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## *News & Notes from the National Institute of Nursing Research: March 2010*

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### **NINR's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and 2010 Science Symposium**

Starting this fall, NINR will begin celebrating its 25th anniversary. In 1986, our Institute was founded on the belief that nursing science not only deserved a place within the National Institutes of Health (NIH), but also that it could contribute in new and distinctive ways to the health care sciences and improve the health of our nation's people.

Reaching our 25th anniversary is not simply a milestone—it signifies the progress and achievement of nursing science.

To kick off the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary events, NINR will hold its 2010 Scientific Symposium, “Bringing Science to Life,” on September 30, 2010, from 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., in the Natcher Auditorium on the NIH Campus in Bethesda, MD.

For more information, please check the NINR web site at:  
<http://www.ninr.nih.gov/NewsAndInformation/25years.htm>.

To receive notification as updates are posted, a Really Simple Syndication (RSS) feed for the NINR 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary information web page is available at: <http://www.ninr.nih.gov/Rss>.

### **Upcoming Meeting of the National Advisory Council for Nursing Research**

The open session of the 71st meeting of the National Advisory Council for Nursing Research (NACNR) will take place on May 18, 2010. NIH Director Dr. Francis S. Collins is scheduled to appear.

Visitors are welcome to attend.

**Date and Time:** May 18, 2010, 1 p.m. – 5 p.m.

**Location:** NIH campus, Building 31 C Wing, Conference Room 6C6

The NACNR meets three times a year to provide recommendations on the direction and support of the nursing, biomedical, social, and behavioral research that forms the evidence base for nursing practice. More information about the NACNR is available at:

<http://www.ninr.nih.gov/AboutNINR/NACNR>.

Information on visiting the NIH campus is available at:

<http://www.nih.gov/about/visitor/index.htm>.

### **Application Period Open for the 2010 BNC Fellowship**

The Bravewell Collaborative, NINR, and the NIH Clinical Center (BNC) have come together to sponsor the joint BNC Fellowship for research in integrative medicine. This postdoctoral fellowship provides a unique opportunity that combines the academic environment of a

university with the breadth and depth of the intramural research program at the NIH. The full-time, two-year program includes participation in clinical and research experiences with a clinical integrative health focus, and encourages interdisciplinary collaboration to optimize health and healing for individuals, families, and communities. To be eligible, an applicant must be a U.S. citizen and have successfully completed a PhD or equivalent research-based doctoral degree within the past five years.

Please note: The BNC application must be completed online. In addition, all applicants must submit by mail a hardcopy 3-page biobehavioral research proposal on a topic relevant to integrative medicine.

**The online application is due June 1, 2010.** In addition, the mailed research proposal must be postmarked no later than **June 1, 2010**.

More information is available at: [www.ninr.nih.gov/Training/BNCFellowship](http://www.ninr.nih.gov/Training/BNCFellowship).

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## **Recovery Act Funding Opportunity Announcements (March Deadlines)**

The John E. Fogarty International Center, in partnership with NINR, NIBIB, NIMH, and NIDA, recently issued a Recovery Act-supported Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA): RFA-OD-10-007: “Framework Programs for Global Health Signature Innovations Initiative (R24)” (<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-OD-10-007.html>)

Purpose: The Framework Programs for Global Health Signature Innovations Initiative (R24), supported by funds provided to the NIH under the American Recovery & Reinvestment Act of 2009 (the Recovery Act), will provide short-term support to U.S. universities and their partners to create infrastructure, resources, and opportunities for training postdoctoral and post-professional degree (e.g., PhD, MD, DVM, JD, etc) investigators to carry out innovative, multidisciplinary team research in Global Health. The initiative emphasizes hands on, problem solving, and collaborative approaches and may require the development of new training models and new partnerships within and outside the university.

Eligibility: U.S. applicants from public or private institutions of higher education are eligible to apply as single institutions or as consortia with other US or foreign educational and research institutions. Applicant institutions or consortia must have pre-requisite funded awards in global health (see FOA) and must include participation by at least three Schools of distinct disciplines within the participating institutions.

**Applications are due March 22, 2010**

For more information, please visit:

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-OD-10-007.html>

**Other Recovery Act funding opportunities currently available:**

***RFA-OD-10-005: NIH Director’s Opportunity for Research in Five Thematic Areas (RC4)***

This Recovery Act FOA solicits applications from institutions/organizations proposing to develop and implement critical research innovations in one or more of the following five thematic areas:

- Applying Genomics and Other High Throughput Technologies
- Translating Basic Science Discoveries into New and Better Treatments
- Using Science to Enable Health Reform
- Focusing on Global Health
- Reinvigorating the Biomedical Research Community.

