

# NJIT Research Newsletter

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**NJIT Research Newsletter** includes recent awards, and announcements of research related seminars, webinars, national and federal research news related to research funding, and **Grant Opportunity Alerts**. The Newsletter is posted on the NJIT Research Website <https://research.njit.edu/funding-opportunities>.

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## Special Announcements

### Update

#### **Open Discussion on NJIT Research Challenges and Big Ideas Preliminary Draft of the First Round of Discussion**

Thank you everyone who attended the Open Forum and Workshop on December 4, 2019 and/or provided input to the initial draft of the NJIT Research Challenges and Big Ideas plan. The Open Forum and Workshop was well attended by more than 110 faculty. After the Keynote panel session, faculty in five research cluster groups discussed research challenges and big ideas of high societal impact for NJIT research enterprise.

Here is a summary of the second draft of priority research challenges and big ideas developed through the group discussion during the brainstorming session at the workshop with the following research clusters co-chaired by faculty representatives:

- Bioscience and Bioengineering: Co-Chairs: Bryan Pfister and Gareth Russell
- Data Science and Management: Co-Chairs: David Bader and Zhipeng Yan
- Environment and Sustainability: Co-Chairs: Jay Meegoda and Som Mitra
- Materials Science and Engineering: Co-Chairs: David Venerus and Tao Zhou
- Robotics and Machine Intelligence: Co-Chairs: Usman Roshan and Cong Wang

The revised ppt presentation with the slides of summary/list of priority research challenges as developed by each research cluster group is posted on the Google shared drive [https://drive.google.com/file/d/1yPpaAo5f8gvP7r2x0Ljt4\\_ZuWFIpN2V/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1yPpaAo5f8gvP7r2x0Ljt4_ZuWFIpN2V/view?usp=sharing) (the file name is NJIT Research Challenges Draft V2 12-06-2019).

We request faculty and researchers to review the summary lists from five research clusters (also copied below) and provide input and comments to the respective co-chairs of the research cluster groups (as mentioned above) by January 27, 2019. The co-chairs with their respective research cluster focus groups will further discuss, expand and cross-pollinate to develop a draft of the final list of NJIT research challenges for consideration of deans, chairs and NJIT community.

The final **NJIT research challenges and big ideas** will have the ownership and leadership of specific cluster(s) with contributions across other clusters as stakeholders for broader impact and future strategic growth of the NJIT research enterprise.

## **Overall Objective**

Develop a robust and actionable roadmap to align NJIT research expertise and enterprise with the select Global Challenges and Big Ideas. The roadmap will form the foundation for NJIT's strategic direction to drive partnerships and collaborative research and development for sustained societal impact.

## **NJIT Research Challenges Draft Version-2 as of 12-06-2019**

### **Research Challenges and Big Ideas: Bioscience and Bioengineering Group:**

- Improving Human Health
  - Optimize human- robotic assistive devices for aging, injury and diseases
  - Providing prevention and therapy for injury and disease
  - Improve technology for health care delivery
  - Improving brain health : diagnosis, prognosis for injury disease and aging
  - Providing independence: Injury disease and aging
  - Understanding mechanisms of disease
  - Involves: Robotic development and control, tissue engineering, sustainable and affordable biomaterials, access to the clinical environment, community based therapies, preventive, monitoring and diagnosis
- Creating Sustainable Societies
  - Living in a variable Universe: accommodation prediction and resilience
  - Living in a finite world: sustainable energy and materials
  - Living together
  - Involves: Storm water management, environmental sensors, local energy and distribution, alternative energy sources, inequality and poverty, environmental justice

### **Research Challenges and Big Ideas: Material Science and Engineering Group:**

- Engineering Better Medicines
  - Materials and devices for smart drug delivery systems and biosensors for advancing personalized medicine.
  - Materials Science & Engineering, Bioscience & Bioengineering, Data Science & Management
- Smart Energy Materials
  - Materials and devices for sustainable energy generation, storage, transportation and delivery

- Computational design, fabrication, and characterization loop of these materials and devices
- Future Materials for Quantum Computing

### **Research Challenges and Big Ideas: Data Science and Management Group:**

- Data Science for Diverse Workforce Development
  - New strategies for workforce development, transparency and inclusion, productive use of an aging workforce, managing the nomadic workforce, embracing diversity, and data-driven management of organizations.
  - Involves: Big Data, HR, workforce and entrepreneurship,
- Women's Healthcare
  - Improve NJ's Women's health from 48<sup>th</sup> (?) in nation to top quartile
  - Involves: health informatics, privacy and security, data science, State of NJ Health Information Network
- Smart Urban Policy and Sustainability
  - Embrace Newark's Smart City for designing new urban policies, improving air and water quality, reducing congestion
  - Involves: big data, network science, sensors
- High Performance Data Analytics
  - From financial services to health informatics, national security to smart cities, every facet of our lives will be informed by massive scale analytics on big data. This challenge focuses on design of real-world algorithms, architectures, and frameworks, for high performance computing and data science.
  - Involves: data science, AI, computing, management, computer engineering, health, cyberpsychology, among others
- Space Weather
  - Understand fundamental science in the universe and use this science to develop near real-time reliable forecasting algorithms, use science for climate change adaptation technologies; UN: Climate Actions
  - Involves: Data Science, AI, Deep Learning; Suitability and Environment; Sensors

### **Research Challenges and Big Ideas: Robotics and Machine Intelligence Group:**

- Robotics and Machine Intelligence
- Basic and Applied Science and Engineering with Machine and Deep Learning
- Robustness (e.g. against noisy data and adversarial attacks)
  - Interpretability, and explainability of machine and deep learning
- Data-oriented sensing and control
  - Information identification and relating, interpreting data to semantic logics
- Network-based robotics and AI
  - Network technologies (latency, jitter), privacy, security, safety
- Sustainable management of big data

### **Research Challenges and Big Ideas: Environment and Sustainability Group:**

- Water
  - Water Supply Chain and Challenges

- Water Restoration; Desalination
- Waste
  - Zero waste – in agriculture and energy utilization
  - Recovery of resources from waste
- Sustainable Energy and Storage
  - Decentralized, Distributed Generation of Energy – Autonomous and Robust
- Air, Climate Change and Environment
  - CO2 Sequestration
  - Smart Cities
    - Natural and Built environments
    - Smart building and cities – architecture and city planning
- Solar Weather
- Education and Social Sciences
  - Increasing Environmental Awareness and Education
  - Social Sciences and Eco Activism: Policies

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### **Grant Opportunity Alerts**

Keywords and Areas Included in the Grant Opportunity Alert Section Below

**NSF: Early Career Development Program (CAREER); National Robotics Initiative 2.0: Ubiquitous Collaborative Robots (NRI-2.0); EHR Core Research (ECR): Building Capacity in STEM Education Research (ECR: BCSER); Dear Colleague Letter: NSF/NSFC Joint Research on Environmental Sustainability Challenges; Dear Colleague Letter: Supporting Transition of Research into Cities Through the U.S. ASEAN (Association of Southeast Asian Nations Cities) Smart Cities Partnership; EarthCube; Next Generation Software for Data-driven Models of Space Weather with Quantified Uncertainties (SWQU); Semiconductor Synthetic Biology for Information Storage and Retrieval (SemiSynBio-II); Environmental Convergence Opportunities in Chemical, Bioengineering, Environmental, and Transport Systems (ECO-CBET); Improving Undergraduate STEM Education: Pathways into the Earth, Ocean, Polar and Atmospheric & Geospace Sciences (IUSE:GEOPATHS); Future of Work at the Human-Technology Frontier: Core Research (FW-HTF)**

**NIH: Innovative Molecular and Cellular Analysis Technologies for Basic and Clinical Cancer Research (R21); Postbaccalaureate Research Education Program (R25); NIMH Instrumentation Program (S10); New Investigator Projects on 4DN Organization and Function in Human Health and Disease (U01); Utilizing Invasive Recording and Stimulating Opportunities in Humans to Advance Neural Circuitry Understanding of Mental Health Disorders (R01 and R21), NIH Blueprint Program for Enhancing Neuroscience Diversity through Undergraduate Research Education Experiences (BP-ENDURE) (R25)**

**Department of Defense/US Army/DARPA/ONR: Commercial Technologies for Maintenance Activities (CTMA); Detect It with Gene Editing Technologies (DIGET); C4ISR, Information Operations, Cyberspace Operations and Information Technology System Research, Air Superiority Technology Broad Agency Announcement; NRL Long Range Broad Agency Announcement (BAA) for Basic and Applied Research; DSO Office-wide Broad Agency Announcement**

**Department of Transportation: Grants or Research Fellowship (GRF)**

**Department of Agriculture: Organic Agriculture Research and Extension Initiative; Integrated Research, Education, and Extension Competitive Grants Program – Organic Transitions; REAP-Renewable Energy Systems and Energy Efficiency Improvements**

**Department of Labor:** Apprenticeships: Closing the Skills Gap  
**EPA:** Solid Waste Recycling Enhancement Act (REA) Higher Education Research Grant Program; People, Prosperity and the Planet (P3) Student Design Competition  
**Department of Energy: Flexible Carbon Capture & Storage (FLECCS);** FY 2020 Solicitation for the Office of Science Financial Assistance Program; Environmental System Science  
**NASA:** ROSES 2019: Advancing Collaborative Connections for Earth System Science; Future Investigators in NASA Earth and Space Science and Technology; Heliophysics System Observatory Connect  
**National Endowment of Humanities: Institutes for Advanced Topics in the Digital Humanities;** Digital Humanities Advancement Grants  
**National Geographic: Biodiversity Exploration and Discovery**  
**Brain Research Foundation:** Brain Research Foundation (BRF) Seed Grant

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### **Recent Research Grant and Contract Awards**

Congratulations to faculty and staff on receiving research grant and contract awards!

**PI:** Haimin Wang (PI)

**Department:** Center for Solar Terrestrial Research

**Grant/Contract Project Title:** Study of Global-Scale Surface Flows and Migration of Polar Crown Filaments of the Sun in Past 10 Solar Cycles in Comparison with Helioseismology Results in 2 Recent Cycles

**Funding Agency:** NASA

**Duration:** 12/01/19-11/30/23

**PI:** Xinyue Xu (PI) and Margarita Vinnikov

**Department:** Informatics

**Grant/Contract Project Title:** Transportation Data Analytical Tools - Phase II (Creation of Sidewalk Inventory of the NJTPA Region from Color Infrared Orthoimagery or Google Street View Data

**Funding Agency:** USDOT

**Duration:** 11/01/19-06/30/20

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### **In the News...**

(National and Federal News Related to Research Funding and Grant Opportunities)

**NSF/NSFC Joint Research on Environmental Sustainability Challenges:** The NSF Engineering Directorate (ENG) and the National Natural Science Foundation of China (NSFC) Department of Engineering and Material Sciences (DEMS) and Department of Geosciences are partnering to encourage joint research by U.S. - China teams collaborating on fundamental research that addresses critical environmental sustainability challenges. Among nations, the U.S. and China have the two largest economies on Earth and also have important engineering, technology, business and trade relationships with each other. Both nations face significant environmental sustainability challenges, for example in the

food-energy-water (FEW) nexus, urban sustainability, global change, and manufacturing. Fundamental research is needed to provide the foundational knowledge for addressing these challenges. This Dear Colleague Letter is for research proposals from joint U.S. - China teams in the environmental sustainability themes of: "Innovations at the Nexus of Food, Energy, and Water Systems (INFEWS: U.S.-China)" 1. quantitative and computational modeling of a FEW system 2. innovative human and technological solutions to critical FEW systems problems.

Every proposal must include the participation of researchers from at least one U.S. organization and at least one institution in China. Proposals that do not comply with this requirement will be returned without review. The proposal submitted to NSF must conform to NSF proposal requirements as specified in NSF's posted Proposal and Award Policies and Procedures Guide (NSF 19-1), and the matching proposal submitted to NSFC must conform to requirements posted by NSFC. NSF will fund the U.S. researchers up to a total of \$500,000 for 4 years for each recommended award, while NSFC will fund the China 1 researchers up to a total of 3 million yuan for 4 years for each recommended award. In total, no more than 6 joint NSF-NSFC project grants are expected to be funded. NSF research funding is pending the availability of funds. Each proposal must include a management plan that clearly specifies the role of team researchers from both the U.S. and China, and the mechanisms through which close collaboration will be assured. The management plan is not to exceed 3 pages and is to be included in the supplementary document file of the electronic submission.

U.S.-based researchers, through their U.S. organizations, may submit unsolicited proposals to collaborate with China-based researchers on the INFEWS topic described above to the ENG/CBET Environmental Sustainability (7643) program. Please note that, even though the Environmental Sustainability program has no submission deadline, proposals submitted for consideration under this DCL must be received by 5:00 pm local submitter's time on February 26, 2020. More information on submittal procedures is posted at: [https://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm\\_summ.jsp?pims\\_id=505695&org=CBET&from=home](https://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=505695&org=CBET&from=home)

**Supporting Transition of Research into Cities Through the U.S. ASEAN (Association of Southeast Asian Nations Cities) Smart Cities Partnership:** Through this Dear Colleague Letter (DCL), the National Science Foundation's (NSF) Directorate for Computer and Information Science and Engineering (CISE) together with the Department of State's Bureau of East Asia and Pacific Affairs wishes to notify the U.S. community of its intention to support the following high-impact research-transition funding requests aligned with the U.S.-ASEAN Smart Cities Partnership:

- Supplemental funding requests for active awards funded by the NSF [Cyber-Physical Systems](#) (CPS) and [Smart and Connected Communities](#) (S&CC) programs; and
- Early-concept Grants for Exploratory Research (EAGER) proposals exploring early-stage, untested, but potentially transformative, research ideas or approaches building on prior success in activities related to smart and connected communities and/or transitioning to practice research that is relevant to communities.

S&CC research integrates social and technological dimensions and is targeted at one or more communities. While S&CC research may eventually yield successful outcomes in the targeted communities, when initially applied to new environments and cultural contexts, new challenges will emerge. Such challenges introduce an element of high risk where the solutions have a corresponding potential for high impact in improving quality of life. Through this DCL, NSF is specifically announcing its intention to support such activities, where the "new environment" is within the ASEAN region. Supplemental funding requests and EAGER proposals will provide support for periods of up to two years and up to \$300,000. The Dear Colleague Letter is posted on the website <https://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2020/nsf20024/nsf20024.jsp?org=NSF>

**FDA Public Workshop - Evolving Role of Artificial Intelligence in Radiological Imaging:** The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing the following public workshop entitled "Evolving Role of Artificial Intelligence in Radiological Imaging." The intent of this public workshop is to discuss emerging applications of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in radiological imaging including AI devices intended to automate the diagnostic radiology workflow as well as guided image acquisition. The purpose of the workshop is to work with interested stakeholders to identify the benefits and risks associated with use of AI in radiological imaging. We also plan to discuss best practices for the validation of AI-automated radiological imaging software and image acquisition devices. Validation of device performance with respect to the intended use is critical to assess safety and effectiveness. The workshop will be held on February 25-26, 2019. For more information and to register see the [workshop website](#).

