



News & Notes from the National Institute of Nursing Research: August 2013

1. Collaboration on Future NIH News Releases and Other Media

In collaboration with your institution, NINR seeks to promote and disseminate published results of NINR-funded research through the publication of press releases and other media. Should you have an accepted research article (page proof) that you wish to share with NINR, please send an email to info@ninr.nih.gov.

2. NINR Announces Key Themes to Implement Strategic Plan

In 2011, NINR launched its current Strategic Plan to focus and further define NINR's scientific agenda.

The Strategic Plan describes five main focus areas:

- Health Promotion and Disease Prevention
- Advancing the Quality of Life: Symptom Management and Self-Management
- End-of-Life and Palliative Care
- Innovation, and
- Developing Nurse Scientists

From these focus areas, four major themes have evolved over the last year to help operationalize and implement the Strategic Plan. They include:

- Symptom Science: Improving Quality of Life for Individuals with Chronic Illness
- Wellness: Preventing Illness and Promoting Health
- Self-Management: Promoting Personalized Health Strategies, and
- The Science of Compassion: Enhancing End-of-Life and Palliative Care

The Themes are complemented by two foundational concepts that are vital to the advancement of nursing science and health care and that cut across the Institute's research portfolio:

- Promoting Innovation: Technology to Improve Health, and
- 21st Century Nurse Scientists: Innovative Strategies for Research Careers

In implementing research programs that focus on the four main themes above, NINR will also emphasize these two areas in each of its research programs and activities.

Together the Themes and Cross-Cutting Areas form a foundation in implementing the NINR Strategic Plan and guiding growth and development of nursing science. For more information, please visit:

www.ninr.nih.gov/keythemes.

3. NINR's Graduate Partnerships Program 2014 Application Period Now Open

NINR is pleased to announce it is now accepting applications for the NINR 2014 Graduate Partnerships Program (GPP). The application period is now open and will close **December 2, 2013**. Reference letters will be accepted until **December 16, 2013**. The new application period is about a month earlier than in previous years.

The NINR GPP provides unparalleled research training plus funding and mentorship to nursing doctoral students pursuing careers in basic or clinical research. It is open to PhD doctoral students currently enrolled in a school of nursing who will have completed all coursework by August 2014.

The GPP offers the academic environment of a university with the breadth and depth of research at the National Institutes of Health (NIH). A graduate nursing student selected to become an NINR GPP fellow completes initial coursework at the partnership university (up to two years, depending on curriculum requirements). Following this coursework, the fellow comes to the NIH campus in Bethesda, Maryland, to begin research toward a doctoral dissertation. NINR GPP fellows focus their dissertation research primarily in pathophysiological mechanisms related to symptoms and symptom management, health promotion, disease prevention, tissue injury, and genetics. The fellow's academic advisor and an NIH scientist serve as co-mentors for the dissertation process.

To be considered eligible for 2014, applicants must submit an up-to-date curriculum vitae and have all doctoral coursework completed no later than August 2014.

For more information about the NINR GPP, please visit:
www.ninr.nih.gov/GPP or send an email with "NINR GPP" in the subject line to NINRIRPTraining@mail.nih.gov.

4. Funding Opportunities: Health Promotion Among Racial and Ethnic Minority Males (R01 and R21)

NINR and the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK) are partners in two recently announced funding opportunities aimed at promoting health among minority men.

These initiatives are intended to enhance understanding of the numerous factors (e.g., sociodemographic, community, societal, personal) influencing the health promoting behaviors of racial and ethnic minority males and their subpopulations across the life cycle. The funding opportunities will encourage the development and testing of culturally and linguistically appropriate health-promoting interventions designed to reduce health disparities among these men.

Application Dates: Standard submission dates apply for these opportunities.

For more information on these funding opportunities, please visit:

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-13-328.html> and
<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-13-331.html>.

5. New Funding Opportunity: Demonstration Projects for Pragmatic Clinical Trials Focusing on Multiple Chronic Conditions

The NIH Office of Strategic Coordination has given notice of an upcoming funding opportunity announcement (FOA) for Demonstration Projects for Pragmatic Clinical Trials focusing on the management of multiple chronic conditions. Pragmatic trials are primarily designed to determine the effects of an intervention under the usual conditions in which it will be applied. NINR has joined this initiative.

Application Dates: The FOA is expected to be published in the Summer of 2013, with an expected application due date in Fall 2013.

Demonstration Projects must address a question important for the management of multiple chronic health conditions. For this FOA, common chronic health conditions include diseases, chronic symptoms (e.g., chronic pain) as well as chronic functional impairment (e.g., disability). Applicants are strongly encouraged to develop projects that focus on prevention, diagnosis, treatment or management of patients with multiple chronic medical conditions – and one that engages partnership with multiple health care systems. Nurse scientists are encouraged to apply.

For more information on this upcoming funding opportunity, please visit:

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-RM-13-022.html>.

6. 81st Meeting of the National Advisory Council for Nursing Research – Live Videocast Will Be Available

The open session of the 81st meeting of the National Advisory Council for Nursing Research (NACNR) will take place on **September 17, 2013, from 1:00 – 5:00 p.m.** in Conference Room 6C6, Building 31, C wing, on the NIH campus. Visitors are welcome to attend. **Please note: This session will also be videocast live at NIH Videocasting and Podcasting (<http://videocast.nih.gov/>).**

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

Information on visiting the NIH campus is available online at: <http://www.nih.gov/about/visitor/index.htm>.

7. 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 website at <http://www.ninr.nih.gov/researchandfunding/dea/oep/fundingopportunities>. These items can also be found in the NIH Guide for Grants and Contracts: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/index.html>.

To learn more about the NINR, visit www.ninr.nih.gov. For the latest news and information, you can also follow NINR on Twitter (www.Twitter.com/@NINR).