**Applications are due March 15, 2010.**

For more information, please see the full announcement at:  
<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-OD-10-005.html>.

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***Administrative Supplements for the Purchase of Scientific Equipment***

Through NIH Notice NOT-OD-09-056, NINR seeks applications for administrative supplements to existing awards to support the purchase of scientific equipment. **Applications are due March 19, 2010.**

Please see the full notice at: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-09-056.html>.

***Administrative Supplements for Summer Research Experiences***

Through NIH Notice NOT-OD-09-060, NINR seeks applications for Administrative Supplements to provide summer research experiences for students and science educators. **Applications are due March 19, 2010.**

Please see the full notice at: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-09-060.html>.

**New HRSA Recovery Act Funding Opportunities for the Equipment to Enhance Training for Health Professionals (EETHP) Initiative**

The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), Bureau of Health Professions, recently announced new Recovery Act funding opportunities for the Equipment to Enhance Training for Health Professionals (EETHP) Initiative. This initiative provides grant funds for the purchase of health professions training equipment.

There are 20 health professions training programs that comprise the EETHP Initiative. Each program has limited eligible activities, which are described in the respective announcement. For a complete list of the programs and application instructions, please visit the HRSA Funding Opportunities web site at: <http://www.hrsa.gov/grants/default.htm>.

For EETHP grants, the application process is divided into two phases with **two deadlines**:

- Phase I: Submit via [Grants.gov](http://Grants.gov) by **March 26, 2010**
- Phase II: Submit via the HRSA Electronic Handbooks (EHB), <https://grants.hrsa.gov/webexternal/home.asp>, by **April 26, 2010**

Applicants must complete Phase I of the application process in order to move on to Phase II. Applicants are encouraged to ensure that they register for both sites (if not already registered) and submit applications early.

Technical Assistance Calls will take place on:

- Friday, March 12th at 2 p.m.
- Monday, March 15th at 3 p.m.
- Wednesday, March 17th at 10 a.m.

The telephone number is the **same** for each call.

**Toll Free #: 888-942-9566**

**Pass code: 8511769**

The HRSA website <http://bhpr.hrsa.gov/recovery/> contains a comprehensive list of frequently asked questions and answers and website links. If further technical assistance is needed, contact information is located in the “Agency Contacts” section of each program’s guidance.

Questions for registering and submitting to [Grants.gov](http://Grants.gov) should be directed to the [grants.gov](http://grants.gov) contact center: 1-800-518-4726.

Questions for registering and submitting to HRSA EHB’s should be directed to the HRSA Call Center: 877-464-4772.

Prospective applicants may register at [http://www.grants.gov/applicants/email\\_subscription.jsp](http://www.grants.gov/applicants/email_subscription.jsp) to receive email notifications for other HRSA funding opportunities.

## **NIH and FDA Announce Collaborative Initiative to Fast-track Innovations to the Public**

On February 24, 2010, Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius, NIH Director Dr. Collins, and Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Commissioner Dr. Margaret Hamburg announced a new initiative involving NIH and the FDA that will help speed the translation of research into medical products and therapies. This initiative involves two interrelated scientific disciplines: translational science, the shaping of basic scientific discoveries into treatments; and regulatory science, the development and use of new tools, standards and approaches to more efficiently develop products and to more effectively evaluate product safety, efficacy and quality.

As part of the effort, the agencies will establish a Joint NIH-FDA Leadership Council to spearhead collaborative work on important public health issues. In addition, NIH and the FDA will jointly issue a Request for Applications, making \$6.75 million dollars available over three years for work in regulatory science.

The effort will rely on NIH’s vast experience supporting and facilitating new discoveries in the laboratory and clinic, and the FDA’s more than 100 years of experience and knowledge in the

regulation and approval of drugs, biologics, and medical devices. NIH and the FDA will hold a public meeting in the spring to solicit input on how the agencies can work better together.

For more information, please visit: <http://www.nih.gov/news/health/feb2010/od-24.htm>.

