#)

Pediatric Firearm Violence and Prevention

Friday, January 24th | 1:00 - 2:00 pm



Join us for our webinar series this month, hosted by the Center on Commercial Determinants of Health (CODH), as we discuss pediatric firearm violence and prevention, examining policy advocacy for children's health and the effect of gun violence on youth. We invite you to discuss key topics such as the state's duty to prevent and protect children from firearm violence, the impact of gun violence on children's right to health, and strategies to create a safer future.

[Register](#)

Cancer Survivorship & Health Policy Webinar Series

Various Dates & Times

Upcoming Webinars:

[Cancer Survivorship in Pediatric and Adolescent Populations](#)

Wendy Landier - University of Alabama at Birmingham

**February 5, 2025 | 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM**

[The Changing Landscape of Cancer Survivorship](#)

Faisal Haroun - University of Minnesota

**March 25, 2025 | 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM**

[Learn More](#)

2025 Military Health System Research Symposium: Call for Abstracts

Tentative Date: August 4-7, 2025

This joint symposium offers an opportunity for faculty to share their research, connect with DOD Program Managers and explore sources of funding to support health and biomedical research. Focus areas include combat casualty care, traumatic brain injury (TBI), infectious disease, psychological health, environmental exposures, and injury prevention, among others. The call for abstracts is open until **February 16, 2025**.

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Research Resources

Office of Sponsored Projects Education & Training Resources

The Office of Sponsored Projects (OSP) offers resources, recordings, forms, and guidebooks on a variety of research-related topics. Find the OSP Resource [here](#).

Pivot

Pivot is a searchable database of funding opportunities from federal and non-federal sources including foundations and commercial sponsors. The university's subscription to this service allows GW users to create customized searches and have matching opportunities e-mailed as they are posted. Find more information [here](#).

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Please visit our [website](#) to learn more about how ORE can support you on your research mission. For any questions or additional information, please email [GWSPHResearch@gwu.edu](mailto:GWSPHResearch@gwu.edu).

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