



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

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**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@nir.nih.gov](mailto:info@nir.nih.gov).

**2. NINR Launches Innovative Questions Initiative**

The National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR) is seeking input from the scientific community, professional organizations and the public through its Innovative Questions (IQ) Initiative. IQ is the next step in the implementation of NINR's Strategic Plan and is meant to encourage new thinking and creativity in nursing science, promote results-oriented research and guide the science over the next 5 to 10 years.

“We want to hear your thoughts about innovative research that will ultimately have an impact on the health of the nation,” NINR Director Dr. Patricia Grady said. “With all of the challenges and promising opportunities in nursing science, the demand for creative ideas and interdisciplinary approaches has never been greater.”

**Submit Your Innovative Question:** The scientific community and the public can contribute their innovative questions on the [NINR Innovative Questions website](#). This website is designed to encourage an online, interactive dialogue across the nursing science community. Questions, ideas or comments will be accepted through **July 31, 2014**. Please submit your ideas as early as you can.

The feedback and questions generated from the IQ initiative will point the way forward for nursing science. Visit [www.ninr.nih.gov/IQ](http://www.ninr.nih.gov/IQ) for more information about the initiative.

**3. Dr. Ann Cashion Named Scientific Director, Division of Intramural Research**

Ann Cashion, PhD, RN, FAAN, has been named the Scientific Director for the NINR Division of Intramural Research (DIR). For the past year, Dr. Cashion has served as the Acting Scientific Director for the DIR and before that time, she was a Senior Advisor to the Office of the NINR Director. Before coming to NIH, Dr. Cashion held the position of Professor and Chair of the Department of Acute and Chronic Care in the College of Nursing, University of Tennessee Health Science Center, Memphis, TN. Dr. Cashion has received several honors for her work and is well known nationally and internationally.

Dr. Cashion's previously funded research and clinical interests target genetic/genomic and environmental components associated with outcomes of organ transplantation. In her last funded study, she combined emerging technologies (microarrays) and behavioral questionnaires to investigate gene-environment interactions leading to obesity in recipients of kidney transplantations during the first year after transplant.

Dr. Cashion is on the Board of Directors for the Alumni Association of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Executive Nurse Fellows program and the Institute of Medicine Roundtable on Translating Genomics –Based Research for Health. She served as co-chair of the Genetics Expert Panel for the American Academy of Nursing and received the International Society of Nurses in Genetics Founder's Award in recognition of outstanding genetics research and scholarship.

#### **4. NINR's 2014 Graduate Partnerships Program: Application Deadline Extended to December 9**

NINR is seeking doctoral nursing students interested in boosting their basic or clinical research careers by becoming an NINR Graduate Partnerships Program (GPP) fellow starting fall of 2014. The application deadline has been extended to **Monday, December 9, 2013 at 5:00 p.m. EST**. Reference letters will be accepted until **December 16, 2013**.

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.

**NINR recently released videos of current GPP fellows discussing their research, career paths through the GPP, and future nursing research goals. To view the videos, please visit [www.ninr.nih.gov/GPP](http://www.ninr.nih.gov/GPP).**

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, MD, 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 senior investigator serve as co-mentors for the dissertation process.

For more information about the NINR GPP, please visit [www.ninr.nih.gov/GPP](http://www.ninr.nih.gov/GPP) or send an email with "NINR GPP" in the subject line to [NINRIRPTraining@mail.nih.gov](mailto:NINRIRPTraining@mail.nih.gov). **Applicants must include an up-to-date curriculum vitae in their application.**

#### **5. Dr. Hyungsuk Kim, Division of Intramural Research, Featured in *Wall Street Journal* Article**

NINR Division of Intramural Research staff scientist Dr. Hyungsuk Kim was recently featured in *The Wall Street Journal* in an article on the differences in perception of chronic pain.

In the article "Why Does Chronic Pain Hurt Some People More?" *Wall Street Journal* health and science writer Shirley Wang explored how genetics, biology, personality, and life experience all combine for vastly different scenarios for the estimated 100 million Americans dealing with lingering pain.

In the article, Dr. Kim discussed studies he and his colleagues have conducted that show how psychological traits like persistence and goal-seeking are related to pain tolerance in test subjects.

The full article is online at:

[http://online.wsj.com/news/articles/SB10001424052702304171804579121292600631048?mod=wsj\\_valettop\\_email](http://online.wsj.com/news/articles/SB10001424052702304171804579121292600631048?mod=wsj_valettop_email).

#### **6. Now Accepting Applications for 2014 NINR Summer Genetics Institute**

The application period for the 2014 NINR Summer Genetics Institute (SGI) is now open. The 2014 SGI will be held from **June 2- 27, 2014** on the NIH Campus in Bethesda, MD.

The SGI is a tuition-free, one-month, intensive research training program that provides participants with a foundation in molecular genetics appropriate for use in research and clinical practice. The program seeks to increase the research capability among graduate students and faculty and to develop and expand clinical practice in genetics among clinicians.

Administered by the Foundation for Advanced Education in the Sciences (FAES) as one of its Specialty Bio-Trac programs, the SGI features lectures and hands-on laboratory training. On completion of the program, participants receive eight hours of graduate-level college credit from FAES.

More than 250 SGI graduates are making a difference in communities across the country--building programs of nursing research in genetics, disseminating the results of genetics-related research in peer-reviewed scientific publications and at scientific conferences, and integrating genetics content in nursing school curricula and practice.

Graduate students, faculty, and clinicians who are citizens or permanent U.S. residents may apply. Applicants should demonstrate potential for highly productive research or a clinical career.

For more information on the SGI, please send an email to [ninrsgi@mail.nih.gov](mailto:ninrsgi@mail.nih.gov) or visit [www.ninr.nih.gov/sgi](http://www.ninr.nih.gov/sgi).

### **7. 82nd Meeting of the National Advisory Council for Nursing Research: Date and Location Change**

The date and location for the open session of the 82nd meeting of the National Advisory Council for Nursing Research (NACNR) has changed. The meeting will now be held on **January 13, 2014, from 1:00 – 5:00 p.m. EST, in Conference Room 10, C wing, Sixth Floor, Building 31**, on the NIH campus. Visitors are welcome to attend.

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>.

### **8. 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>.

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