**DARPA'S LUMOS:** The Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency's Lasers for Universal Microscale Optical Systems (LUMOS) program seeks "to transform optical microsystems through the co-integration of direct-emission materials, such as InP, GaN, and GaAs, with low-loss dielectric materials such as silicon and silicon nitride to create accessible, manufacturable systems. LUMOS also seeks to leverage new concepts in nanophotonic structures, non-reciprocity, and nonlinear processes, as well as alternative materials that possess strong electro-optic and novel properties, such as thin-film lithium niobate, III-nitrides, and other advanced compounds that enable new component functionality. Finally, LUMOS seeks to illustrate the benefits of complete component integration by pursuing DoD-relevant system demonstrations with compelling gains in performance and significant size, weight, and power (SWaP) advantages over current state-of-the-art solutions." Find out more at opportunity HR001120S0008 [on grants.gov](#).

**Program Integrity Investigations:** National Science Foundation Office of Inspector General released its semi-annual report NSF-OIG-SAR-61 to the congress on investigations conducted for program integrity on funded research grants and contracts. The NSF Office of Inspector General (OIG) promotes effectiveness, efficiency, and economy in administering the Foundation's programs; detects and prevents fraud, waste, and abuse within NSF or by individuals who receive NSF funding; and identifies and helps to resolve cases of research misconduct. OIG was established in 1989, in compliance with the Inspector General Act of 1978, as amended. Because the Inspector General reports directly to the NSB and Congress, the Office is organizationally independent from the Foundation. The followings are some of the findings from the report that is posted on the website [https://www.nsf.gov/oig/pdf/NSF\\_OIG\\_SAR\\_61.pdf](https://www.nsf.gov/oig/pdf/NSF_OIG_SAR_61.pdf):

*FORMER PROFESSOR INDICTED FOR EMBEZZLEMENT* We received information that a university professor was inappropriately directing NSF award funds to his wife's company. Our investigation revealed that NSF funds were paid to a media company, which was directed to develop websites for the university's NSF-funded center and for the professor's wife's company. The professor resigned his university position and was subsequently charged by the local prosecutor's office with one felony count of embezzlement. Our investigation is ongoing.

*NSF SUSPENDED AWARDS; PI LEFT COUNTRY AND RESIGNED FROM UNIVERSITY* We learned that a PI at a university was involved in a foreign government talent recruitment program and may have additional overseas employment. We subpoenaed the PI for information related to positions of employment or consulting outside of the university. The PI only provided an application related to a foreign government talent recruitment program, despite open source information suggesting the PI was already a program member and was employed overseas. Based on our recommendation, NSF suspended the PI's awards pending the outcome of our investigation. Subsequent to the award suspension, the PI left the U.S. and resigned from the university. Our investigation is ongoing.

*NSF TERMINATED AWARDS TO PI WHO FAILED TO DISCLOSE FOREIGN AFFILIATIONS* We interviewed a PI as a part of an investigation and subsequently determined that the PI had been untruthful in the interview regarding his affiliation with a foreign government talent recruitment program and institutions outside of his U.S. university. The PI also failed to disclose his position at a foreign institution in his NSF proposals. During the course of our investigation, the PI resigned from his position at his U.S. university for a position overseas. Based on our recommendation, NSF terminated the PI's active awards, resulting in more than \$500,000 in funds put to better use.1

*NSF SUSPENDED AWARDS PENDING FURTHER INVESTIGATION* An NSF PI was indicted on charges of wire fraud and program fraud for an alleged scheme to defraud NSF, another Federal agency, and a U.S. research university. The PI received Federal grant money, including salary, while he was employed by an overseas research university, an alleged conflict of interest that was not disclosed to the U.S. research university. Based on our recommendation, NSF suspended three awards involving the PI, pending completion of our investigation

### **Cleaning the Air: Federal RD&D Initiative and Management Plan for Carbon Dioxide Removal**

**Technologies:** A report posted on the website <https://www.dropbox.com/s/2y36ngfrcbpv37f/EFI%20Clearing%20the%20Air%20Full%20Report.pdf?dl=0> summarizes operations of *Cleaning the Air* initiative. Net-zero carbon dioxide(CO<sub>2</sub>)emissions is not credibly achievable by midcentury without major contributions from negative-carbon technologies. Such technologies will also make possible, in the long term, a reversal of ever increasing greenhouse gas(GHG)concentrations in the atmosphere, thereby reducing the impact of past actions. Concerns about the inadequacy of collective emissions mitigation efforts, a growing body of scientific evidence, and current emissions trajectories are reflected in the actions of many foreign governments, including many U.S. states and cities, in their movement towards “net-zero” emissions targets to balance GHG emissions with an equivalent amount of carbon removal and sequestration. The growing number of national, state, and subnational entities that have committed to net-zero emissions puts additional pressure on innovators to develop a range of technologies that go beyond the scope of conventional mitigation options. This report provides a set of recommendations and detailed implementation plans for a comprehensive, 10-year, \$10.7 billion research, development, and demonstration(RD&D) initiative in the United States to bring new pathways for technological carbon dioxide removal (CDR) to commercial readiness.

**National Strategic Computing Initiative Update: Pioneering the Future of Computing:** The national computing landscape is undergoing rapid evolution along multiple dimensions due to the introduction of new and potentially disruptive technologies and the demands of new classes of data intensive applications. Computer architectures and systems are more heterogeneous and complex, and the challenges associated with the complexity and sustainability of software are significant. Application developers are being called to meet demands for improved usability and productivity. Therefore, to address this new environment, it is essential to update the 2016 U.S. Strategic Computing Plan<sup>1</sup> in a holistic and synergistic fashion that involves government, academia, and industry. The Office of Science and Technology Policy and the National Science and Technology Council Subcommittee on Networking and Information Technology Research and Development created a Fast Track Action Committee on Strategic Computing in June 2019 to address this imperative. The refocused objectives identified are:

1. Pioneer new frontiers of digital and non-digital computation to address the scientific and technological challenges and opportunities of the 21st century.
2. Develop, broaden, and advance the Nation's computational infrastructure and ecosystem.
3. Forge and expand partnerships for the future of computing to ensure American leadership in science, technology, and innovation.



What follows includes key goals for a strategic approach to the future of computing, and a set of recommendations to achieve those goals, which will expand our scientific knowledge, enable economic growth, and improve our national security. These recommendations and goals were determined via engagement with government, academia, and industry through various means, including a Request for Information (RFI)<sup>2</sup> and a Future Computing Community of Interest Meeting. The full report is posted on the website <https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/National-Strategic-Computing-Initiative-Update-2019.pdf>

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## **Webinar and Events**

### **Event: Advanced Energy Year in Review: Wins, Losses & Draws**

**Sponsor: Advanced Energy Economy**

**When: December 12, 2019 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM**

**Website: <https://www.aee.net/>**

**Brief Description:** It's been a busy year in advanced energy policy. With new governors in many states declaring ambitious goals, legislatures taking action for (and sometimes against) industry growth, and regulators state, federal, and regional wrestling with the nuts and bolts of implementation, there has been nary a dull moment since January. In this webinar, AEE's experts will take us through the calendar, pausing to recall the highs and lows of policymaking as they happened this year – and explain their implications for industry growth, now and going forward.

#### **Panelists:**

- **Jeff Dennis**, General Counsel and Managing Director, AEE (Wholesale Markets)
- **Ryan Katofsky**, Managing Director, AEE (Regulatory Policy)
- **Amisha Rai**, Managing Director, AEE (Western States)
- **Matt Stanberry**, Managing Director, AEE (Electric Transportation)
- **J.R. Tolbert**, Managing Director, AEE (State Legislation)
- **Robert Keough**, Senior Vice President, Content, AEE (moderator)

**To Join the Webinar:** Click on this [link](#) to register!

### **Event: PAESMEM Applicant Webinars**

**Sponsor: NSF**

**When: December 12, 2019 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM**

**Website: [https://www.nsf.gov/events/event\\_summ.jsp?cntn\\_id=299254&org=NSF](https://www.nsf.gov/events/event_summ.jsp?cntn_id=299254&org=NSF)**

**Brief Description:** NSF is offering a webinar on October 31, 2019 for applicants to the Presidential Awards for Excellence in Science, Mathematics, and Engineering Mentoring (PAESMEM).

**To Join the Webinar:** Click on this link to register! <https://paesmem.net/webinar>

### **Event: NSF Distinguished Lecture Series in Mathematical and Physical Sciences for 2019-20**

**Sponsor: NSF**

**When: Various; Please see below.**

**Website: [https://www.nsf.gov/events/event\\_summ.jsp?cntn\\_id=299152&org=NSF](https://www.nsf.gov/events/event_summ.jsp?cntn_id=299152&org=NSF)**

**Brief Description:** These lectures will be held at the National Science Foundation, 2415 Eisenhower Ave., Alexandria, VA 22314. Advance sign-up requests are required for preparation of visitor passes by emailing the contact below. Guidelines for visiting NSF are at <https://www.nsf.gov/about/visit/>

December 19, 2019 2:00 PM to December 19, 2019 3:00 PM

January 13, 2020 2:00 PM to January 13, 2020 3:00 PM

February 13, 2020 2:00 PM to February 13, 2020 3:00 PM

March 23, 2020 2:00 PM to March 23, 2020 3:00 PM

May 4, 2020 2:00 PM to May 4, 2020 3:00 PM

June 11, 2020 2:00 PM to June 11, 2020 3:00 PM

**To Join the Webinar:** Please register at the above URL.

**Event: NSF CAREER Engineering Program Proposal Development Workshop**

**Sponsor: NSF**

**Website:** <https://nsfengcareerworkshop.ccnycunycuny.edu/>

**Brief Description:** The NSF CAREER program is a Foundation-wide activity that offers the National Science Foundation's most prestigious awards in support of early-career faculty who have the potential to serve as academic role models in research and education and to lead advances in the mission of their department or organization. An NSF CAREER Proposal Workshop focused on engineering will be held March 31 – April 2, 2020 in Arlington, Virginia. The objective of the 2020 NSF ENG Directorate Workshop is to introduce junior faculty who are interested in submitting NSF CAREER proposals to the Directorate for Engineering. The workshop aims to provide individuals with proposal development insights and a forum in which they can interact with NSF program directors and recent NSF CAREER awardees.

Workshop participation will be by invitation, based on applications, and limited to 300 participants who will be selected from the pool of applicants based on: a) applicability of the proposed research to the Directorate for Engineering, b) timeliness and completeness of the application, and c) preference given to those who have not previously attended an NSF Engineering CAREER workshop. Please review the application page for further information.

**Cost:** NSF has provided partial funding for the workshop. Those individuals selected to participate will be required to submit a workshop registration fee of \$500. Workshop attendees are responsible for their travel, lodging, and expenses. There will be a limited number of \$1,000 travel grants available to participants to help defray the cost of travel.

**Application Deadline:** January 6, 2020

**Registration Deadline:** February 14, 2020

**Agenda: 2020 NSF ENG CAREER Proposal Writing Workshop**

Crystal Gateway Marriott

1700 Richmond Hwy, Arlington, VA 22202

March 31 – April 2, 2020

Tuesday

Networking Reception, 5PM – 7PM

Wednesday

Workshop Day 1, 7:00AM – 5PM

Thursday

Workshop Day 2, 7:00AM – 2PM

**To Apply and Register:** Submit your application at

<https://nsfengcareerworkshop.ccnycunycuny.edu/application-will-be-available-on-october-28-2019/>

**Event: Public Workshop - Evolving Role of Artificial Intelligence in Radiological Imaging**

**Sponsor: FDA**

**When: February 25-26, 2020; 8.00 AM – 5.30 PM**

**Website:** [https://www.fda.gov/medical-devices/workshops-conferences-medical-devices/public-workshop-evolving-role-artificial-intelligence-radiological-imaging-02252020-](https://www.fda.gov/medical-devices/workshops-conferences-medical-devices/public-workshop-evolving-role-artificial-intelligence-radiological-imaging-02252020-02262020?utm_campaign=2019-12-03%20CDRH%20New&utm_medium=email&utm_source=Eloqua)

[02262020?utm\\_campaign=2019-12-03%20CDRH%20New&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=Eloqua](https://www.fda.gov/medical-devices/workshops-conferences-medical-devices/public-workshop-evolving-role-artificial-intelligence-radiological-imaging-02252020-02262020?utm_campaign=2019-12-03%20CDRH%20New&utm_medium=email&utm_source=Eloqua)

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**To Join the Webinar:** Please register at the above URL.

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## **Grant Opportunities**

### **National Science Foundation**

**Grant Program: Faculty Early Career Development Program (CAREER): Includes the description of NSF Presidential Early Career Awards for Scientists and Engineers (PECASE)**

**Agency: National Science Foundation NSF 20-525**

**RFP Website:** <https://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2020/nsf20525/nsf20525.htm>

**Brief Description:** *CAREER:* The Faculty Early Career Development (CAREER) Program is a Foundation-wide activity that offers the National Science Foundation's most prestigious awards in support of early-career faculty who have the potential to serve as academic role models in research and education and to lead advances in the mission of their department or organization. Activities pursued by early-career faculty should build a firm foundation for a lifetime of leadership in integrating education and research. NSF encourages submission of CAREER proposals from early-career faculty at all CAREER-eligible organizations and especially encourages women, members of underrepresented minority groups, and persons with disabilities to apply.

*PECASE:* Each year NSF selects nominees for the Presidential Early Career Awards for Scientists and Engineers (PECASE) from among the most meritorious recent CAREER awardees. Selection for this award is based on two important criteria: 1) innovative research at the frontiers of science and technology that is relevant to the mission of NSF, and 2) community service demonstrated through scientific leadership, education, or community outreach. These awards foster innovative developments in science and technology, increase awareness of careers in science and engineering, give recognition to the scientific missions of the participating agencies, enhance connections between fundamental research and national goals, and highlight the importance of science and technology for the Nation's future. Individuals cannot apply for PECASE. These awards are initiated by the participating federal agencies. At NSF, up to twenty nominees for this award are selected each year from among the PECASE-eligible CAREER awardees most likely to become the leaders of academic research and education in the twenty-first century. The White House Office of Science and Technology Policy makes the final selection and announcement of the awardees.

