Dr. Regina Benjamin Confirmed as Surgeon General

The United States Senate recently and unanimously confirmed Dr. Regina Benjamin as the nation’s Surgeon General. Dr. Benjamin has been a trailblazer in the medical field for over two decades, and has devoted her career to ensuring that Americans receive the best possible health care, regardless of their financial situation. As the Department of Health and Human Services works to confront the 2009 H1N1 flu pandemic, Dr. Benjamin will play a key role in communicating the most accurate public health information available to the American people.

For more information, please visit: http://www.surgeongeneral.gov.

Upcoming Meeting of the National Advisory Council for Nursing Research

The 70th meeting of the National Advisory Council for Nursing Research (NACNR) is scheduled for January 19, 2010. It will feature a presentation by NIH Director Dr. Francis S. Collins. Visitors are welcome.

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.

NINR Invites Applications for the 2010 Graduate Partnerships Program

The NINR Graduate Partnerships Program (GPP) is a doctoral fellowship training program that coordinates training and funding for doctoral students attending a school of nursing supported by an NINR-funded Institutional Research Training (T32) grant. The program combines the academic environment of a university and the breadth and depth of research at NIH. Please note: To be eligible for the NINR GPP, the applicant must currently attend (or be accepted to) a school of nursing with an NINR-funded T32 Institutional Training grant.

To complete an online application for the NINR GPP, please use the NIH Graduate Partnerships Program application system located at: https://gpp.nih.gov .

Please view the complete application instructions available at: www.ninr.nih.gov/training/GPP.

Application due date for the 2010 GPP: December 31, 2009.

For questions about the NINR GPP, please contact:
Dr. Natalie A. Rasmussen
Intramural Research Training Director, Assistant Clinical Investigator
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The 2010 NINR Summer Genetics Institute

The NINR Summer Genetics Institute (SGI) is an intensive program featuring lecture and hands-on laboratory training designed to provide graduate students, nursing faculty, and advanced practice nurses with a foundation in molecular genetics for use in research and clinical practice.

Change is coming in 2010. We are pleased to announce that NINR will continue to sponsor the program on the NIH campus. However, the SGI will be administered by the Foundation for Advanced Education in the Sciences at NIH as one of their Bio-Trac Courses, taught by active scientists. Also, the program will be shortened from two months to one, awarding eight hours of graduate-level college credit.

The brochure for the 2010 SGI is available at: http://www.ninr.nih.gov/sgibrochure. The on-line application, as well as application instructions and more information, are available at: http://www.ninr.nih.gov/Training/SGI.

Application due date for the Summer 2010 SGI: December 31, 2009
New Recovery Act Funding Opportunity in Community-Based Research

A new Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) was recently released entitled: Building Sustainable Community-Linked Infrastructure to Enable Health Science Research (RC4). This initiative is one of several being offered by NIH and NINR to help fulfill the goals of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (Recovery Act or ARRA) to help stimulate the economy through support of biomedical and behavioral research.

The purpose of this FOA is to support the development, expansion, or reconfiguration of infrastructures needed to facilitate collaboration between academic health centers and community-based organizations for health science research. Such collaboration should transform the way in which health science research is conducted in communities, and accelerate the pace, productivity, dissemination, and implementation of health research.

Application due date: December 11, 2009.

For more information, including NINR program priorities and contacts for this FOA, please visit: http://www.ninr.nih.gov/Recovery/CRI.

To view the full FOA, please visit: http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-OD-09-010.html.

NIH Announces the Availability of Recovery Act Funds for Administrative Supplements to Support Core Consolidation

NIH announces the opportunity for investigators and United States institutions/organizations with certain active NIH Research Grants that support core facilities to request administrative supplements for the purpose of consolidating multiple cores into a single, more efficient core. Support for these supplements will come from funds provided to NIH through the Recovery Act. Consistent with the intent of the Recovery Act, the purpose of this program is to promote job creation and economic development along with accelerating the pace and achievement of scientific research.

To be eligible, the parent grant must be active and the core consolidation activities proposed in the supplement must be accomplished within the current competitive segment. The proposed supplement MUST be within the general scope of the peer-reviewed activities and aims approved within the parent grant. Projects currently in a no cost extension are not eligible to apply.


NIH Welcomes Proposals for 2010 NIH Director’s Transformative Research Projects Program

A major goal of the NIH is to foster bold and creative investigator-initiated research. In pursuit of this goal, the Transformative Research Projects Program has been created under the auspices of the NIH Roadmap for Medical Research to enhance submission and support of exceptionally innovative, high-risk, original and/or unconventional research that has the potential to have a profound impact in clinical, basic or behavioral/social science arenas.

NIH Roadmap Transformative Research Awards provide up to $25 million total costs per year for a single project. The NIH encourages applications for the Transformative Research Projects Program from scientists representing all disciplines relevant to the NIH mission, including the biological, behavioral, clinical, social, physical, chemical, computational, engineering, and mathematical sciences. Interdisciplinary teams as well as individual investigators with bold ideas are encouraged to apply.

The deadline for submitting Transformative Research Project applications is January 22, 2010, with Letters of Intent due by December 22, 2009. See the instructions in the RFA (RFA-RM-09-022).

Additional information, including Frequently Asked Questions about the Transformative Research Projects Program, is available at: http://nihroadmap.nih.gov/T-R01.

