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- **Prevention and Treatment of Obesity, Diabetes, and Chronic Kidney Disease in Military Populations (R01) (NIH)**; http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-12-048.html


- **The Kresge Foundation Healthy Environments Program**; http://kresge.org/programs/health/healthy-environments


- **Public Health Tribal Support Fellowship (CDC)**; https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0/?shva=1#starred/141a7fe22c7d101
WORKSHOPS, LECTURES, AND CONFERENCES

- **The Society for Epidemiologic Research** (http://www.epiresearch.org/digital/); 3rd Annual Digital Student/Fellow Novel Methods Conference on Wednesday, November 6, 9:00-11:30am; OHSU, Sam Jackson Hall room 4248

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Other Announcements

- **Northwest Health Foundation Seeks Community Engagement Officers**; http://nwhf.org/news/hire

For more information on each of these, see below.

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SDHI RIP

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Recently, the Social Determinants of Health Initiative revised the membership survey to make it more applicable to a broader audience. This information will be used to expand our current database in an effort to continue developing member programming options. If you took the SDHI survey last spring, please review your information on our website: http://www.pdx.edu/social-determinants-health/.
Please contact Ryan Bender, rbender@pdx.edu, 503.725.9633 to update your contact information. Lastly, please pass on the membership survey link to any partners you may have that would be interested in participating in the Social Determinants of Health Initiative.

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**Title:** “Expanding Luke-Dorf’s HEAL Physical Wellness Program to compare the effectiveness of traditional health workers and peer support specialists”

**Description:** Research suggests that individuals with psychiatric disabilities die, on average, 25 years younger than the general population, largely due to treatable medical conditions that are caused by modifiable risk factors such as smoking, obesity, substance abuse, and inadequate access to medical care. Partnering with Luke-Dorf, a private nonprofit community mental health agency in Portland, to implement and evaluate the Healthy Eating and Active Lifestyle (HEAL) program, a physical wellness intervention that engages residents of Luke-Dorf housing in monthly health education workshops, structured activities, and goal-setting with a trained health educator. After five months, we are seeing minimal markers of success, due in part to a lack of staffing resources to support participants in lifestyle changes. Applying for NIH or NIDRR funding to expand HEAL and compare the effectiveness of the intervention for participants matched with traditional health workers (e.g., registered nurses) and participants matched with certified peer support specialists.

**Stage of Work:** Preparing to submit a proposal to NIH or NIDRR; seeking input from the RIP group about funding mechanisms, project scope, and study design.

**FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES**


The current cycle has been extended through December 2, 2013. Supplemental materials from colleagues and supervisors will be accepted through December 16, 2013. The LRPs repay the outstanding student loans of researchers who are or will be conducting nonprofit biomedical or behavioral research.

**Benefits:** New LRP contracts are awarded for a two-year period and repay up to $35,000 of qualified educational debt annually. Tax offsets also are provided as additional benefits. Participants may apply for competitive renewals, which are issued for one or two years. Undergraduate, graduate, medical school, and other health professional school loans qualify for repayment. An NIH grant or other NIH funding is not required to apply for or participate in the LRPs.

**Eligibility:** Applicants must possess a doctoral-level degree (with the exception of the Contraception and Infertility Research LRP); be a U.S. citizen, national, or permanent resident; devote 20 hours or more per week to conducting qualified research funded by a domestic nonprofit, university, or government entity; and have qualified educational loan debt equal to or exceeding 20 percent of their institutional base salary.

The purpose of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is to encourage biomedical, behavioral, and social science research that will inform the development and evaluation of regulations on tobacco product manufacturing, distribution, and marketing. Research projects must address the research priorities related to the regulatory authority of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Center for Tobacco Products (CTP) as mandated by the Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act (FSPTCA), Public Law 111-31. The awards under this FOA will be administered by NIH using designated funds from the FDA CTP for tobacco regulatory science. Research results from this FOA are expected to generate findings and data that are directly relevant to inform the FDA's regulation of the manufacture, distribution, and marketing of tobacco products to protect public health.


The goal of this interagency funding opportunity announcement (FOA) is to support the development of multiscale models to accelerate biological, biomedical, behavioral, environmental and clinical research. The NIH, DOE, FDA, and NSF recognize that to efficiently and effectively address the challenges of understanding multiscale biological and behavioral systems, researchers will need predictive, computational models that encompass multiple biological and behavioral scales. This FOA also encourages the development of new, non-standard modeling methods and experimental approaches to facilitate multiscale modeling.