**Awards:** Standard grants. Anticipated Funding Amount: \$255,000,000

**Letter of Intent:** Not Required

**Proposal Submission Deadline:** July 27, 2020

**Contacts:** Division CAREER contacts listed on the CAREER web page at: <https://www.nsf.gov/crssprgm/career/contacts.jsp>

- See Contacts listing, NSF, telephone: (703) 292-5111, email: [nfo@nsf.gov](mailto:nfo@nsf.gov)
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**Grant Program: National Robotics Initiative 2.0: Ubiquitous Collaborative Robots (NRI-2.0)**

**Agency: National Science Foundation NSF 20-522**

**RFP Website:** <https://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2020/nsf20522/nsf20522.htm>

**Brief Description:** The NRI-2.0 program builds upon the original National Robotics Initiative (NRI) program to support fundamental research in the United States that will accelerate the development and use of collaborative robots (co-robots). A co-robot is a robot whose main purpose is to work with people or other robots to accomplish a goal. An ideal co-robot is an adaptable partner, not limited to a narrow set of specified interactions or functions, but able to significantly enhance team performance despite changes in its role, its teammates, or the team's collective goals. The focus of the NRI-2.0 program is on **ubiquity**, which in this context means seamless integration of co-robots to assist humans in every aspect of life.

The program supports four main research themes that are envisioned to advance the goal of ubiquitous co-robots: **scalability**, **customizability**, **lowering barriers to entry**, and **societal impact**, including human safety. Topics addressing **scalability** include how robots can collaborate effectively with orders of magnitude more humans or other robots than is handled by the current state of the art; how robots can perceive, plan, act, and learn in uncertain, real-world environments, especially in a distributed fashion; and how to facilitate large-scale, safe, robust and reliable operation of robots in complex environments. **Customizability** includes how to enable co-robots to adapt to specific different tasks, environments, or people, with minimal modification to hardware and software; how robots can personalize their interactions with people; and how robots can communicate naturally with humans, both verbally and non-verbally. Topics in **lowering barriers to entry** should focus on lowering the barriers for conducting fundamental robotics *research* and research on integrated robotics application. This may include development of open-source co-robot hardware and software, as well as widely-accessible testbeds. Outreach or using robots in educational programs do not, by themselves, lower the barriers to entry for robotics research. Topics in **societal impact** include fundamental research to establish and infuse robotics into educational curricula, advance the robotics workforce through education pathways, and explore the social, economic, ethical, security, and legal implications of our future with ubiquitous collaborative robots.

**Awards:** Standard grants. Anticipated Funding Amount: \$22,000,000 to \$32,000,000

**Letter of Intent:** Not Required

**Proposal Submission Deadline:** February 12, 2020 - February 26, 2020

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**Grant Program: EHR Core Research (ECR): Building Capacity in STEM Education Research (ECR: BCSER)**

**Agency: National Science Foundation NSF 20-521**

**RFP Website:** <https://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2020/nsf20521/nsf20521.htm>

**Brief Description:** ECR's Building Capacity for STEM Education Research (ECR: BCSER) solicitation supports projects that build individuals' capacity to carry out high quality STEM education research that will enhance the nation's STEM education enterprise and broaden the pool of researchers that can conduct fundamental research in STEM learning and learning environments, broadening participation in STEM fields, and STEM workforce development.

Specifically, ECR: BCSER supports activities that enable early and mid-career researchers to acquire the requisite expertise and skills to conduct rigorous fundamental research in STEM education. ECR: BCSER seeks to fund research career development activities on topics that are relevant to qualitative and

quantitative research methods and design, including the collection and analysis of new qualitative or quantitative data, secondary analyses using extant datasets, or meta-analyses.

This career development may be accomplished through investigator-initiated projects or through professional development institutes that enable researchers to integrate methodological strategies with theoretical and practical substantive issues in STEM education. Early and mid-career faculty new to STEM education research, particularly underrepresented minority faculty and faculty at minority-serving and two-year institutions, are encouraged to submit proposals.

ECR: BCSEER especially welcomes proposals that pair well with the efforts of NSF INCLUDES ([https://www.nsf.gov/news/special\\_reports/nsfincludes/index.jsp](https://www.nsf.gov/news/special_reports/nsfincludes/index.jsp)) to develop STEM talent from all sectors and groups in our society. Proposers are encouraged to identify topics that support the thrust of NSF INCLUDES projects.

**Awards:** Standard grants. Anticipated Funding Amount: \$12,000,000

NSF expects to make 26 standard or continuing grant awards. The ECR: BCSEER competition anticipates having approximately \$12,000,000 for new awards in FY 2020, subject to availability of funds, as follows: Individual Investigator Development in STEM Education Research: Up to 16 awards. The maximum award amount is \$350,000 for two years.

Institutes in Research Methods: Up to five awards. The maximum award amount for is \$1,000,000 for three years.

The typical award amount for Conferences is \$25,000 to \$100,000.

**Letter of Intent:** Not Required

**Proposal Submission Deadline:** February 28, 2020

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## **Grant Program: Dear Colleague Letter: NSF/NSFC Joint Research on Environmental Sustainability Challenges**

**Agency:** National Science Foundation NSF 20-019

**RFP Website:** <https://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2020/nsf20019/nsf20019.pdf>

**Brief Description:** The NSF Engineering Directorate (ENG) and the National Natural Science Foundation of China (NSFC) Department of Engineering and Material Sciences (DEMS) and Department of Geosciences are partnering to encourage joint research by U.S. - China teams collaborating on fundamental research that addresses critical environmental sustainability challenges.

Among nations, the U.S. and China have the two largest economies on Earth and also have important engineering, technology, business and trade relationships with each other. Both nations face significant environmental sustainability challenges, for example in the foodenergy-water (FEW) nexus, urban sustainability, global change, and manufacturing. Fundamental research is needed to provide the foundational knowledge for addressing these challenges. This Dear Colleague Letter is for research proposals from joint U.S. - China teams in the environmental sustainability themes of: *"Innovations at the Nexus of Food, Energy, and Water Systems (INFEWS: U.S.-China)"*

1. quantitative and computational modeling of a FEW system
2. innovative human and technological solutions to critical FEW systems problems.

Every proposal must include the participation of researchers from at least one U.S. organization and at least one institution in China. Proposals that do not comply with this requirement will be returned without review. The proposal submitted to NSF must conform to NSF proposal requirements as specified in NSF's posted Proposal and Award Policies and Procedures Guide (NSF 19-1), and the matching proposal submitted to NSFC must conform to requirements posted by NSFC. NSF will fund the U.S. researchers up to a total of \$500,000 for 4 years for each recommended award, while NSFC will fund the China 1 researchers up to a total of 3 million yuan for 4 years for each recommended award. In total, no

more than 6 joint NSF-NSFC project grants are expected to be funded. NSF research funding is pending the availability of funds. Each proposal must include a management plan that clearly specifies the role of team researchers from both the U.S. and China, and the mechanisms through which close collaboration will be assured. The management plan is not to exceed 3 pages and is to be included in the supplementary document file of the electronic submission.

Cyberinfrastructure proposals are outside the scope of this Dear Colleague Letter.

**Awards:** U.S.-based researchers, through their U.S. organizations, may submit unsolicited proposals to collaborate with China-based researchers on the INFEWS topic described above to the ENG/CBET Environmental Sustainability (7643) program. Please note that, even though the Environmental Sustainability program has no submission deadline, proposals submitted for consideration under this DCL must be received by 5:00 pm local submitter's time on February 26, 2020.

More information on submittal procedures is posted at:  
[https://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm\\_summ.jsp?pims\\_id=505695&org=CBET&from=home](https://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=505695&org=CBET&from=home).

Each U.S. - China team is responsible for ensuring that their counterpart submits a matching proposal by the required deadline. Each submitted proposal must include a letter from the collaborator. For NSF proposals, the collaborator letter is to be included in the supplementary documents file of the electronic submission, along with the management plan described earlier.

**Letter of Intent:** Not Required

**Proposal Submission Deadline:** February 26, 2020

**Contacts:** Questions concerning this opportunity may be emailed to the CBET Environmental Sustainability program director, Bruce Hamilton ([bhamilto@nsf.gov](mailto:bhamilto@nsf.gov)) or the CBET Associate Environmental Sustainability program director, Brandi Schottel ([bschotte@nsf.gov](mailto:bschotte@nsf.gov))

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## **Grant Program: Dear Colleague Letter: Supporting Transition of Research into Cities Through the U.S. ASEAN (Association of Southeast Asian Nations Cities) Smart Cities Partnership**

**Agency: National Science Foundation NSF 20-024**

**RFP Website:** <https://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2020/nsf20024/nsf20024.jsp?org=NSF>

**Brief Description:** Through this Dear Colleague Letter (DCL), the National Science Foundation's (NSF) Directorate for Computer and Information Science and Engineering (CISE) together with the Department of State's Bureau of East Asia and Pacific Affairs wishes to notify the U.S. community of its intention to support the following high-impact research-transition funding requests aligned with the U.S.-ASEAN Smart Cities Partnership:

- Supplemental funding requests for active awards funded by the NSF [Cyber-Physical Systems](#) (CPS) and [Smart and Connected Communities](#) (S&CC) programs; and
- Early-concept Grants for Exploratory Research (EAGER) proposals exploring early-stage, untested, but potentially transformative, research ideas or approaches building on prior success in activities related to smart and connected communities and/or transitioning to practice research that is relevant to communities.

S&CC research integrates social and technological dimensions and is targeted at one or more communities. While S&CC research may eventually yield successful outcomes in the targeted communities, when initially applied to new environments and cultural contexts, new challenges will emerge. Such challenges introduce an element of high risk where the solutions have a corresponding potential for high impact in improving quality of life. Through this DCL, NSF is specifically announcing its intention to support such activities, where the "new environment" is within the ASEAN region. Supplemental funding requests and EAGER proposals will provide support for periods of up to two years and up to \$300,000.

For specific areas of interest within each of the above cities, see the ASEAN smart cities plans compiled by each city: <https://asean.org/storage/2019/02/ASCN-Consolidated-SCAPs.pdf>. Note that activities in Cambodia must involve education or the environment.

Proposals must discuss active transitioning of the research into one of the indicated ASEAN cities working together with representatives from that city. **Proposals that do not incorporate at least one of the eligible ASEAN cities will be returned without review.**

**Awards:** To be considered for funding in fiscal year (FY) 2020, supplemental funding requests and EAGER proposals must be submitted by March 1, 2020, but earlier submissions are encouraged.

**Letter of Intent:** Not Required

**Proposal Submission Deadline:** March 12, 2020

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### **Grant Program: EarthCube: Developing a Community-Driven Data and Knowledge Environment for the Geosciences**

**Agency:** National Science Foundation NSF 20-520

**RFP Website:** <https://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2020/nsf20520/nsf20520.htm>

**Brief Description:** EarthCube is a community-driven activity sponsored through a partnership between the NSF Directorate for Geosciences (GEO) and the NSF Office of Advanced Cyberinfrastructure (OAC) in the Directorate for Computer & Information Science & Engineering's (CISE) to transform research in the academic geosciences community. EarthCube aims to create a well-connected and facile environment to share data and knowledge in an open, transparent, and inclusive manner, thus accelerating our ability to understand and predict the Earth system.

Achieving EarthCube will require a long-term dialog between NSF and the interested scientific communities to develop cyberinfrastructure that is thoughtfully and systematically built to meet the current and future requirements of geoscientists. New avenues will be supported to gather community requirements and priorities for the elements of EarthCube, and to capture the best technologies to meet these current and future needs. The EarthCube portfolio will consist of interconnected projects and activities that engage the geosciences, cyberinfrastructure, computer science, and associated communities. The portfolio of activities and funding opportunities will evolve over time depending on the status of the EarthCube effort and the scientific and cultural needs of the geosciences community.

**Awards:** Standard grants. Anticipated Funding Amount: \$5,000,000 to \$10,000,000

**Letter of Intent:** Not Required

**Proposal Submission Deadline:** March 12, 2020

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### **Grant Program: Next Generation Software for Data-driven Models of Space Weather with Quantified Uncertainties (SWQU)**

**Agency: National Science Foundation NSF 20-519**

**RFP Website:** <https://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2020/nsf20519/nsf20519.htm>

**Brief Description:** This solicitation addresses the overlapping objectives of the [National Space Weather Strategy and Action Plan](#) (NSW-SAP) and the [National Strategic Computing Initiative \(NSCI\) Update](#) through a pilot program. The goal of this pilot program is to transform development of predictive modeling of the coupled evolution of the magnetized solar atmosphere and the solar wind, and their interaction with the Earth's magnetosphere and upper atmosphere. This requires advancing our understanding of the necessary and sufficient requirements of model complexity, computational performance, and observational inputs. The pilot program is also expected to directly contribute to the long-term goal of creating space weather models with quantifiable predictive capability.

**Awards:** Standard grants. Anticipated Funding Amount: \$12,000,000

Subject to availability of funds and receipt of sufficient quality proposals; the anticipated total funding amount includes joint funding from NSF and NASA. The awards are expected to be at the level of \$500K-\$1M per year; a total award for three years is expected to be in the range of \$1,500,000 – \$3,000,000.

**Letter of Intent:** Not Required

**Proposal Submission Deadline:** March 20, 2020

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## **Grant Program: Semiconductor Synthetic Biology for Information Storage and Retrieval (SemiSynBio-II)**

**Agency: National Science Foundation NSF 20-518**

**RFP Website:** <https://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2020/nsf20518/nsf20518.htm>

**Brief Description:** The National Science Foundation (NSF), through its Divisions of Electrical, Communications and Cyber Systems (ECCS), Computing and Communication Foundations (CCF), Molecular and Cellular Biosciences (MCB), and Materials Research (DMR) announces a follow-up solicitation on the Semiconductor Synthetic Biology for Information Storage and Retrieval Program (SemiSynBio-II). Future ultra-low energy storage-based computing systems can be built on principles derived from organic systems that are at the intersection of physics, chemistry, biology, computer science and engineering. Next-generation information storage technologies can be envisioned that are driven by biological principles and use biomaterials in the fabrication of devices and systems that can store data for more than 100 years with storage capacity 1,000 times more than current storage technologies. Such a research effort can have a significant impact on the future of information storage and retrieval technologies. This focused solicitation seeks high-risk/high-return interdisciplinary research on novel concepts and enabling technologies that will address the fundamental scientific issues and technological challenges associated with the underpinnings of synthetic biology integrated with semiconductor technology. This research will foster interactions among various disciplines including biology, physics, chemistry, materials science, computer science and engineering that will enable in heretofore unanticipated breakthroughs.

