



News & Notes from the National Institute of Nursing Research: September 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. Grady Quoted in Cleveland Newspaper on NINR-funded eSMARTT Project

NINR Director Dr. Patricia Grady was recently quoted in *The Plain Dealer*, a Cleveland-based newspaper, in an article on the NINR-funded Electronic Surrogate Decision Maker Resources and Tailored Training (eSMARTT) project.

A interdisciplinary team of software engineers, graphic animators, nurse scientists and social workers at Case Western Reserve University's School of Nursing is developing the software, which is one of the first avatar-based decision support technologies for caregivers.

"Many individuals will eventually be faced with having to make important healthcare decisions on behalf of loved ones who are too ill to make these decisions for themselves," Dr. Grady said in the article. The eSMARTT application, she said, "is consistent with NINR's long-standing focus on developing new and effective ways to support informal caregivers and improve their quality of life."

The full article is online at

http://www.cleveland.com/healthfit/index.ssf/2013/08/case_western_reserve_universit_13.html.

3. 81st Meeting of the National Advisory Council for Nursing Research

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: The live videocast option will not be available for September's NACNR meeting.

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>

4. 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.

5. 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>.

6. 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.

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.

Letter of Intent Due: **November 2, 2013**

Application Due: **December 2, 2013**

For more information on this upcoming funding opportunity, please visit:
<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-RM-13-022.html>.

7. New NIH Training Opportunity: Online Course on Screening Youth for Alcohol Problems

NIH recently released a new online training course to help health care professionals conduct an evidence-based alcohol screening and brief intervention with youth. The National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, part of the NIH, produced the course jointly with Medscape, a leading provider of online continuing medical education.

The course, which also offers nurses and other health care providers continuing education credits, presents three case scenarios of youth at different levels of risk for alcohol-related harm to illustrate a streamlined, 4-step clinical process outlined in *Alcohol Screening and Brief Intervention for Youth: A Practitioner's Guide*.

The course is available at <http://www.medscape.org/viewarticle/806556>. Access to the CME course External Web Site Policy requires a username and password, which users can set up for free at <https://login.medscape.com/login/sso/getlogin?ac=401>.

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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