

News & Notes from the National Institute of Nursing Research: May 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. Dr. Mary Woo to Give 2013 NINR Director's Lecture

Dr. Mary Woo will give the third NINR Director's Lecture on **May 21, 2013, 10:30 -11:30 a.m.**, in the NIH Clinical Center's Lipsett Amphitheater. Dr. Woo, a Professor at the University of California at Los Angeles School of Nursing and well-known cardiovascular researcher, will discuss brain-heart interactions in a lecture entitled "It's All in the Mind: Heart Failure and the Brain."

Dr. Woo's research transcends many areas including patient care and cardiovascular and neurologic diseases. Her current investigations suggest that patients with heart failure have significant brain damage in areas that dramatically impact cognition, emotion, and breathing. By developing interventions that minimize or reverse the brain damage in heart failure, Dr. Woo aims to improve health outcomes for heart failure.

This event is free and open to the public. Registration is not required. Please note that seating will be available on a first come, first served basis. For more information about the event and the speaker, please visit <http://www.ninr.nih.gov/directorslecture>. For information on visiting the NIH campus, including directions and a campus map, please visit <http://www.ors.od.nih.gov/maps/Pages/Gateway-Center-Map.aspx>.

The NINR Director's Lecture is an annual event, designed to bring the nation's top nurse scientists to the NIH campus to share their work and interests with a trans-disciplinary audience. The lecture was initiated as part of the year-long observation of the Institute's first 25 years at the NIH.

3. Dr. Grady Discusses Role of Science in Health Policy at the 38th ONS Congress

NINR Director Dr. Patricia A. Grady recently spoke at Hill Day, an advocacy training event held at the Oncology Nursing Society 38th Annual Congress. In her talk, Grady focused on NINR's role in advancing nursing science.

"NINR-supported research informs health policy, disseminates best practices, and promotes innovation in all areas of nursing science," said Dr. Grady. "NINR investigates which clinical, community, and system practices work best, for whom, and under what conditions. Given its impact on society, cancer research is prominently represented in our research portfolio."

After citing several examples of NINR-funded studies related to cancer prevention and care, Dr. Grady discussed research and training opportunities available through NINR such as the [Graduate Partnership Program](#), [Summer Genetics Institute](#), and [Fatigue/Sleep Methodologies Boot Camp](#).

Dr. Grady concluded, "NINR will continue to grow the evidence base for cancer and oncology nursing through patient- and family-centered research in symptom and self-management, prevention, caregiver health and support, and end-of-life care."

4. 80th Meeting of the National Advisory Council for Nursing Research

Shortly following the [2013 NINR Director's Lecture](#), the open session of the 80th meeting of the National Advisory Council for Nursing Research (NACNR) will take place on **May 21, 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.

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.

Please note: Council members will review and discuss new research concepts for future NINR funding opportunities and initiatives during the May 2013 NACNR meeting instead of the September 2013 NACNR meeting.

More information about the NACNR is available online at: <https://www.ninr.nih.gov/AboutNINR/NACNR>.

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

5. Funding Opportunity Announcement: Lasker Clinical Research Scholars Program

NIH is soliciting applications for the [Lasker Clinical Research Scholars Program](#), an intramural-extramural program that supports the research activities during the early stage careers of independent clinical researchers.

The program offers the opportunity for a unique bridge between the NIH intramural and extramural research communities and contains two phases. In the first phase, Lasker scholars will receive appointments for up to five to seven years as tenure-track investigators within the NIH Intramural Research Program with independent research budgets. In the second phase, successful scholars will be eligible to apply for up to five years of NIH support for their research at an extramural research facility; or, the scholar can be considered to remain as an investigator within the intramural program.

Letter of Intent Due: May 24, 2013

Application Due Date: June 24, 2013

For more information, and a link to the application instructions, visit <http://www.nih.gov/science/laskerscholar/>.

6. Funding Opportunity Announcement: Innovative Measurement Tools for Community Engaged Research Efforts (R01/R21)

NINR is seeking research applications that will develop innovative measurement tools for community engaged research efforts. The use of community engaged research (CEnR) methodologies, such as community-based participatory, community-based, and practice-based research, are regarded as valid approaches to prevent disease and promote health.

Innovative tools that measure public trust, collaboration, and empowerment are needed to strengthen the science of CEnR. Tools that effectively measure engagement efforts and are valid and reliable will enhance the scientific efforts when using community based, community based participatory and practice based research methodologies.

Application Due Dates: [Standard dates](#) apply, by 5:00 PM local time of the applicant organization.

For more information, visit <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-13-209.html> (R01) and <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-13-212.html> (R21).

7. PCORI Issues Funding Announcements to Support Comparative Effectiveness Research

The [Patient Centered Outcomes Research Institute](#) recently issued two funding announcements aimed towards improving the nation's capacity to conduct comparative effectiveness research (CER).

These cooperative agreement funding announcements will support the National Patient-Centered Clinical Research Network. The goal of this network is to “improve the nation’s capacity to efficiently conduct comparative clinical effectiveness research.” According to PCORI, the proposed network would “unite patients, researchers, and healthcare systems, and support rapid, effective observational and interventional studies with active participation from a broad patient population.”

The core components of this network include:

- [Clinical Data Research Networks](#), which PCORI defines as “system-based networks (such as hospital systems) that have the potential to become an ideal electronic network without structural impediments,”
- [Patient-Powered Research Networks](#), defined as “groups of patients interested in forming a research network and participating in research.”

To download the current PCORI funding announcements, which include purpose, funds available, deadlines and project periods, eligibility criteria, and program details, please visit <http://www.pcori.org/funding-opportunities/funding-announcements/#PPRN>.

Letters of intent from applicants are due **June 19, 2013** and applications are due **September 27, 2013**.

8. AHRQ Issues Funding Announcements to Support Patient-Centered Outcomes Research

The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) has issued a number of funding announcements focused around patient-centered outcomes research (PCOR). According to AHRQ, the purpose of PCOR is “to improve health outcomes by developing and disseminating evidence-based information to patients, clinicians, policy makers, and health care administrators, responding to their expressed needs about which clinical and health system design interventions are most effective for which patients under specific circumstances.”

For more information on these and other AHRQ funding announcements, please visit <http://www.ahrq.gov/funding/research/announcements/index.html>.

Please note: All AHRQ Requests for Applications (RFAs) and Program Announcements (PAs) are published in the [NIH Guide for Grants and Contracts](#).

9. Training Early-Career Scientists: Institutional Training Programs Open for Applications

NINR is now accepting applications for the [Institutional Training Program \(T32\)](#), one of the Institute's premiere training grants for early-career scientists. The only due date for T32 applications submitted to NINR is **May 25, 2013**.

The T32 Program enables institutions with schools of nursing to make NIH National Research Service Awards to individuals for predoctoral and postdoctoral research training in areas such as:

- acute and chronic illness across the life span
- health promotion, disease prevention, and health disparities
- HIV/ AIDS
- aging and caregiving
- symptom management
- self-management,
- and care at the end of life.

For more information on program requirements and currently funded T32 programs, please visit <http://www.ninr.nih.gov/researchandfunding/funded-ninr-grants-collaborative-activities/t32app2010>.

10. 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 <https://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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