**Awards:** Standard grants. Anticipated Funding Amount: \$12,000,000

Individual projects will be funded at up to \$1,500,000 for three years depending on the availability of funds.

**Letter of Intent:** Not Required



**Proposal Submission Deadline:** February 14, 2020 - March 16, 2020

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**Grant Program: Environmental Convergence Opportunities in Chemical, Bioengineering, Environmental, and Transport Systems (ECO-CBET)**

**Agency: National Science Foundation NSF 20-517**

**RFP Website:** <https://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2020/nsf20517/nsf20517.htm>

**Brief Description:** Creating solutions to pressing environmental and sustainability challenges will require input and imaginative approaches from various fields, perspectives, and disciplines. The National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine (NASEM), in their report "[Environmental Engineering for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: Addressing Grand Challenges](#)," identified five critical challenges we must address as a society:

- Sustainably supply food, water, and energy
- Curb climate change and adapt to its impacts
- Design a future without pollution and waste
- Create efficient, healthy, and resilient cities
- Foster informed decisions and actions

The report further states, "The challenges provide focal points for evolving environmental engineering education, research, and practice toward increased contributions and a greater impact. Implementing this new model will require modifications in educational curriculum and creative approaches to foster interdisciplinary research on complex social and environmental problems." This solicitation aims to address these grand challenges by supporting a collaborative research model that seamlessly integrates sustainability, environmental engineering, and process science and engineering.

Accordingly, the Environmental Convergence Opportunities in Chemical, Bioengineering, Environmental, and Transport Systems (ECO-CBET) solicitation will support activities that confront vexing environmental engineering and sustainability problems by uncovering and incorporating fundamental knowledge to design new processes, materials, and devices from a systems-level perspective. Projects should be compelling and reflect sustained, coordinated efforts from interdisciplinary research teams. A key objective of the solicitation is to encourage conversations and robust collaborations amongst the chemical process, transport phenomena, bioengineering, and environmental and sustainability research communities such that unanticipated solutions may arise. Furthermore, training the future workforce to actively engage and be successful in interdisciplinary research will be necessary to continually innovate given the scope of the environmental problems faced by our global community.

**Awards:** Continuing grants. Anticipated Funding Amount: \$8,500,000

**Letter of Intent:** Not Required

**Pre-Proposal: Required;** Due on February 12, 2020

**Proposal Submission Deadline:** April 30, 2020

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**Grant Program: Improving Undergraduate STEM Education: Pathways into the Earth, Ocean, Polar and Atmospheric & Geospace Sciences (IUSE:GEOPATHS)**

**Agency: National Science Foundation NSF 20-516**

**RFP Website:** <https://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2020/nsf20516/nsf20516.htm>

**Brief Description:** Through the IUSE framework, NSF coordinates its investments in undergraduate programs and undergraduate STEM education to maximize impact, and to use shared metrics and appropriate program evaluation approaches. These investments are made across all directorates and address both STEM education in general and specific disciplinary needs. IUSE investments support a variety of activities including the inclusion of inquiry-based and active learning approaches in undergraduate STEM instruction, efforts to increase undergraduate STEM research experiences and courses, and research on the persistence and graduation of students in STEM programs. In addition, specific emerging cross-disciplinary needs include data science preparation for students in all majors, recruitment and retention of women and of students from underrepresented groups in STEM degree programs, incorporation of undergraduate research in STEM fields for STEM majors and non-majors, and re-envisioning of introductory courses in light of new research findings and theories. IUSE also seeks to broaden participation in STEM fields from all sectors and groups in society and proposers are encouraged to establish linkages, as appropriate, with components of the national network of NSF INCLUDES projects [Reference 2 in the Program Description section].

The Directorate for Geosciences (GEO) contributes to the *IUSE* initiative through the *Improving Undergraduate STEM Education: Pathways into the Geosciences - Earth, Ocean, Polar and Atmospheric Sciences (IUSE:GEOPATHs)* funding opportunity. IUSE:GEOPATHs invites proposals that specifically address the current needs and opportunities related to education within the geosciences community through the formation of STEM Learning Ecosystems that engage students in the study of the Earth, its oceans, polar regions and atmosphere. The primary goal of the IUSE:GEOPATHs funding opportunity is to increase the number of students pursuing undergraduate and/or postgraduate degrees through the design and testing of novel approaches that engage students in authentic, career-relevant experiences in geoscience. In order to broaden participation in the geosciences, engaging students from historically excluded groups or from non-geoscience degree programs is a priority. While maintaining elements from the legacy tracks of GEOPATHS, this solicitation features three new funding tracks that focus on Geoscience Learning Ecosystems (GLEs):

1. GEOPATHs: *Informal Networks (IN)*. Collaborative projects in this track will support geoscience learning and experiences in informal settings for teachers, pre-college (e.g., upper level high school) students, and early undergraduates in the geosciences.
2. GEOPATHs: *Undergraduate Preparation (UP)*. Projects in this track will engage pre-college and undergraduate students in extra-curricular experiences and training in the geosciences with a focus on service learning [Reference 3 in the Program Description section] and workplace skill building.
3. GEOPATHs: *Graduate Opportunities (GO)*. Projects in this track will improve research and career-related pathways into the geosciences for undergraduate and graduate students through institutional collaborations with a focus on service learning and workplace skill building.

**Awards:** Standard grants. Anticipated Funding Amount: \$6,000,000

**Letter of Intent:** December 20, 2019; November 17, 2020

**Proposal Submission Deadline:** February 14, 2020, January 26, 2021

**Limit on Number of Proposals per Organization:** An organization may serve as sole submitting organization or as lead organization of a collaborative project on only one submission per competition, regardless of track, but may serve as the non-lead organization of a collaborative project more than once per competition. Additional eligibility requirements are described later in the solicitation.

**Internal Notification and Competition:** If you are interested in submitting a proposal, please send an email with proposal summary, list of investigators and budget summary to Atam Dhawan at [dhawan@njit.edu](mailto:dhawan@njit.edu) by November 20, 2019.

**Contacts:** M. Brandon Jones, GEO/OAD, telephone: (703) 292-4713, email: [mbjones@nsf.gov](mailto:mbjones@nsf.gov)

**Grant Program: Future of Work at the Human-Technology Frontier: Core Research (FW-HTF)**

**Agency: National Science Foundation NSF 20-515**

**RFP Website:** <https://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2020/nsf20515/nsf20515.htm>

**Brief Description:** The Future of Work at the Human-Technology Frontier (FW-HTF), one of the Big Ideas, is one mechanism by which NSF is responding to the challenges and opportunities for the future of jobs and work. The overarching vision is to support convergent research to understand and develop the human-technology partnership, design new technologies to augment human performance, illuminate the emerging socio-technological landscape, understand the risks and benefits of new technologies, understand and influence the impact of artificial intelligence on workers and work, and foster lifelong and pervasive learning.

The specific objectives of the Future of Work at the Human-Technology Frontier program are to (1) facilitate convergent research that employs the joint perspectives, methods, and knowledge of computer science, design, engineering, learning sciences, research on education and workforce training, and social, behavioral, and economic sciences; (2) encourage the development of a research community dedicated to designing intelligent technologies and work organization and modes inspired by their positive impact on individual workers, the work at hand, the way people learn and adapt to technological change, creative and supportive workplaces (including remote locations, homes, classrooms, or virtual spaces), and benefits for social, economic, educational, and environmental systems at different scales; (3) promote deeper basic understanding of the interdependent human-technology partnership to advance societal needs by advancing design of intelligent work technologies that operate in harmony with human workers, including consideration of how adults learn the new skills needed to interact with these technologies in the workplace, and by enabling broad workforce participation, including improving accessibility for those challenged by physical or cognitive impairment; and (4) understand, anticipate, and explore ways of mitigating potential risks arising from future work at the human-technology frontier. Ultimately, this research will advance understanding of how technology and people interact, distribute tasks, cooperate, and complement each other in different specific work contexts of significant societal importance. It will advance the knowledge base related to worker education and training and formal and informal learning to enable all potential workers to adapt to changing work environments. It will advance our understanding of the links between the future of work at the human-technology frontier and the surrounding society, including the intended potential of new technologies and the unintended consequences for workers and the well-being of society.

**Awards:** Standard grants. Anticipated Funding Amount: \$30,000,000. Up to 15 Planning Grant Awards and up to 15 Research Grant Awards.

Two classes of proposals will be considered through this solicitation:

1. FW-HTF Planning Grants (FW-HTF-P) may be requested for a total budget not to exceed \$150,000 for a period of 1 year.
2. FW-HTF Research Grants (FW-HTF-R) may be requested at two levels:
  - a. Medium FW-HTF-R proposals may request support for a period of up to 3 years, with a total budget not to exceed \$1,500,000.
  - b. Large FW-HTF-R proposals may request support for a period of up to 4 years, with a total budget between \$1,500,001 and \$3,000,000.

**Letter of Intent:** Not Required

**Proposal Submission Deadline:** March 09, 2020

**Contacts:** Address General Questions to, telephone: (703) 292-5365, email: [fwhtf-contacts@nsf.gov](mailto:fwhtf-contacts@nsf.gov)

## **National Institutes of Health**

### **Grant Program: Innovative Molecular and Cellular Analysis Technologies for Basic and Clinical Cancer Research (R21 Clinical Trials Not Allowed)**

**Agency: National Institutes of Health RFA-CA-20-017**

**[RFA-CA-20-018](#) , [R33](#) Exploratory/Developmental Grant II**

**[RFA-CA-20-019](#), [R21](#) Exploratory/Developmental Grant**

**[RFA-CA-20-020](#), [R33](#) Exploratory/Developmental Grant II**

**RFP Website: <https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-CA-20-017.html>**

**Brief Description:** This funding opportunity is part of a broader NCI-sponsored [Innovative Molecular Analysis Technologies \(IMAT\) Program](#).

Since its inception in 1998, the [IMAT Program](#) has focused on stimulating and accelerating the development, integration, maturation, and dissemination of the most novel and highly innovative technologies in support of cancer research and medicine. Together with the NCI's other technology-focused programs, the IMAT program continues to support the development of tools and methods that enable cancer researchers to make new discoveries, enhance our understanding of cancer etiology and proliferation, improve detection capabilities, develop diagnostic methods and treatment strategies, conduct population-scale studies, address and reduce disparities in clinical care, and assist in clinical decision-making.

The current issuance of the IMAT Program consists of four separate FOAs that cover the following two areas:

- **Molecular and Cellular Analysis Technology Development for Cancer Research** is intended to support the development of technologies that are novel and potentially transformative to the molecular and cellular analysis of cancer, which may, in turn, accelerate basic or clinical cancer research. Applications must offer novel measurement, probing, or targeting of cancer-relevant targets at the molecular or cellular level.
  - [RFA-CA-20-017](#) (this FOA, R21): Supports an early-stage feasibility study (inception through preliminary development) to demonstrate the core functional capabilities of the proposed technology.
  - [RFA-CA-20-018](#) (R33): Assumes completion of the initial phase of development and supports the advanced development and robust validation of the technology.
- **Cancer-relevant Biospecimen Science Technologies** is centered on the development and validation of novel technologies to improve or assess the quality of cancer-relevant biospecimens for research or clinical care. Applications must offer novel approaches for procurement, preservation, and/or isolation of proteins, DNA, RNA, and other small molecules from biospecimens or otherwise assess their biological integrity. The emphasis is on reducing the impact of pre-analytical variations in the collection, processing, handling, and preservation of cancer-relevant biospecimens or their derivatives to improve their quality and utility for cancer research or clinical care.
  - [RFA-CA-20-019](#) (R21): Supports an early-stage feasibility study (inception through preliminary development) to demonstrate the core functional capabilities of the proposed technology.
  - [RFA-CA-20-020](#) (R33): Assumes completion of the initial phase of development and supports the advanced development and robust validation of the technology.

Additional information about the IMAT Program and its individual FOAs can be found [here](#).

**Award:** Direct costs are limited to \$400,000 over a 3-year period, with no more than \$200,000 in direct costs allowed in any single year.

**Letter of Intent:** 30 days prior to the application due date

**Deadline:** February 21, 2020; May 28, 2020; September 29, 2020

All applications are due by 5:00 PM local time of applicant organization. All [types of non-AIDS applications](#) allowed for this funding opportunity announcement are due on the listed date(s).

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### **Grant Program: Postbaccalaureate Research Education Program (R25 - Independent Clinical Trial Not Allowed)**

**Agency:** National Institutes of Health PAR-20-066

**RFP Website:** <https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-20-066.html>

**Brief Description:** The **Overarching Objective** of (Postbaccalaureate Research Education Program) PREP is to develop a diverse pool of well-trained postbaccalaureate participants who will transition into and complete rigorous biomedical, research-focused doctoral degree programs (e.g., Ph.D. or M.D./Ph.D.) in biomedical fields relevant to the [NIGMS mission](#). The long-term goal is to develop a diverse pool of well-trained biomedical scientists, who have the following technical, operational, and professional skills:

- A broad understanding across biomedical disciplines and the skills to independently acquire the knowledge needed to advance their chosen fields;
- The ability to think critically and independently, and to identify important biomedical research questions and approaches that push forward the boundaries of their areas of study;
- A strong foundation in scientific reasoning, rigorous research design, experimental methods, quantitative and computational approaches, and data analysis and interpretation;
- A commitment to approaching and conducting biomedical research responsibly, ethically, and with integrity;
- Experience initiating, conducting, interpreting, and presenting rigorous and reproducible biomedical research with increasing self-direction;
- The ability to work effectively in teams with colleagues from a variety of cultural and scientific backgrounds, and to promote inclusive and supportive scientific research environments;
- The skills to teach and communicate scientific research methodologies and findings to a wide variety of audiences (e.g., discipline-specific, across disciplines, and the public); and
- The knowledge, professional skills and experiences required to identify and transition into careers in the biomedical research workforce (i.e., the breadth of careers that sustain biomedical research in areas that are relevant to the NIH mission).