## **Public Comment Requested on Proposed Change to the NIH Guidelines for Human Stem Cell Research**

NIH is requesting public comment on a proposed change to the current definition of human embryonic stem cells (hESCs), in the NIH Guidelines for Human Stem Cell Research. This announcement was published in the Federal Register on February 23, 2010.

NIH proposes replacing the current definition of hESCs in Section II with this definition: “For the purpose of these Guidelines, ‘human embryonic stem cells (hESCs)’ are pluripotent cells that are derived from early stage human embryos, up to and including the blastocyst stage, are capable of dividing without differentiating for a prolonged period in culture, and are known to develop into cells and tissues of the three primary germ layers.”

If you wish to review the proposed change and make comments, you may visit the NIH stem cell information page at: <http://stemcells.nih.gov>.

Please note that comments will be publicly available. To be considered, all written comments must be received by NIH on or before March 25, 2010.

## **2010 NIH Regional Seminars on Program Funding and Grants**

For 2010, NIH announces two Regional Seminars on Program Funding and Grants. One will be held in Philadelphia, PA, April 14-16, 2010, and the other in Portland, OR, June 23-25, 2010. More than 25 HHS and NIH policy experts, as well as grants management, review and program staff, will be on hand to provide a broad array of expertise on the latest NIH grants policy and process information. In addition, the popular NIH electronic Research Administration (eRA) computer workshops will be offered, providing attendees with hands-on experience on how to interact electronically with NIH. Anyone interested in the NIH grants process, including sponsored project office and departmental administrators, principal investigators, postdoctoral fellows, and graduate students, should consider attending.

These seminars provide an opportunity for participants to gain a better perspective of NIH policies and programs, network with hundreds of their peers, obtain helpful NIH contacts, and to return to their offices or labs with inside information into obtaining and managing NIH awards. As these seminars are only provided twice a year around the country, they traditionally reach capacity prior to the event, so please register early.

**Philadelphia, PA, April 14-16, 2010:** The program description and registration are now available at:

[http://grants.nih.gov/grants/Philadelphia\\_2010/index.html](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/Philadelphia_2010/index.html). eRA computer workshops will be offered on Wednesday, April 14, 2010. This seminar is co-hosted by the University of Pennsylvania and Thomas Jefferson University.

**Portland, OR, June 23-25, 2010:** The program description and registration are now available at: [http://grants.nih.gov/grants/Portland\\_2010/index.html](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/Portland_2010/index.html). eRA computer workshops will be offered on Wednesday, June 23, 2010. This seminar is hosted by Oregon Health & Science University.

For additional information, see NIH Guide Notice [NOT-OD-10-025](#) and visit the [NIH Regional Seminar Web Page](#).

## **NIH Grant Application Correction Window Extended**

The error-correction window (the time allowed after the submission deadline to correct errors/warnings identified by the eRA system) has been temporarily extended to five business days for all electronic applications intended for submission deadlines on/between January 25 and May 7, 2010. This extension will accommodate the transition to new application forms and instructions, part of the implementation of the [Enhancing Peer Review](#) Initiative.

Since applications submitted on the wrong forms will not be reviewed, the extended error-correction window will provide applicants who submit using incorrect forms or who exceed the new page limits additional time to take the appropriate, corrective actions required to complete the submission process. Detailed instructions on how to re-work an application for successful submission can be found in the [Special FAQ](#) section of the NIH eSubmission web site.

**Please note:** The five-day error-correction window is temporary. The regular two-day error correction window will go back into effect for submissions with due dates on or after May 8, 2010. For more information, please see: [NOT-OD-10-042](#).

## **Column from NIH Director Dr. Collins in *Parade Magazine***

In February, a column by NIH Director Dr. Collins appeared in *Parade Magazine*. Entitled “New imaging technology is transforming medicine: revealing the body’s deepest secrets,” the column discussed recent technological advances in medical imaging that are helping to improve the detection and treatment of conditions such as epilepsy or liver disease.

The column is available at:

<http://www.parade.com/health/2010/02/21-imaging-technology-changing-medicine.html>.

## **Current Funding Opportunity Announcements and Notices**

All current NINR Funding Opportunity Announcements, including Requests for Applications (RFAs) and Program Announcements (PAs), as well as Notices of interest from NIH, are available on the NINR web site at:

<http://www.ninr.nih.gov/ResearchAndFunding/DEA/OEP/FundingOpportunities/default.htm>.

These items can also be found in the NIH Guide for Grants and Contracts:

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/index.html>.