

Message from the Senior Associate Dean for Research

Dear Colleagues,

Last week, we celebrated Martin Luther King Jr. Day, honoring Dr. King's significant contributions to the civil rights movement. Dr. King's philosophy of nonviolent activism for racial equality and community service was essential in advocating for marginalized groups and promoting social justice. His inspiring speeches and unwavering dedication continue to motivate us to strive for a more equitable society.



Engaging in respectful discussions about social justice and equity is vital for understanding our communities' challenges and finding ways to create meaningful change. Seeking opportunities to contribute as public health researchers, advocates, volunteers, and educators is key. Together, we can make a significant impact and promote a healthier, more equitable society for all.

Warm regards,
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Research Announcements

Research Innovation Awards: Call for Applications

For this specific round of Innovation Awards, the GWSPH Research Committee has decided that applications must include consideration or a focus on one or both of the following two themes:

1. Development of innovative research methods across all public health disciplines which will produce novel advances in science for today's most pressing public health concerns; and/or
2. innovative application of existing research methods to new settings, populations, target groups or modalities to help address an important public health issue

Proposals must provide evidence explaining the methodological innovation, potential scientific impact, and importance of the public health problem being addressed. And for this round, up to two proposals located in (or on) countries in the Latin American and Caribbean region will be reviewed by the [Gill-Lebovic Center](#) for co-funding.

Deadline is **March 21, 2025**.

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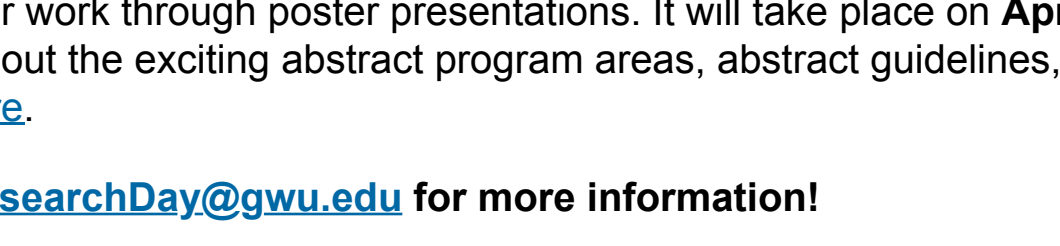
[Budget Form](#)

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](#)



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[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 for more information!



Research Project Highlight



[Dr. Sarah Baird](#) is a Professor in the Department of Global Health. Having joined the Milken School of Public Health in 2009, Dr. Baird has built a research agenda focused on the lives of young people in the Global South with a focus on sub-Saharan Africa and humanitarian contexts. Dr. Baird utilizes quantitative research methods to investigate the causal effects of programs and policies, aiming to assess what works to improve the lives of adolescents.

She is currently co-chair on the [2025 Lancet Commission on Adolescent Health and Wellbeing](#), which will be launched in May and serves as a co-investigator on the [Women's Health and Wellbeing Exemplar team](#). She also serves as the quantitative lead for the [Gender and Adolescence: Global Evidence \(GAGE\) program](#), the largest global study of adolescents and as PI for the [Connect Project](#), which aims to increase postpartum family planning by first-time parents in Bangladesh and Tanzania. Dr. Baird's work is centered around large multi-disciplinary teams that work and live across geographies and increasingly serves as a hub for student research.



Funding Opportunities

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**.

[Learn More](#)



Continuous Deadlines

Intramural

[Mentor Match Review Awards](#)

[Research Enhancement Awards](#)

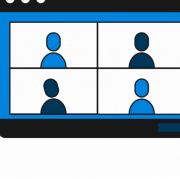
[OVRP Limited Submissions and Intramural Funding Competitions](#)

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

PacBio Workshop Lunch and Learn

Friday, January 31st | 12:00 - 1:00 pm

George Washington University, Science and Engineering Hall 7750

Learn how PacBio's highly accurate sequencing portfolio can elevate your research. Learn how the Revio and Vega systems enable a more comprehensive view of the genome, methylation detection with no additional library prep, complete view of transcriptomes at the bulk or single-cell level, and characterization of complex microbial communities.

[Register](#)

Pioneering Sustainable and Beneficial Global Genomics Research Capacity: Two-Part Series

Part 1: Friday, January 31st | 12:00 pm

Part 2: Friday, February 28th | 12:00 pm

Part 1: Defining Benefit in Genomics Research: How are investigators and communities maximizing opportunities for benefit sharing and what are the challenges?

Part 2: Building Capacity for Sustainable and Equitable Genomics Research.

[Learn More](#)

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](#)

Truth Be Told: The Art of Storytelling in Health Advocacy Workshop

Monday, February 24th | 11:00 - 1:00 pm

Milken Convening Center

With resources from [The Center for Black Health and Equity](#), this workshop is designed to give interested individuals the tools and ideas they need to be able to speak power to their health experiences and use this power to affect change in their communities and beyond. Participants will learn how to craft their health equity pitch, identify and use varying communication skills, and come away with a 3-minute story that is both personal and effective in advocacy.

[RSVP](#)

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

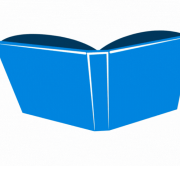
February 5, 2025 | 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

[The Changing Landscape of Cancer Survivorship](#)

Faysal Haroun - University of Minnesota

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

[Learn More](#)



Research Resources

NIH Resources

- [Zoom Recording](#) of the NIH Overview from Our Recent Event
- NIH Resources: NIH Grants Process Primer: Application to Award - [Part One - Video](#), [Part Two - Video](#)

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](#).

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.

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.

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