Diversity at all levels contributes to excellence in research environments and strengthens the research enterprise. This FOA is intended to support outstanding research education programs that will enhance diversity at all levels.

**Award:** The total direct costs for each award are limited to \$400,000 annually. The total project period may not exceed 5 years.

**Letter of Intent:** Not Applicable

**Deadline:** February 21, 2020; January 27, 2021; January 27, 2022, by 5:00 PM local time of applicant organization. All [types of applications](#) allowed for this funding opportunity announcement are due on these dates.

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**Grant Program: NIMH Instrumentation Program (S10 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)**

**Agency: National Institutes of Health RFA-MH-20-555**

**RFP Website:** <https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-MH-20-555.html>

**Brief Description:** Types of instruments that might be appropriate for the NIMH Instrumentation Program include light microscopes, electron microscopes, spectrophotometers, and biomedical imagers. This list is representative and not exhaustive. Foreign-made instruments are allowed. A single application requesting multiple unrelated instruments is not appropriate for this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA). In such cases, multiple applications can be submitted.

The goal of this FOA is to provide instruments to collect data rather than components for further instrument/technology development. Instrument development applications should be submitted to other FOAs on which NIMH participates or to appropriate BRAIN Initiative FOAs.

**Award:** Applications will be accepted with an award budget between \$300,000 and \$600,000. There is no maximum limit on the cost of the instrument, but the maximum award is \$600,000. S10 awards are only for the cost of the instrument, so indirect costs cannot be requested.

**Letter of Intent:** January 10, 2020; September 9, 2020; September 8, 2021

**Deadline:** February 10, 2020; October 9, 2020; October 8, 2021

No late applications will be accepted for this Funding Opportunity Announcement

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**Grant Program: New Investigator Projects on 4DN Organization and Function in Human Health and Disease (U01 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)**

**Agency: National Institutes of Health RFA-RM-20-006**

**RFP Website:** <https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-RM-20-006.html>

UM1 Opportunity: 4DN Centers for Data Integration, Modeling and Visualization (UM1 Clinical Trial Not Allowed): <https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-RM-20-004.html>

**Brief Description:** The 4D Nucleome (4DN) NIH Common Fund Program was launched in 2015 with the goal of developing the tools and resources that would enable the characterization of the three-dimensional structure and dynamics of human and mouse genomes and provide deeper mechanistic insights into how the nucleus is functionally organized. The impetus for its selection as a Common Fund program was the growing awareness that understanding the architecture of the cell nucleus may have widespread and profound implications for human health and disease, but our ability to study nuclear organization was hindered by technological and conceptual challenges.

Progress applying 4DN tools to human health and disease has been hampered by the need for such studies to use more challenging systems such as human primary cells, tissues, or organoids. The purpose of this FOA is to support projects from scientists who are in the early stages of establishing an independent research career that apply new or existing tools to monitor and/or manipulate the 4DN in the context of human health and disease. Areas of potential scientific focus include but are not limited to: enabling monitoring and manipulation of 4DN features in vivo; exploring the stability/lability/reversibility of nucleome changes; studying transcriptional and non-transcriptional functional consequences; and promoting strategies to investigate the nucleomes of cell types within heterogeneous tissues using single

cell, spatial genomics, and other approaches. All applications must set aside 20% of their Direct Costs from years 2-5 of the award to support new collaborative research opportunities in consultation with NIH staff. These projects are anticipated to further both the needs of the funded project and the 4DN consortium.

**Award:** Application budgets may not exceed \$400,000 in direct costs for any one year and need to reflect the actual needs of the proposed project.

**Letter of Intent:** 30 days prior to the application due date

**Deadline:** March 2, 2020.

No late applications will be accepted for this Funding Opportunity Announcement

All applications are due by 5:00 PM local time of applicant organization. All [types of non-AIDS applications](#) allowed for this funding opportunity announcement are due on the listed date(s).

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**Grant Program: Utilizing Invasive Recording and Stimulating Opportunities in Humans to Advance Neural Circuitry Understanding of Mental Health Disorders (R01 and R21 Clinical Trial Optional)**

**Agency: National Institutes of Health RFA-MH-20-350 RFA-MH-20-351**

**RFP Website:** <https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-MH-20-350.html>

<https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-MH-20-351.html>

**Brief Description:** Research related to this initiative may include, but is not limited to, studies of:

- Acute intra-operative recordings from single-unit or strip electrodes.
- Mood evaluations or mental health-relevant cognitive/behavioral tasks that can be completed in the operating room should be included.
- Quantification of behaviors (e.g., facial expression, vocal expression) that may be associated with internal subjective states (e.g., mood, thoughts/impulses, perceptions) may be explored to tag simultaneously acquired neurophysiological signals to elucidate circuits related to subjective states relevant for psychiatric disorders.

Sub-acute recordings from the epilepsy monitoring unit or related situations.

- Patients with ECoG or stereo-electroencephalography (sEEG, which may be underutilized in human neuroscience studies) electrodes could participate in a variety of tasks, depending on the placement of electrodes (e.g., amygdala, orbitofrontal cortex, or anterior cingulate cortex).
- Mood variations could be assessed using ecological momentary assessment (EMA) and other digital health tools to correlate mood/cognitive/behavioral fluctuations with neural circuitry changes. Researchers could stimulate portions of the network to assess the effect on network dynamics and behavior.

Chronic recordings from recording/stimulating deep brain stimulating (DBS) systems.

- Patients implanted for a clinical indication, either for a mental health disorder or not, can participate in research aimed at exploring relevant networks (though treatment development should not be the focus of the proposed research).
- Assessments of network stability and responses to perturbations, along with their relationship to long-term/dense behavioral measures and digital phenotyping, can be included.

Research Domain Criteria (RDoC)-based circuit assessments.

- Researchers could use RDoC-inspired paradigms in the above clinical scenarios to assess the relevant neural circuits of cognitive, affective, and social domains at a higher spatial and temporal precision than possible with non-invasive measures.

Novel technological approaches.

- Novel methods of neural or behavioral recording and stimulation are encouraged. This could include novel electrodes, recording devices, or digital phenotyping/dense behavioral trackers. However, this FOA does not support the stand-alone development of novel technology. New methods should be incorporated into an underlying scientific question.

Prospective or retrospective data.

- Both prospective or retrospective data can be utilized for this funding opportunity.

The companion R21 grant mechanism of this funding opportunity encourages shorter, higher-risk applications with little (or no) preliminary data.

**Award:** Application budgets are not limited but need to reflect the actual needs of the proposed project.

**Letter of Intent:** Not Applicable

**Deadline:** February 10, 2020; October 9, 2020; June 10, 2021

No late applications will be accepted for this Funding Opportunity Announcement.

All applications are due by 5:00 PM local time of applicant organization. All types of non-AIDS applications allowed for this funding opportunity announcement are due on the listed date(s).

Applicants are encouraged to apply early to allow adequate time to make any corrections to errors found in the application during the submission process by the due date.

**Grant Program: NIH Blueprint Program for Enhancing Neuroscience Diversity through Undergraduate Research Education Experiences (BP-ENDURE) (R25 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)**

**Agency: National Institutes of Health RFA-NS-20-015**

**RFP Website:** <https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-NS-20-015.html>

**Brief Description:** The NIH Research Education Program (R25) supports research education activities in the mission areas of the NIH. The over-arching goal of this R25 program is to support educational activities that encourage individuals from diverse backgrounds, including those from groups underrepresented in the biomedical and behavioral sciences, to pursue further studies or careers in research

To accomplish the stated over-arching goal, this FOA will support creative educational activities with a primary focus on:

- *Research Experiences*
- *Mentoring Activities*
- *Courses for Skills Development*

The fully integrated educational activities should prepare undergraduate students from diverse backgrounds, including those from groups underrepresented in biomedical and behavioral sciences to enter Ph.D. degree programs in the neurosciences. To accomplish this goal, this initiative will provide institutional awards to develop neuroscience research education programs comprised of collaborative partnerships integrated across different educational institution types.

The overall objective of this funding opportunity is to support a diverse pool of undergraduates, including those from underrepresented groups, to help prepare them to successfully enter and complete Ph.D. degree programs in the neurosciences and become available to participate in NIH-supported neuroscience research. Individuals currently underrepresented in neuroscience research on a national basis ( for example [see surveys](#) conducted by the [Society for Neuroscience Committee on Neuroscience](#)



[Departments and Programs](#)), include: individuals from underrepresented racial and ethnic groups or individuals with disabilities (see also <http://www.nsf.gov/statistics/wmpd/>).

**Award:** Although the size of award may vary with the scope of the research education program proposed and there are no specific budget limitations, the requested direct costs must be reasonable, well documented, fully justified and commensurate with the scope of the proposed program. The average cost per program is estimated between \$250K - \$300K.

**Letter of Intent:** January 19, 2020

**Deadline:** February 19, 2020, by 5:00 PM local time of applicant organization. All [types of non-AIDS applications](#) allowed for this funding opportunity announcement are due on these dates.

Applicants are encouraged to apply early to allow adequate time to make any corrections to errors found in the application during the submission process by the due date.

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## **Department of Defense/US Army/DARPA/ONR/AFOSR**

### **Grant Program: Commercial Technologies for Maintenance Activities (CTMA)**

**Agency:** Department of Defense HQ0034-20-FOA-CTMA-0001

**Website:** <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html>

**Brief Description:** The purpose of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is to provide an assistance mechanism for the CTMA program to stimulate research, development, evaluation, integration and deployment of innovative maintenance and sustainment capabilities for the primary benefit of the public using a broad range of DoD sustainment and warfighter support operations as the test bed. Thus, the goal of this FOA is to leverage and advance commercial developments in maintenance and sustainment technology and processes for the primary benefit of U.S. industry and the public applying the research, development, evaluation, integration, and deployment to DoD issues – to reduce costs, improve system/platform operational availabilities, increase systems reliability, improve logistical support efficiency and effectiveness, improve the planning and execution of sustainment operations, increase the resiliency of the sustainment industrial base, improve environmental compliance, and increase sustainment personnel competency and safety.

**Awards:** Various

**Proposal Deadline:** January 21, 2020

**Contact Information:** Elizabeth Fuller, Grants Officer, Telephone: 703-545-9509, E-mail: [elizabeth.e.fuller2.civ@mail.mil](mailto:elizabeth.e.fuller2.civ@mail.mil)

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### **Grant Program: Detect It with Gene Editing Technologies (DIGET)**

**Agency:** Department of Defense Naval Research Laboratory HR001120S0016

**Website:** <https://beta.sam.gov/opp/3f1f4464416c4d73a025f84d916a3508/view>

**Brief Description:** The goal of the DIGET program is to leverage advances in gene editing technologies to develop low-cost, high-trust, sensitive, multiplexed, rapidly reconfigurable, and fieldable diagnostics and biosurveillance technologies to address the need for timely and comprehensive threat detection surveillance to support DoD stabilization missions and outpace infectious disease.

**Awards:** Various

**Proposal Deadline:** Proposal Abstract Due Date and Time: January 7, 2020, 4:00 PM ET o Full Proposal Due Date and Time: February 25, 2020, 4:00 PM ET o BAA Closing Date: February 25, 2020 o Proposers Day: December 11, 2019

**Contact Information:** The BAA Coordinator for this effort may be reached at: [DIGET@darpa.mil](mailto:DIGET@darpa.mil)  
DARPA/BTO

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**Grant Program: Grant Program: NRL Long Range Broad Agency Announcement (BAA) for Basic and Applied Research**

**Agency: Department of Defense Naval Research Laboratory N66001-19-S-4701**

**Website:** <https://govtribe.com/opportunity/federal-contract-opportunity/c4isr-information-operations-cyberspace-operations-and-information-technology-system-n6600119s4701>

**Brief Description:** The Naval Information Warfare Center, Pacific (NIWC Pacific) is soliciting white papers and proposals in accordance with Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) 6.102(d)(2), FAR 35.016 and Department of Defense Grant and Agreement Regulations (DoDGARS) 22.315(a) which provides for competitive selection of basic research, applied research, advanced technology development, and advanced component development and prototype (hereinafter referred to as research). Submissions in response to this announcement shall be for areas relating to the advancement of Command, Control, Communications, Computers, Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance (C4ISR) capabilities, enabling technologies for Information Operations and Cyberspace Operations, and Information Technology systems. Accordingly, proposals selected for award are considered to be the result of full and open competition and fully compliant with PL 98-369, "The Competition in Contracting Act of 1984." This BAA is for procurement contracts (hereinafter referred to as contracts), grants, cooperative agreements, and other transactions. Proposed research should investigate unique and innovative approaches for defining and developing next generation integratable C4ISR capabilities and command suites.

**Awards:** Various

**Proposal Deadline:** May 13, 2020 ((white papers and proposals are due by 4:00pm Pacific Time Zone on the closing date)

**Contact Information:** David Roden (Primary)  
Contract Specialist

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**Agency: Department of Defense Naval Research Laboratory N00173-19-S-BA01**

**Website:** <https://www.nrl.navy.mil/doing-business/Current-NRL-BAA>

**Brief Description:** The Naval Research Laboratory (NRL) The Naval Research Laboratory (NRL) is the Navy's corporate laboratory. NRL conducts basic and applied research for the Navy in a variety of scientific and technical disciplines. The basic research program is driven by perceptions about future requirements of the Navy. NRL conducts most of its research program at its own facilities but also funds some related research such as anticipated by this announcement. More extensive research support opportunities are available from the Naval Research Laboratory (NRL). NRL announcements may be accessed via the Internet at <https://www.nrl.navy.mil/doingbusiness/contracting-division/baa>.

NRL is interested in receiving proposals for Long-Range Science and Technology (S&T) Projects which offer potential for advancement and improvement of Navy and Marine Corps operations. Readers should note that this is an announcement to declare NRL's broad role in competitive funding of meritorious research across a spectrum of science and engineering disciplines. A brief description of the NRL Program Codes and the science and technology thrusts that NRL is pursuing is provided below. Additional information can be found at the NRL website at <https://www.nrl.navy.mil/research/directorates-divisions/>.

**Awards:** Various

**Proposal Deadline:** September 05, 2020

**Contact Information:** Mary A Johnson; Procurement Analyst; Phone 202-767-2021

[General Inquiries](#)

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**Grant Program: Air Superiority Technology Broad Agency Announcement**

**Agency: Department of Defense FA8651-20-S-0008**

**Website:**

<https://www.fbo.gov/index?s=opportunity&mode=form&id=dbdb4a35cb22a4a0d8414b652f0c74bb&tab=core&cvview=0>

**Brief Description:** For purposes of this announcement, research is defined to be scientific study and experimentation directed at increasing knowledge and understanding in relation to long term national security needs. It is an enhancement to related exploratory and advanced development programs. A program should be designed to demonstrate well-defined and substantive research results, should not be overly ambitious or open-ended, and should not be a paper study that inherently requires a substantial testing effort.