For questions, please contact: T_R01@mail.nih.gov.
NIH Seeks Public Input on Consumer Health Information Needs

The NIH Office of Communications and Public Liaison and the NIH Director’s Council of Public Representatives have partnered to develop a Consumer Health Information Request for Information (RFI) in response to a directive by President Obama calling for greater transparency, public participation, and collaboration from all federal agencies.

In conjunction with the NIH goals for public input and effective dissemination of science-based health resources and information to the public, the RFI will provide insight into and better understanding of the health information needs and information-seeking behaviors of NIH health consumer audiences. Public feedback will assist the agency in developing and disseminating health, medical, and scientific information to a broader variety of audiences.

For more information about the RFI, please visit: http://nihhealthinfoRFI.nih.gov. The RFI can be completed online in English, or downloaded from the Web site in Spanish.

Comments Requested on Draft Objectives for Healthy People 2020

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services invites comments on the draft set of objectives for Healthy People 2020. For three decades, Healthy People has provided a set of national 10-year health promotion and disease prevention objectives aimed at improving the health of all Americans.

Please visit www.healthypeople.gov/hp2020/comments to:

- View proposed draft objectives for Healthy People 2020
- Comment on the proposed objectives
- Comment on the topic areas
- Suggest additional objectives
- Make a general comment.

Public comments will help ensure that issues important to all constituents are included in Healthy People 2020. Establishing objectives and providing benchmarks to track progress motivates, guides, and focuses action. Comments will be accepted through December 31, 2009.

For more information or to provide comments, please visit: www.healthypeople.gov/hp2020/comments.

New Publication Features Women in Science Careers at NIH

“Women in Science at the National Institutes of Health 2007-2008” is a new publication showcasing the achievements of some of the accomplished women at the NIH and is intended to inspire a diversity of girls and boys, women and men to enter or continue in science careers. Sponsored by the NIH Office of Research on Women’s Health, the book celebrates the careers and accomplishments of 289 talented female scientists and administrators who are part of the NIH community. It includes profiles of NINR Director Dr. Patricia A. Grady and NINR Deputy Director Dr. Mary E. Kerr, as well as other nurse scientists at NIH.

To download an electronic copy or order a hard copy of “Women in Science at the National Institutes of Health 2007-2008,” please visit: http://orwh.od.nih.gov.

OBSSR Summer Training Institute on Randomized Clinical Trials Involving Behavioral Interventions

The NIH Office of Behavioral and Social Science Research announces its Summer Training Institute on Randomized Clinical Trials Involving Behavioral Interventions, to be held July 11 – 23, 2010. The objective of this training institute is to provide a thorough grounding in the conduct of randomized clinical trials to researchers and health professionals interested in developing competence in the planning, design, and execution of randomized clinical trials involving behavioral interventions.

For more information, please visit:
http://obssr.od.nih.gov/training_and_education/annual_Randomized_Clinical_Trials_course/RCT_info.aspx

The application due date is January 15, 2010. All application materials must be submitted online.

For the application form and instructions, please visit: http://blsweb.net/obssrapp2attend2010/.
The Second Annual Trauma Spectrum Disorders Conference


The conference will focus on the impact of trauma spectrum disorders (TSDs) on military and veteran families and caregivers across deployment, homecoming, and reintegration. The conference will examine the needs of families and caregivers in support of military and veterans with TSD, factors related to family functioning and reintegration, and effective approaches that facilitate treatment of trauma disorders and services to families and caregivers, paying particular attention to gender and health disparities. Next steps will be developed for addressing research concerns identified at the conference.

There is no fee for attending the conference.

Date: December 10, 2009
Time: 8 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Location: Natcher Conference Center, NIH, Bethesda, MD

For questions, please contact: traumaspectrumdisorders@experient-inc.com.
Phone: (703) 525-8333 ext. 3329

The NIH Fogarty International Center Invites Applicants for the Fogarty International Clinical Research Scholars (FICRS) Program

NINR would like to call your attention to an exciting clinical research training experience for doctoral-level U.S. students in the health professions: the Fogarty International Clinical Research Scholars (FICRS) program. The FICRS provides an opportunity for highly motivated individuals to experience mentored research training at top-ranked NIH-funded research centers in developing countries throughout Africa, Asia, South America, and the Caribbean.

FICRS is sponsored by the NIH’s Fogarty International Center (FIC), in partnership with 15 NIH Institutes, Centers, and Offices, including NINR.

Application deadline: December 3, 2009.

To learn more and to obtain an application, please visit http://www.fogartyscholars.org/scholars, or contact scholars@fogartyscholars.org with questions.

AAAS Science & Technology Policy Fellowships

The American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) offers Science & Technology Policy Fellowships to provide the opportunity for accomplished scientists and engineers to participate in and contribute to the federal policymaking process while learning firsthand about the intersection of science and policy. The Fellowships help to establish and nurture critical links between federal decision-makers and scientific professionals to support public policy that benefits the wellbeing of the nation and the planet. They are designed to: educate scientists and engineers on the intricacies of federal policymaking, foster positive exchange between scientists and policymakers, and increase the involvement and visibility of scientists and engineers in the public policy realm.


For more information and application instructions, please visit: http://fellowships.aaas.org.

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.