The goal of this FOA is to encourage Research Project Grant (R01) applications on prevention and treatment of obesity, diabetes, and chronic kidney disease in military personnel (active duty and retired) and their families.


This FOA encourages R01 research grant applications from institutions/organizations that propose to investigate the effectiveness of structural interventions aimed at reducing the risk of HIV/AIDS transmission by changing the environment of alcohol use. Although a variety of structural and environmental interventions have been employed successfully to reduce other drinking-related problems, similar research extending into the realm of HIV/AIDS risk reduction is still in its developing stages.


This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) encourages research grant applications focused on palliative care in geriatric populations. This FOA emphasizes studies in a variety of settings including ambulatory care, hospitals (and specific sites within hospitals including specialty wards, intensive care units and emergency departments), assisted living facilities, and short- and long-term care facilities; however, hospice and end-of-life settings are not included within the scope of this FOA, as they are the subject of other NIH programs. Rather, this FOA highlights research on palliative care in settings and at time points earlier in geriatric patients' disease or disability trajectories. Types of studies may include observational, quasi-experimental, or interventional studies using primary data collection and/or secondary analyses. Leveraging on-going cohorts, intervention studies, networks, data and specimen repositories, and other existing resources and infrastructure are encouraged.

The National Cancer Institute (NCI) Exploratory/Developmental Grant (R21) funding opportunity supports the development of new research activities in all areas of cancer research. The R21 mechanism is intended to encourage exploratory and developmental research projects by providing support for the early and conceptual stages of these projects. These studies may involve considerable risk but may lead to a breakthrough in a particular area, or to the development of novel techniques, agents, methodologies, models, or applications that could have a major impact on a field of cancer research (biomedical, behavioral, or clinical).

The Kresge Foundation Healthy Environments Program; [http://kresge.org/programs/health/healthy-environments](http://kresge.org/programs/health/healthy-environments)

Low-income communities often are located in areas with higher exposure to environmental hazards due to the condition and proximity of their homes, schools and workplaces to polluting industries and aging urban centers. These multiple exposures range from air pollution and chemical contaminants to the toxins associated with substandard housing and the additives in unhealthy foods.

We support efforts to improve the homes, surroundings and quality of life for children and their families living in low-income communities through three initiatives:

- In our safe and healthy housing work, we take a comprehensive approach and support efforts to abate hazards, accelerate policy and systems changes, provide community education and build community engagement.

- In our transportation and the built environment initiative, we partner with organizations addressing the health effects of freight transport, especially on vulnerable communities and workers. We also support efforts to re-examine aspects of the built environment that create barriers to physical activity and affect air and water quality and public safety.

- In our healthy food initiative, we invest in efforts to improve food-system policies and practices, especially those that provide better access to fruits, vegetables and other healthful foods and that reduce the emphasis on products without nutritional benefits.


The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation New Careers in Nursing is a scholarship program to help alleviate the nursing shortage and increase the diversity of nursing professionals. Through grants to schools of nursing, the program provides scholarships to college graduates without nursing degrees who are enrolled in accelerated baccalaureate and master's nursing programs.

Public Health Tribal Support Fellowship (CDC); [https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0/?shva=1#starred/141a7ffe22c7d101](https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0/?shva=1#starred/141a7ffe22c7d101)

A research opportunity is available at the Office for State, Tribal, Local, and Territorials Support (OSTLTS) in the Tribal Support Unit of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The chosen applicant will be involved with Tribal Support's research and program integration and evaluation projects. Tribal support is the primary link between the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Agency for Toxic Substance and Disease Registry (ATSDR), and tribal governments. Tribal Support activities focus on fulfilling CDC's supportive role in ensuring that American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) communities receive public health services that keep them safe and healthy.

WORKSHOPS, LECTURES, AND CONFENCES
9:00-10:00 Live plenary session debate: *Will Genetics Revolutionize Public Health?*
- Muin Khoury, MD, PhD, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Office of Public Health Genomics;
- Richard Cooper, MD, Loyola University Medical School

10:00-11:00 Live oral presentations: Application of Novel Epidemiologic Methods in Student Research
- *Quantifying Lead-Time Bias in Risk-Factor Studies of Cancer through Simulation*
  Rick Jansen
- *Synthetic likelihood approach for quantifying multi-scale epidemic processes from large and complex data sets*
  Corentin Barbu
- *Using matched sampling methods to evaluate whether a C17T polymorphism in the mu opiate receptor is associated with quantitative measures of drug use in African-American women,* Allison Grossman

11:00-11:30 Wrap up

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Please join the PSU Institute for Sustainable Solutions for a discussion with Marcelo Bonta, founder and executive director of the Center for Diversity and the Environment. Bonta will speak about significant demographic shifts in the US and share a vision of how the environmental movement will need to operate to be successful in coming years.