**RESEARCH AREA 1 – MODELING, SIMULATION, & ANALYSIS (MS&A):** The objective of this work is to develop/modify and employ models used to analyze Air Superiority concepts and their related concepts of employment. The objective is to apply, modify and/or combine engineering, engagement (one-on-one), mission (few-on-few), systems-of-systems, campaign (many-on-many, military worth), level modeling techniques, tools, and analysis methods as well as virtual and constructive digital simulation which lend themselves to the quick and effective evaluation of air superiority concepts. Concepts include, but are not limited to, intercommunicative weapons, novel damage mechanisms, lethal and novel destruct mechanisms, multiple targeting, and time critical delivery. Detailed modeling includes, but is not limited to, sensors, aerodynamics, autopilots, navigation and guidance schemes, propulsion, warheads, fuzes, datalinks, fire control, launcher, suspension, carriage and release, error filters, environment (wind, fog, and dust), lethality, vulnerability, and threats.

**RESEARCH AREA 2 – INNOVATIVE AIRCRAFT INTEGRATION TECHNOLOGIES** The objective of this work is to design, develop, and demonstrate innovative aircraft integration technologies including but not limited to physical, electrical, and logical interfaces; and other aspects of aircraft integration that may be applicable.

**RESEARCH AREA 3 – FIND-FIX-TARGET-TRACK (F2T2) & DATALINK TECHNOLOGIES** The objective of this work is to design, develop, and demonstrate innovative Find, Fix, Target, and Track (F2T2) technologies for the detection of threats to aircraft. These F2T2 technologies should provide threat warning, threat characteristics, You Are The One (YATO) or You Are Not The One (YANTO) discrimination, highly accurate threat cueing, range and range rate, and other pertinent information required to analyze and coordinate a response to a threat.

**RESEARCH AREA 4 – ENGAGEMENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM TECHNOLOGIES** The objective of this work is to design, develop, and demonstrate an innovative Engagement Management system to maximize aircraft survivability in increasingly contested environments while minimizing false positives and engagement costs. These technologies should interface with aircraft and other Find-Fix-Target-Track (F2T2) systems, determine the optimum counter measure response(s), respect keep-out or no-fire zones, and make other decisions required for aircraft survivability.

**RESEARCH AREA 5 – HIGH VELOCITY FUZING** The objective of this work is to design, develop, and demonstrate high velocity fuzing, including both Electronic Safe and Arm (ESAF) technologies that can safely initiate a warhead and Target Detection Devices (TDDs) that can provide miniaturized, fast-responding, highly accurate range and location information for high closure velocity intercepts.

**RESEARCH AREA 6 – MISSILE ELECTRONICS** The objective of this work is to investigate all aspects of Missile Power & Electronics as it applies to air-to-air missiles. The following technologies and research

areas are of particular interest: Power Conversion and Distribution, Power Generation and Storage Technologies (Advanced Missile Battery Technology and Ultracapacitors), Guidance Electronics, and Thermal Management.

**RESEARCH AREA 7 – MISSILE GUIDANCE AND CONTROL TECHNOLOGIES** The objective of this work is to investigate Missile Guidance and Control Technologies to include the following: Robust guidance algorithms against maneuvering targets, real time optimal lofting/energy management techniques, integrated guidance and control, reduced latency between seeker measurements and final control fin commands, highly accurate seeker technologies and algorithms, robust and novel target state estimators, third party queuing, optimal body orientation at endgame encounter, (reinforcement learning-adaptive control) approach, simultaneous learning and control, Hybrid (switched) guidance law selection based on the red-target strategy/maneuver, many-on-many engagement guidance laws, optimal pulse delay and propellant allocation, rapid flexible autopilot design process, robust control in aerodynamic cross coupling environments for various airframe designs from canard to tail control, robust control at high angles of attack, innovative autopilot architectures, efficient verification of safe separation over all flight regimes, Non-linear/adaptive control for agile maneuver, and advanced airframe control techniques.

**RESEARCH AREA 8 – ADVANCED WARHEAD TECHNOLOGIES**

More areas; Please see the BAA on above website.

**Awards:** Various

**Proposal Deadline:** This BAA will remain open through 31 October 2024 or until amended or superseded. It may be reissued and/or amended periodically, as needed. This BAA is set up in two parts: (1) Basic Open BAA, in which white papers may be submitted at any time during the open period, and (2) CALL BAA, in which proposal CALL announcements may be issued by the Government in FedBizOpps or Grants.gov under FA8651-20-S-0008. This BAA is intended to cover Applied Research, Advanced Technology Development and Advanced Component Development & Prototypes.

**Contact Information:** Technical POC: Mr. David Hartline , AFRL, (850) 882-1324  
[david.hartline.1@us.af.mil](mailto:david.hartline.1@us.af.mil)

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## **Grant Program: NRL Long Range Broad Agency Announcement (BAA) for Basic and Applied Research**

**Agency:** Department of Defense Naval Research Laboratory N00173-19-S-BA01

**Website:** <https://www.nrl.navy.mil/doing-business/Current-NRL-BAA>

**Brief Description:** The Naval Research Laboratory (NRL) The Naval Research Laboratory (NRL) is the Navy's corporate laboratory. NRL conducts basic and applied research for the Navy in a variety of scientific and technical disciplines. The basic research program is driven by perceptions about future requirements of the Navy. NRL conducts most of its research program at its own facilities but also funds some related research such as anticipated by this announcement. More extensive research support opportunities are available from the Naval Research Laboratory (NRL). NRL announcements may be accessed via the Internet at <https://www.nrl.navy.mil/doingbusiness/contracting-division/baa>.

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**Awards:** Various

**Proposal Deadline:** September 05, 2020

**Contact Information:** Mary A Johnson; Procurement Analyst; Phone 202-767-2021 [General Inquiries](#)

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**Grant Program: DSO Office-wide Broad Agency Announcement**

**Agency: Department of Defense DARPA HR001119S0071**

**Website:** <https://www.darpa.mil/work-with-us/opportunities?tFilter=&oFilter=2&sort=date>  
[https://www.fbo.gov/index?s=opportunity&mode=form&id=22a346a8b55f0a7040d57a8fbc19e644&tab=core&\\_cview=1](https://www.fbo.gov/index?s=opportunity&mode=form&id=22a346a8b55f0a7040d57a8fbc19e644&tab=core&_cview=1)

**Brief Description:** The mission of the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) Defense Sciences Office (DSO) is to identify and create the next generation of scientific discovery by pursuing high-risk, high-payoff research initiatives across a broad spectrum of science and engineering disciplines and transforming these initiatives into disruptive technologies for U.S. national security. In support of this mission, the DSO Office-wide BAA invites proposers to submit innovative basic or applied research concepts that address one or more of the following technical domains: (1) Frontiers in Math, Computation and Design, (2) Limits of Sensing and Sensors, (3) Complex Social Systems, and (4) Anticipating Surprise. Each of these domains is described below and includes a list of example research topics that highlight several (but not all) potential areas of interest. Proposals must investigate innovative approaches that enable revolutionary advances. DSO is explicitly not interested in approaches or technologies that primarily result in evolutionary improvements to the existing state of practice.

**Awards:** The total award value for the combined Phase 1 base and Phase 2 option is limited to \$1,000,000. This total award value includes Government funding and performer cost share (if required).

**Proposal Deadline:** Executive Summary Due Date: June 12, 2020, 4:00 p.m. o Abstract Due Date: June 12, 2020, 4:00 p.m. o Full Proposal Due Date: June 12, 2020, 4:00 p.m.

**Contact Information:** BAA Email: [HR001119S0071@darpa.mil](mailto:HR001119S0071@darpa.mil)

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**Department of Transportation**

**Grant Program: Dwight David Eisenhower Transportation Fellowship Program (DDETFP)**

**Grants or Research Fellowship (GRF)**

**Agency: Department of Transportation 693JJ318NF5229-2019**

**Website:**

[https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/innovativeprograms/centers/workforce\\_dev/post\\_secondary\\_education.aspx](https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/innovativeprograms/centers/workforce_dev/post_secondary_education.aspx)

**Brief Description:** The Dwight David Eisenhower Transportation Fellowship Program (DDETFP) awards fellowships to students pursuing degrees in transportation-related disciplines ([PDF](#) or [HTML](#)). This program advances the transportation workforce by helping to attract the nation's brightest minds to the field of transportation, encouraging future transportation professionals to seek advanced degrees, and helping to retain top talent in the U.S. transportation industry. This funding opportunity is open to students that are U.S. citizens and non-U.S. citizens. The students must be enrolled in an IHE which must be accredited by a federally-recognized accrediting agency and must be located within the United States or its territories, both administratively as well as the campus the student is attending.

**Awards:** The anticipated stipends for the DDETFP GRF are based on academic level and shall be calculated as follows: Monthly Stipend: Master's Level: Up to \$1,700; Doctoral Level: Up to \$2,000

**Proposal Deadline:** July 25, 2019 at 3:00pm Eastern Time.

**Contact Information:** Ewa Flom Program Manager Phone 703-235-0532 [ewa.flom@dot.gov](mailto:ewa.flom@dot.gov)

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## **Department of Agriculture:**

### **Grant Program: Organic Agriculture Research and Extension Initiative**

**Agency: Department of Agriculture USDA-NIFA-ICGP-007012**

**Website:** <https://nifa.usda.gov/funding-opportunity/organic-agriculture-research-and-extension-initiative>

**Brief Description:** The Organic Agriculture Research and Extension Initiative (OREI) seeks to solve critical organic agriculture issues, priorities, or problems through the integration of research, education, and extension activities. The purpose of this program is to fund projects that will enhance the ability of producers and processors who have already adopted organic standards to grow and market high quality organic agricultural products. Priority concerns include biological, physical, and social sciences, including economics. The OREI is particularly interested in projects that emphasize research, education and outreach that assist farmers and ranchers with whole farm planning by delivering practical research-based information. Projects should plan to deliver applied production information to producers. Fieldwork must be done on certified organic land or on land in transition to organic certification, as appropriate to project goals and objectives. Refer to the [USDA National Organic Program](#) for organic production standards.

**Awards:** Up to \$2,000,000; Anticipated Funding: \$20,000,000

**Submission Deadline:** January 30, 2020

**Contact: Technical Contact:** NIFA Help Desk Phone: 202-401-5048

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### **Grant Program: Integrated Research, Education, and Extension Competitive Grants Program – Organic Transitions**

**Agency: Department of Agriculture USDA-NIFA-ICGP-007010**

**Website:** <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html>

**Brief Description:** The overall goal of the Organic Transitions Program (ORG) is to support the development and implementation of research, extension and higher education programs to improve the competitiveness of organic livestock and crop producers, as well as those who are adopting organic practices. NIFA administers the ORG program by determining priorities in U.S. agriculture through Agency stakeholder input processes in consultation with the NAREEEAB. ORG will continue to prioritize environmental services provided by organic farming systems in the area of soil conservation, pollinator health, and climate change mitigation, including greenhouse gases (GHG), as well as the development of educational tools for Cooperative Extension personnel and other agricultural professionals who advise producers on organic practices, and development of cultural practices and other allowable alternatives to substances recommended for removal from the National Organic Program's National List of Allowed and Prohibited Substances. It is expected that all projects will integrate research, education and extension activities, as appropriate to project goals, although some projects may be weighted more heavily than others in one or more of these areas. However, all proposals should have activities and impact in research and at least one of the other areas: education and extension.

**Awards:** Up to \$500,000; Anticipated Funding: \$5,800,000

**Submission Deadline:** February 27, 2020

**Contact: Technical Contact:** Mathieu Ngouajio, Phone (202) 570-1915; Email: [mathieu.ngouajio@usda.gov](mailto:mathieu.ngouajio@usda.gov)

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### **Grant Program: REAP-Renewable Energy Systems and Energy Efficiency Improvements**

**Agency: Department of Agriculture RDBCP-11-REAP-RES-EEI-2020**

**Website:** <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2019-08-30/pdf/2019-18825.pdf>

**Brief Description:** Eligible applicants are agricultural producers and rural small businesses. All agricultural producers, including farmers and ranchers, who gain 50% or more of their gross income from the agricultural operations are eligible. Small businesses that are located in a rural area can also apply. Rural electric cooperatives may also be eligible to apply. Additional Information on Eligibility: Citizenship - To be eligible, applicants must be individuals or entities at least 51 percent owned by persons who are either: 1) citizens of the United States (U.S.), the Republic of Palau, the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, or American Samoa; or 2) legally admitted permanent residents residing in the U.S. Project - The project must be to conduct a feasibility study for a renewable energy system. Eligible technologies include: projects that produce energy from wind, solar, biomass, geothermal, hydro power and hydrogen-based sources. All projects must be located in a rural area and must be owned by the applicant.

**Awards:** Up to \$500,000; Anticipated Funding: \$70 million

**Submission Deadline:** September 30, 2020

**Contact: Technical Contact:** Maureen Hessel, Energy Specialist, Phone 202-401-0142

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## **Department of Labor**

### **Grant Program: Apprenticeships: Closing the Skills Gap**

**Agency: Department of Labor FOA-ETA-19-09**

**Website:** <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html>

**Brief Description:** Building on the experience abroad and in the United States, apprenticeships have emerged as a proven skills instruction model to meet industry's demand for a skilled American workforce. As the 21st economy requires greater skills development with an estimated 65 percent jobs of all jobs requiring some post-secondary education by 2020,<sup>1</sup> apprenticeship programs can bolster the employability and technical skills of workers while meeting the workforce needs of business and industry.

There are more than 7.1 million job openings right now in the United States,<sup>3</sup> many of which require a skilled workforce. These include in-demand cybersecurity professions and emerging occupations involving artificial intelligence (AI) across several industry sectors. Expanding apprenticeships can help individuals gain the skills necessary to fill these vacancies and help employers find skilled workers more readily. The period of performance is 48 months with an anticipated start date of February 1, 2020.

The purpose of this grant program is to promote apprenticeships as a significant workforce solution in filling current job vacancies and closing the skills gap between employer workforce needs and the skills of the current workforce. The overarching goals of this grant program are threefold: (1) to accelerate the expansion of apprenticeships to industry sectors and occupations that have not traditionally deployed apprenticeships for building a skilled workforce, such as cybersecurity, artificial intelligence, and health care; (2) to promote the large-scale expansion of apprenticeships across the nation to a range of employers, including small and medium-sized employers; and (3) to increase apprenticeship opportunities for all Americans. Recognizing that apprenticeship is a training strategy that operates on both the supply side and the demand side of the labor market, this grant program aims to increase both the number of apprenticeship positions and the ability of all Americans to gain access to this proven pathway to family-sustaining careers.

**Awards:** We will award up to \$100 million in H-1B funds initially to fund approximately 16 to 30 apprenticeship grants, with awards ranging from \$500,000 to \$6 million.

**Anticipated Funding:** \$100,000,000

**Proposal Deadline:** September 24, 2019 no later than 4:00:00 p.m. Eastern Time.

**Contact Information:** Denise Roach Grants Management Specialist [roach.denise@dol.gov](mailto:roach.denise@dol.gov)

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## **EPA**

### **Grant Program: Solid Waste Recycling Enhancement Act (REA) Higher Education Research Grant Program**

**Agency:** NJ Department of Environmental Protection

**Website:** <https://www.nj.gov/dep/grantandloanprograms/swrea-higher-ed.htm>

**Brief Description:** This funding opportunity seeks to fund projects that support the objectives of the Recycling Enhancement Act. Eligible projects cover one or more of recycling demonstration, research or education, including professional training areas. Proposals may be designed to enhance existing resources, tools, or methodologies or create new resources pursuant to the Recycling Enhancement Act.

**Awards:** Approximately \$1,000,000 of REA recycling tax funds have been allocated for this funding opportunity. Awardees and grant amounts will be selected based on the proposal, selection criteria and funds available to the Department.

**Submission Deadline:** December 13, 2019

**Contact: Technical Contact:** Fredrik Khayati, NJ Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Solid and Hazardous Waste; Phone: 609-984-4250

[fredrik.khayati@dep.nj.gov](mailto:fredrik.khayati@dep.nj.gov)

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### **Grant Program: People, Prosperity and the Planet (P3) Student Design Competition**

**Agency:** Environmental Protection Agency

**EPA-G2020-P3-Q1 – Air Quality**

**EPA-G2020-P3-Q2 – Safe and Sustainable Water Resources**

**EPA-G2020-P3-Q3 – Sustainable and Healthy Communities**

**EPA-G2020-P3-Q4 – Chemical Safety**

**Website:** <https://www.epa.gov/research-grants/17th-annual-p3-awards-national-student-design-competition-focusing-people-0>

**Brief Description:** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) – as part of its People, Prosperity and the Planet (P3) Award Program – is seeking applications proposing to research, develop, design, and demonstrate solutions to real world challenges. The P3 competition highlights the use of scientific principles in creating innovative technology-based projects that achieve the mutual goals of improved quality of life, economic prosperity and protection of the planet – people, prosperity, and the planet. The EPA offers the P3 competition to respond to the needs of people in the United States (U.S.)—including those in small, rural, tribal and/or disadvantaged communities. Please see the [People, Prosperity and the Planet \(P3\) Student Design Competition](#) website for more details about this program. Proposed projects must embody the P3 approach, which is that they have the intention and capability to simultaneously improve the quality of people’s lives, provide economic benefits and protect the environment.

**Awards:** Anticipated Funding Amount: Approximately \$800,000 total for all awards Potential Funding per Award: Up to \$25,000 per Phase I grant including direct and indirect costs. Applications for Phase I grants requesting an award of more than \$25,000 will not be considered. Applications for Phase I grants must be for one year. Applications with a duration of more than one year will not be considered. Upon the successful completion of Phase I, grant recipients will have the opportunity to apply for a P3 Phase II grant of up to \$100,000 total with a two-year duration, including direct and indirect costs (see Background



section for more information). Applications for Phase II grants requesting an award of more than \$100,000 or with a duration of more than two years will not be considered.

**Submission Deadline:** November 19, 2019: 11:59:59 pm Eastern Time

**Contact: Technical Contact:** Technical Contact: Rich Callan; phone: 202-564-419; Eligibility Contact: Ron Josephson; phone: 202-564-7823; Submissions Contact: Debra M. Jones; phone: 202-564-7839

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## **Department of Energy**

**Grant Program: FLEXIBLE CARBON CAPTURE & STORAGE (FLECCS)**

**FLEXIBLE CARBON CAPTURE & STORAGE (FLECCS) - SBIR/STTR**

**Agency: Department of Energy DE-FOA-0002220 DE-FOA-0002221**

**Website:** <https://arpa-e-foa.energy.gov/#FoaId48a01f15-53a5-42d0-9650-d07e36f404cd>

**Brief Description:** The objective of the FLExible Carbon Capture and Storage (FLECCS) program is to fund the development of carbon capture and storage (CCS) technologies that enable power generators to be responsive to grid conditions in a high variable renewable energy (VRE) penetration environment. This includes retrofits to existing power generators as well as greenfield systems with a carbon-containing fuel input and electricity as an output (i.e., a "black box" in which the nature of the fuel-to-electricity conversion process is not prescribed).

The value of such CCS technologies will be evaluated by their impact on the system LCOE of a net-zero carbon electricity grid, as determined by capacity expansion modeling. ARPA-E does not expect every CCS technology itself to be a net-zero carbon process; instead the cost and performance of each project selected under this FOA will be evaluated in the context of a net-zero carbon system which may include negative emission assets. Recent work suggests that a system LCOE of \$75/MWh for a net-zero carbon electricity system is aggressive yet possible.

FLECCS is a 2-phase program. Phase 1 focuses on designing and optimizing innovative CCS processes that enable flexibility on a high-VRE grid. Phase 1 will last for approximately 15 months and include approximately \$7 million in Federal funding. Based on the output of the individual projects, engineering design review, and capacity expansion analysis, ARPA-E will select projects to continue to the next phase. Phase 2 will focus on building components, unit operations, and small prototype systems to reduce the technical risk and cost associated with these CCS systems. This phase will last for approximately 3 years and have a total budget of approximately \$36 million in Federal funding.

**Awards:** Various; Available Funding: \$43,000,000

**Proposal Submission Deadline:** The deadline for Concept Papers is December 23, 2019. Applicants are strongly encouraged to submit their applications at least 48 hours in advance of the submission deadline.

- **Contact:** [ExchangeHelp@hq.doe.gov](mailto:ExchangeHelp@hq.doe.gov)

Please contact the email address above for questions regarding ARPA-E's online application portal, ARPA-E eXCHANGE.

- [ARPA-E-CO@hq.doe.gov](mailto:ARPA-E-CO@hq.doe.gov)

Please contact the email address above for questions regarding Funding Opportunity Announcements. ARPA-E will post responses on a weekly basis to any questions that are received. ARPA-E may re-phrase questions or consolidate similar questions for administrative purposes.

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**Grant Program: FY 2020 Continuation of Solicitation for the Office of Science Financial Assistance Program**

**Agency: Department of Energy DE-FOA-0002181**

**Website:** <https://science.osti.gov/ber/Funding-Opportunities>

**Brief Description:** The SC mission is to deliver scientific discoveries and major scientific tools to transform our understanding of nature and advance the energy, economic and national security of the United States. SC is the Nation's largest Federal sponsor of basic research in the physical sciences and the lead Federal agency supporting fundamental scientific research for our Nation's energy future. SC accomplishes its mission and advances national goals by supporting:

- The frontiers of science—exploring nature's mysteries from the study of fundamental subatomic particles, atoms, and molecules that are the building blocks of the materials of our universe and everything in it to the DNA, proteins, and cells that are the building blocks of life. Each of the programs in SC supports research probing the most fundamental disciplinary questions.
- The 21st Century tools of science—providing the nation's researchers with 27 state-of-the-art national scientific user facilities - the most advanced tools of modern science - propelling the U.S. to the forefront of science, technology development and deployment through innovation.
- Science for energy and the environment—paving the knowledge foundation to spur discoveries and innovations for advancing the Department's mission in energy and environment. SC supports a wide range of funding modalities from single principal investigators to large team-based activities to engage in fundamental research on energy production, conversion, storage, transmission, and use, and on our understanding of the earth systems.

**Awards:** Various; Available Funding: \$250,000,000

**Proposal Submission Deadline:** A Pre-Application is optional/encouraged. September 30, 2020

**Contact:** [SC.Grantsandcontracts@science.doe.gov](mailto:SC.Grantsandcontracts@science.doe.gov)

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### **Grant Program: Environmental System Science**

**Agency: Department of Energy DE-FOA-0002184**

**Website:** <https://science.osti.gov/ber/Funding-Opportunities>

**Brief Description:** The DOE SC program in Biological and Environmental Research (BER) hereby announces its interest in receiving applications for research in Environmental Systems Science (ESS), including Terrestrial Ecosystem Science (TES) and Subsurface Biogeochemical Research (SBR). The goal of the Environmental System Science (ESS) activity in BER is to advance a robust, predictive understanding of the set of interdependent physical, biogeochemical, ecological, hydrological, and geomorphological processes for use in Earth system, ecosystem and reactive transport models. Using an iterative approach to model-driven experimentation and observation, and interdisciplinary teams, ESS-supported scientists work to unravel the coupled physical, chemical and biological processes that control the structure and functioning of terrestrial ecosystems and integrated watersheds across critical spatial and temporal scales. This FOA will consider applications that focus on improving the understanding and representation of terrestrial and subsurface environments in ways that advance the sophistication and capabilities of local, regional, and larger scale models. Using new measurements, field experiments, more sophisticated modeling and/or synthesis studies, this FOA will encompass two topic areas: 1) Terrestrial Ecology, specifically linking above and belowground processes, as well as methane biogeochemistry; and 2) Subsurface and Watershed Hydro-biogeochemistry, specifically studying the function and dynamics of hydro-biogeochemical processes within watersheds. All applications are required to clearly delineate an integrative, hypothesis-driven approach and describe the existing needs/gaps in state-of-the-art models. Applicants should provide details on how the results of the proposed research will be used to improve the predictability and sophistication of integrated watershed systems and/or terrestrial ecosystem models.

**Awards:** Various

**Proposal Submission Deadline:** Submission Deadline for Pre-Applications: December 5, 2019, at 5:00 pm Eastern Time Pre-Application Response Date: December 19, 2019, at 11:59 pm Eastern Time Submission Deadline for Applications: February 20, 2020, at 11:59 pm Eastern Time.

Submit letters of intent, preapplications, and applications well ahead of stated deadlines.

**Contact:** Dr. Daniel Stover 301-903-0289 [Daniel.Stover@science.doe.gov](mailto:Daniel.Stover@science.doe.gov)

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## NASA

**Grant Program: ROSES 2019: Advancing Collaborative Connections for Earth System Science**

**Agency:** NASA NNH19ZDA001N-ACCESS

**Website:** <https://nspires.nasaprs.com/external/solicitations/summary.do?solId=%7B110CE76C-2B83-13FF-7E13-E0AB835DAA36%7D&path=&method=init>

**Brief Description:** The primary goal of the Advancing Collaborative Connections for Earth System Science (ACCESS) Program is to adopt and implement technologies to effectively manage, discover and use NASA's archive of Earth observations for scientific research and applications. This program complements NASA's Earth Observing System Data and Information System (EOSDIS) by engaging researchers and software developers external to EOSDIS in NASA's mission to "drive advances in science, technology, aeronautics, space exploration, economic vitality, and stewardship of the Earth" and furthers the Earth Science Strategic objective from the NASA 2014 Science Plan to "advance knowledge of Earth as a system to meet the challenges of environmental change and to improve life on our planet" (<http://science.nasa.gov/about-us/sciencestrategy/>). ACCESS aims to improve and expand the use of NASA's Earth science data by leveraging modern techniques for discovering, managing and analyzing large and complex Earth science data sets.

**Awards:** Various; Expected total program budget for new awards: \$5,000,000

**Proposal Deadline:** December 19, 2019 for NNH19ZDA001N-AS3

March 27, 2020 for NNH19ZDA001N

**Contact:** Kevin Murphy, Program Executive Telephone: (202) 358-3042

email: [kevin.j.murphy@nasa.gov](mailto:kevin.j.murphy@nasa.gov)

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**Grant Program: Future Investigators in NASA Earth and Space Science and Technology**

**Agency:** NASA NNH19ZDA001N-FINESST

**Website:** <https://nspires.nasaprs.com/external/solicitations/summary.do?solId=%7BE16CD59F-29DD-06C0-8971-CE1A9C252FD4%7D&path=&method=init>

**Brief Description:** The Future Investigators in NASA Earth and Space Science and Technology (FINESST) is a new program element in Research Opportunities in Space and Earth Sciences (ROSES)-2019. ROSES is an "omnibus" solicitation, having default guidelines and information in the ROSES Summary of Solicitation that apply to all of ROSES, including this program element. Through FINESST, the Science Mission Directorate (SMD) solicits proposals from accredited U.S. universities and other eligible organizations for graduate student-designed and performed research projects that contribute to SMD's science, technology and exploration goals. The Future Investigator (FI, i.e., the student participant) shall have the primary initiative to define the proposed FINESST research project and must be the primary author, with input or supervision from the proposal's Principal Investigator (PI), as appropriate. In cases when the PI already has an ongoing research award from NASA, the research proposed under FINESST may address a similar topic, but the proposal should make clear how the proposed research goes beyond what NASA has already agreed to support.

**Awards:** The number of proposals selected will be dependent on the number and quality of proposals submitted and on the availability of funds from the relevant SMD program.

**Proposal Deadline:** Proposals may be submitted at any time until 11:59 pm Eastern time on February 4, 2020.

**Contact:** Emails FINESST Program Scientists by Division: Earth Science: [allison.k.leidner@nasa.gov](mailto:allison.k.leidner@nasa.gov)  
Planetary Science: [lindsay.hays@nasa.gov](mailto:lindsay.hays@nasa.gov) Astrophysics: [evan.scannapieco@nasa.gov](mailto:evan.scannapieco@nasa.gov) Heliophysics:  
[hakimzadeh@nasa.gov](mailto:hakimzadeh@nasa.gov)

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**Grant Program: ROSES 2019: Heliophysics System Observatory Connect**

**Agency:** NASA NNH19ZDA001N-HSOC

**Website:** <https://nspires.nasaprs.com/external/solicitations/summary.do?solId=%7B1C50B1BF-52BA-7DD2-848D-13409588466F%7D&path=&method=init>

**Brief Description:** The goal of the Heliophysics System Observatory (HSO) Connect program is to enhance the scientific return of the HSO by supporting investigations that innovatively connect observations from one or more HSO missions with spacecraft or ground-based observations from other SMD Divisions, and/or other agencies within or outside the U.S. This instance of HSO-Connect focuses on observations from the Parker Solar Probe (PSP) mission together with other observations throughout the whole heliosphere. This includes data from currently operating space missions and ground-based observatories, and can include data from missions or observatories not yet launched or operational, but expected to be operational within the time interval of awards from this competition. In addition to PSP observations, investigations can include, but are not limited to, any HSO mission, but also Solar Orbiter, Bepi-Colombo, the Daniel K. Inouye Solar Telescope (DKIST) for example. In order to include observations not yet available, NASA Heliophysics is relaxing the requirement that all data must be in a public archive ahead of proposal submission (see Section 3.4.3 Limited Risk Waiver).