**Oregon’s Office of Equity & Inclusion; Multicultural Storytelling for Institutional Policy & Programmatic Impact**

Please join us for a strength-based information workshop with Tony LookingElk for community partners interested in conducting a storytelling process for institutional policy impact. For information about training guides visit: [http://origin.library.constantcontact.com/download/get/file/1107293291440-70/Our+Guides.pdf](http://origin.library.constantcontact.com/download/get/file/1107293291440-70/Our+Guides.pdf)

When: Friday, November 8, 2013
Time: 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 pm
Location: Native American Youth and Family Center; 5135 NE Columbia Blvd.; Portland, OR

What Distinguishes This StoryTelling Process?
- Strength-based
- Intergenerational
- Culturally and linguistically-tailored
- Storytelling events are led by members of the community
- Community members determine the meaning of the stories
- Cross-cultural process strengthens collective voice and trustful relationships among professionals, institutions and communities they serve

Lunch and refreshments will be served.
Limited Seating! Please RSVP by Thursday, November 7th to Rebecca Naga; Rebecca.A.Naga@state.or.us; 971-673-1283

Cultural Lunchtime Series: Native American Foods; sponsored by DHS Diversity Council and NARA

This is an exciting opportunity to learn about the history of Native American foods and how it relates to culture. Presentation will share this as well as how the changes in food have affected Native American health, community, children and families.

Speaker: Judy BlueHorse Skelton, Indigenous Nations Faculty, PSU
Date: Wednesday November 13th 11 AM – 1 PM
Location: NARA Youth Center, 12360 E. Burnside (parking limited, overflow available in Trimet Park and Ride next door)

RSVP by November 8th to Yvonne Eggison, Yvonne.EGGISON@state.or.us 503-491-1979 x279

Space is limited and a selection of Native foods will be provided for the first 100 people who sign up.

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With growing awareness of the poor outcomes for older adolescents and young adults who experience serious mental health conditions, researchers and service providers are working to develop and test interventions designed to be engaging and effective. This Special Issue will highlight studies that offer evidence about what works, with particular attention to interventions or approaches informed by theories of positive development and designed specifically for young people (ages 14-30) with serious mental health conditions. A description of this kind of positive developmental approach can be found under Pathways model overview at: http://www.pathwaysrtc.pdx.edu/sos-conference-proceedings-2013.shtml

The editors anticipate that the Special Issue will include reports on practices, interventions or programs.

Individuals interested in reviewing, or submitting, please visit: http://jbhs.edmgr.com

For questions, please contact
Alexandra Albizu-Rivera, Editorial Associate,albizurivera@usf.edu

17th Annual Welfare Research and Evaluation Conference; focus on TANF; http://www.wrconference.net/proposals.htm

OPRE invites proposals for individual presentations and entire conference sessions for the 2014 conference. The conference will focus on Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and related programs, policies and services that support low-income and vulnerable families on the path to economic self-sufficiency. ACF has a strong preference for presentations that feature recent findings in empirical research based on rigorous, experimental designs; although discussions of work in progress will not be automatically excluded. Presentations that combine research findings with input from State and local practitioners are especially welcome.

RESOURCES

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The CCDF Policies Database project is a comprehensive, up-to-date database of inter-related sources of CCDF policy information that support the needs of a variety of audiences through (1) Analytic Data Files
and (2) a Book of Tables. These are made available to researchers, administrators, and policymakers with the goal of addressing important questions concerning the effects of alternative child care subsidy policies and practices on the children and families served, specifically parental employment and self-sufficiency, the availability and quality of care, and children's development.

**NCHS Data Brief - Prevalence of Obesity Among Adults: United States, 2011-2012;**
http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/databriefs/db131.htm

This brief provides key findings from analyses of data from the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey, 2011-2012.

**Other Announcements**

**Northwest Health Foundation Seeks Community Engagement Officers:** [http://nwhf.org/news/hire](http://nwhf.org/news/hire)

Northwest Health Foundation is seeking two 40 hour per week, full-time Community Engagement Officers to join our team of spirited and dedicated professionals to create the best possible opportunities, conditions and outcomes for community health. These positions work with current and potential partners to build and implement Foundation initiatives and report to the Vice President of Strategy and Community Partnership. This position is based in Portland, Oregon. Applications are due noon, Friday, December 6.