**Awards:** Various

**Proposal Deadline:** Step-1 proposals are due by January 15, 2020, and Step-2 proposals are due March 13, 2020.

**Contact:** Arik Posner, Heliophysics Division, Science Mission Directorate, Telephone: (202) 358 0727  
Email: [arik.posner@nasa.gov](mailto:arik.posner@nasa.gov)

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**National Endowment of Humanities**

**Grant Program: Institutes for Advanced Topics in the Digital Humanities**

**Agency:** National Endowment for the Humanities 20200305-HT

**Website:** <https://www.neh.gov/grants/odh/institutes-advanced-topics-in-the-digital-humanities>

**Brief Description:** The Institutes for Advanced Topics in the Digital Humanities (IATDH) program supports national or regional (multistate) training programs for scholars, humanities professionals, and advanced graduate students to broaden and extend their knowledge of digital humanities. Through this program NEH seeks to increase the number of humanities scholars and practitioners using digital technology in their research and to broadly disseminate knowledge about advanced technology tools and methodologies relevant to the humanities.

Applicants may apply to create institutes that are a single opportunity or are offered multiple times to different audiences. Institutes may be as short as a few days or as long as six weeks and held at a single site or at multiples sites; virtual institutes are also permissible. Training opportunities could be offered before or after regularly occurring scholarly meetings, during the summer months, or during appropriate times of the academic year. The duration of a program should allow for full and thorough treatment of the topic; it should also be appropriate for the intended audience.

**Awards:** Maximum award amount: \$250,000

**Deadlines:** Optional Draft Due: January 29, 2020

Application due: March 5, 2020

**Contact:** Contact the Office of Digital Humanities Team [odh@neh.gov](mailto:odh@neh.gov)

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**Grant Program: Digital Humanities Advancement Grants**

**Agency: National Endowment for the Humanities 20200115-HAA**

**Website:** <https://www.neh.gov/grants/odh/digital-humanities-advancement-grants>

**Brief Description:** Digital Humanities Advancement Grants (DHAG) support innovative, experimental, and/or computationally challenging projects at different stages throughout their lifecycles, from early start-up phases through implementation and sustainability. Experimentation, reuse, and extensibility are hallmarks of this program, leading to innovative work that can scale to enhance scholarly research, teaching, and public programming in the humanities. This program is offered twice per year. Proposals are welcome for digital initiatives in any area of the humanities.

In support of its efforts to advance digital infrastructures and initiatives in libraries and archives, and subject to the availability of funds and IMLS discretion, the [Institute of Museum and Library Services](#) (IMLS) anticipates providing funding through this program. These funds may support some DHAG projects that further the IMLS mission to advance, support, and empower America's museums, libraries, and related organizations. IMLS funding will encourage innovative collaborations between library and archives professionals, humanities professionals, and relevant public communities that advance preservation of, access to, and public engagement with digital collections and services to empower community learning, foster civic cohesion, and strengthen knowledge networks. This could include collaborations with community-based archives, community-driven efforts, and institutions or initiatives representing the traditionally underserved. Interested applicants should also refer to the current [IMLS Strategic Plan](#) for additional context.

**Awards:** Maximum award amount Level I: \$50,000; Level II: \$100,000; Level III: \$325,000 in outright funds, with an additional \$50,000 in matching funds

**Deadlines:** Optional Draft due December 4, 2019

Application due January 15, 2020

**Contact:** Contact the Division of Research Programs Team: 202-606-8200; [collaborative@neh.gov](mailto:collaborative@neh.gov)

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**National Geographic**

**Grant Program: Biodiversity Exploration and Discovery**

**Agency: National Geographic**

**Website:**

<https://www.nationalgeographic.org/funding-opportunities/grants/what-we-fund/biodiversity-exploration-and-discovery/>

**Brief Description:** Proposals that focus on the following themes are encouraged: inventories, surveys, and research expeditions focused areas of endemism and richness; aimed at developing conservation strategies related to new discoveries as they are made; and those that better understand the patterns of biological diversity, including distribution and abundance of poorly known groups. Projects that include the active involvement of early-career conservationists are encouraged. Preference will be given to proposals from applicants residing in the country of fieldwork. All proposals must include at least one team member from the country where the fieldwork takes place.

**Awards:** Applicants may request up to \$50,000, with clear budget justification for use of the grant. Successful applicants should use awarded funds within one year.

**Proposal Deadline:** January, 2020.

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## **Brain Research Foundation (BRF)**

### **Grant Program: Brain Research Foundation: 2020 Seed Grant Program**

**Agency:** Brain Research Foundation (BRF)

**Website:** <https://www.thebrf.org/>

**Brief Description:** BRFs Annual Seed Grant Program was initiated in 1981. The purpose of the Program is to provide start-up money for new research projects and innovative programs that have the potential of becoming competitive for an NIH grant or other external funding sources. Our goal is to have this initial effort succeed in opening future opportunities for research, collaboration and scientific advancement.

**Awards:** Each total award is limited to \$80,000 (direct costs) for a two year grant period. The first grant payment of \$40,000 will be made upon completion of the Seed Grant Acceptance Form (June 2020). The final payment of \$40,000 will be made contingent upon receipt of a Preliminary Progress and Financial Report (June 2021). The support focus is for new research projects of the highest scientific merit.

**Proposal Deadline:** Brain Research Foundation (BRF) has invited **eligible US academic institutions to nominate one (1) faculty member** to submit a Letter of Intent (LOI) for the BRF Grant Program. Nominated candidates must submit an LOI, with a biosketch, by **January 7, 2020**.

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### **Streamlyne Question of the Week**

**Question:** Can I generate budgets for multiple years from the Year-1 budget in Streamlyne?

**Answer:** Yes! You only need to input the Year-1 budget and then click on the “generate all periods” button. Streamlyne will create budget sheets for the remaining periods. You can then go to “summary” under the budget tab to review budget sheets for all periods. You can also change specific budget items that you allocated in Year-1 but you do not want to continue them in the following periods.

More FAQs on Streamlyne: Please visit <http://www.njit.edu/research/streamlyne/>

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### **Proposal Submission and Streamlyne Information**

#### **Internal Timeline for Successful and Timely Proposal Submission**

Recently federal agencies including NSF, NIH and DoE/DoD have emphasized and requested Principal Investigators and institutions to submit their proposals well before the posted deadline to avoid unexpected problems in online submissions with respect to system error checks and additional needs of subsequent revisions. For example, NSF clearly stated during the CAREER program webinar held on May 9, 2019 posted on <https://www.nsf.gov/career> that any response from help desk within the last four days of the deadline may not be provided on the same day. NSF warned that the **questions related to errors and other proposal submission issues in the last 72 hours before the deadline may not be answered on time for submission.**

The NJIT Proposal Submission Guidelines and Policy posted on the website <https://research.njit.edu/research-policies> provides the institutional timeline in order to help faculty and staff Principal Investigators for successful proposal submission. We are requesting all Principal Investigators, faculty, staff and administration to follow the proposal submission to help everyone to

submit a successful proposal on time, preferably before the deadline as requested by federal funding agencies. The following are the NJIT Proposal Submission Guidelines modified for Streamlyne proposal submission system:

- **1 month (or earlier) before the due date:** initiate the proposal submission process in Streamlyne with a notice of intent to apply to college POC and SRA including the request for proposal identification number (NSF, NIH) and/or the RFP document. This is an important step that will help the College POC and SRA to manage your proposals. It will allow:
  - preliminary review of needs and sponsor requirements (meeting recommended)
  - set up the timeline in motion and internal checklist/deadlines
  - collaborator outreach and intake requirements (where applicable)
  - set up the budget and Streamlyne document development process including any cost-sharing for consideration of department, college and office of research administration.
- **1 month - 2 weeks before due date:** the budget should be finalized and the approval process should be initiated. This includes the department and college approvals, conflict of interest forms, the detailed budget and justification, proposal title, and preliminary specific aims (NIH), proposal summary (NSF), or contract scope of work (SOW). The following checklist should be followed:
  - Proposal budget
    - Internal budget commitments such as cost-sharing should be fully calculated/loaded at this time. Any college specific internal process for index source and approvals should be followed within this timeline.
  - Complete initial proposal details and internal Streamlyne information
  - Complete Streamlyne questionnaires
    - Proposal specific
    - Sponsor specific (as applicable for grants.gov for S2S submission)
  - Complete special review disclosures (as applicable)
    - IRB/human subjects
    - Biosafety
    - Animals
    - Export Controls
    - Conflict of Interest
- **2 weeks - 1 week before the due date:** submit all required internal attachments including:
  - Project Summary/Statement of Work
  - Final Budget
  - Budget Justification
  - For S2S Proposals – Complete additional input of placeholder attachments.
  - Submit in Streamlyne and monitor routing/review by key personnel and department/college administration.
- **72 hours – 24 hours before the submission deadline:** Prepare the final version for submission. The following actions will be managed during this period.
  - All final technical documents/attachments are completed and validated in internal and/or sponsor system(s).
  - Central Office completes final review and coordination with PI and College POC on final proposal review, validation of system requirements and engages in sponsor actions and submission.
  - Central office completes internal data and archiving procedures and coordinates follow-up

- **At least 24 hours before the submission deadline:** The PI should release the final version of the proposal to the SRA office at least 24 hours prior to the deadline for on-time submission.

For a successful submission, it is expected that faculty/PIs will follow up with the designated point-of-contact (ambassadors) for their college in a timely manner so that appropriate planning steps can be managed with respect to the proposal complexity, scope of support, any special needs such as cost-sharing, and multiple submission volume with the same due date. The following are the respective college point-of-contacts (ambassadors)

**NCE: John McCarthy**, NCE Director of Research; (973) 596-3247; [john.p.mccarthy@njit.edu](mailto:john.p.mccarthy@njit.edu)

**NCE: Deidra Slough**, Grant Management Specialist, (973)-596-3428; [deidra.l.slough@njit.edu](mailto:deidra.l.slough@njit.edu)

**CSLA: Cristo Leon**, CSLA Director of Research; (973) 596-6426; [cristo.e.yanezleon@njit.edu](mailto:cristo.e.yanezleon@njit.edu)

**CSTR: Felicia Margolies**, Project Manager, (973)-596-5377 [felicia.h.margolies@njit.edu](mailto:felicia.h.margolies@njit.edu)

**YWCC: Sean Andrews**, YWCC Director of Research; (973) 596-5352; [sean.t.andrews@njit.edu](mailto:sean.t.andrews@njit.edu)

**HCoAD and MTSM: Interim POC: Justin Samolewicz**, Director (Pre Award); (973)-596-3145; [justin.m.samolewicz@njit.edu](mailto:justin.m.samolewicz@njit.edu); **Iris Pantoja**, Project Manager; 973-596-4483; [irp3@njit.edu](mailto:irp3@njit.edu) (on maternity leave)

**NJII and T&BD: Bobby J. Vadasserril**; (973)-596-2941; [bobby.j.vadasserril@njit.edu](mailto:bobby.j.vadasserril@njit.edu)

Faculty and staff having any questions on proposal submission, may contact their college point-of-contacts (ambassadors), and also follow up with **Justin Samolewicz, Director (Pre Award)** 973-596-3145; [justin.m.samolewicz@njit.edu](mailto:justin.m.samolewicz@njit.edu); and **Eric Hetherington**, Executive Director, Sponsored Research Programs Administration 973-596-3631; [eric.d.hetherington@njit.edu](mailto:eric.d.hetherington@njit.edu) as needed.

Streamlyne User Manuals: <http://www.njit.edu/research/streamlyne/>

New “How to Do” videos: <http://www5.njit.edu/research/streamlyne/>.

**Streamlyne\_NewUserManual\_CommonElements.docx** : This manual provides a reference to all the common elements of Streamlyne Research. This user manual is a good document to review each module’s functionality.

**Streamlyne\_NewUserManual\_PD&PDBudget.docx**: This is a user manual on proposal and budget development in Streamlyne. The content herein explain the use and functionality of this module. This is the most useful Streamlyne document for PIs and users new to Streamlyne.

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## **Need Information about Funding?**

### **Finding Research Opportunities and Collaborations (FROC)**

*Walk-In Open-Hour Discussion with SVPR Over Tea*

**Every Thursday: 2.00 PM-3.00 PM; 340 Fenster Hall**

The Office of Research has started a new service to help all faculty and staff explore collaborative research opportunities and currently active RFPs (Request for Proposals) for potential proposal development and submission. Faculty and research staff members are welcome to meet with Senior Vice Provost for Research Atam Dhawan at the open-hour every Thursday from 3.00 PM to 4.00 PM to discuss research opportunities related issues including the following but not limited to:

- Research opportunities and potential collaborations
- Currently active RFPs and developing collaborative teams for proposal submission



- Proposal review criterion for specific RFP/program/agency
- Proposal concept and draft review in the context of review criterion
- Future plans for proposal development and submission
- Invention disclosures, patent applications and processing of intellectual property
- External faculty research awards including fellowships

Though *walk-ins* are welcome during the open-hour, faculty members are encouraged to email SVPR Atam Dhawan ([dhawan@njit.edu](mailto:dhawan@njit.edu)) about specific questions on research opportunities and needs to be discussed in advance for more detailed discussion.

The open-hour session with individuals or small groups of faculty and research staff members is expected to focus on finding research opportunities, developing collaborative teams, exploring the review criterion and reviewing program requirements. Specific proposal submission and grant management issues can be discussed with Office of Research staff separately.

Enjoy coffee/tea and cookies with SVPR over the discussion.

For any questions and additional information, please send an email to SVPR at [dhawan@njit.edu](mailto:dhawan@njit.edu).

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