

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** (with links to sections). The Newsletter is posted on the NJIT Research Website <https://research.njit.edu/funding-opportunities> .

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Special Announcements

NJIT Access to *All of Us* Research Program Implemented by NIH

<https://allofus.nih.gov/about>

NJIT faculty now have access to Vanderbilt University Medical Center's Research Hub as part of the *All of Us* Research Program implemented by the U.S. National Institutes of Health (NIH). *All of Us* is part of a new era in which researchers, health care providers, technology experts, community partners, and the public work together to develop individualized health care. The goal of the Program is to speed up health research discoveries, enabling new kinds of individualized health care. Among the resources developed in connection with the *All of Us* Research Program is the Researcher Workbench, which is a platform and collection of tools through which researchers can access registered tiered data, workspaces, and tools such as a cohort builder, and an interactive notebook. Learn more about [who is involved](#).

The National Institutes of Health formed the [Precision Medicine Initiative Working Group of the Advisory Committee to the Director](#) in March 2015. The group concluded its work in September 2015 with a [detailed report](#) pdf | 1.05 mb. The report provided a framework for setting up the *All of Us* Research Program.

Precision medicine:

- Is based on you as an individual
- Takes into account your environment (where you live), lifestyle (what you do), and your family health history and genetic makeup
- Gives health care providers the information they need to make customized recommendations for people of different backgrounds, ages, and regions
- Helps you get better information about how to be healthier
- [Reduces health care costs](#) by matching the right person with the right treatment the first time

All of Us is working to improve health care through research. Unlike research studies that focus on one disease or group of people, *All of Us* is building a diverse database that can inform thousands of studies on a variety of health conditions. This creates more opportunities to:

- Know the risk factors for certain diseases
- Figure out which treatments work best for people of different backgrounds
- Connect people with the right clinical studies for their needs
- Learn how technologies can help us take steps to be healthier

Learn about [what makes the *All of Us* Research Program different](#).

You are now able to apply for Researcher Workbench access. Register as a researcher by creating an account at (<https://workbench.researchallofus.org/login>). You will receive an email with further instructions once you have completed your researcher profile. In addition to creating a workbench account, all researchers must have an existing eRA Commons account before they can access the Workbench and registered tier data.

If you are a researcher who does not have an eRA Commons account, please work with your institution to set one up. After this is established, you may proceed with your application to the Workbench. For more information about eRA Commons, please visit <https://era.nih.gov/>.

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NSF Extension of Deadlines

https://www.nsf.gov/news/news_summ.jsp?cntn_id=300767

The National Science Foundation is mindful of the challenges many in our country face today. We also are acutely aware that while the research community is dedicated to its work, science may not be at the forefront of everyone's minds during this particular moment in our nation's history. With this in mind, NSF has decided to [extend some of our upcoming proposal deadlines](#) where possible. In addition, we are aiming to provide maximum flexibility in all cases and ask that any principal investigator urgently in need of an extension please contact their program manager as soon as possible. NSF is continually assessing deadlines at the program level and will continue to balance making awards with the needs of our community.

NJIT Multi-Phase Ramp Up Research Continuity and Recovery Plan

<https://research.njit.edu/njit-pandemic-recovery-plan>

For ramping up the phased research continuity and recovery operations, the NJIT guidelines and protocols for Phase-1, Phase-2 and Phase-3 are posted on the research website <https://research.njit.edu/njit-pandemic-recovery-plan>. These protocols are subject to change based on the guidance and regulations from the federal, state, and local government agencies.

The Office of the Secretary of Higher Education (OSHE) has issued standards for institutions of higher education as they begin restarting campus operations impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. The standards align with the stages of New Jersey's phased "[The Road Back: Restoring Economic Health Through Public Health](#)" plan and provide a framework of critical standards, additional steps institutions should consider when formulating plans, and examples of safeguarding practices in 10 key on-campus functional areas: instruction, residential housing, computer laboratories, libraries, research, student services, transportation, dining, international travel, and athletics. New Jersey "Restart Standards for all New Jersey Institutions of Higher Education" plan is posted on the website <https://www.nj.gov/highereducation/documents/pdf/index/OSHERestart.pdf>.

NJIT faculty, staff, and students at research facilities must follow the specific social distancing and safety protocols including the use of personnel protective equipment (PPE) as required by the institutional, state and federal guidelines in the respective phase of the research continuity plan. State and national information regarding current conditions can be found at:

- New Jersey's COVID-19 information hub: <https://covid19.nj.gov/index.html>
- White House Plan for Opening up America Again: <https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Guidelines-for-Opening-Up-America-Again.pdf>

Grant Opportunity Alerts

Keywords and Areas Included in the Grant Opportunity Alert Section Below

NSF: Disaster Resilience Research Grants (DRRG); Division of Physics: Investigator-Initiated Research Projects (PHY); NSF-DFG Lead Agency Activity in Electrosynthesis and Electrocatalysis; Division of Chemistry: Disciplinary Research Programs (CHE-DRP); Plant Biotic Interactions

NIH: NIH Neuroscience Development for Advancing the Careers of a Diverse Research Workforce (R25); Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award (NRSA) Individual Postdoctoral Fellowship (Parent F32); Emergency Awards: RADx-UP Coordination and Data Collection Center (CDCC) (U24); Enhancing Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math Educational Diversity (ESTEEMED) Research Education Experiences (R25); NIH Director's Emergency Transformative Research Awards (R01)

Department of Defense/US Army/DARPA/ONR: CRANBAA-20-0002; Future Scholars for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Workforce; Defense Sciences Office Office-wide; COVID-19 Seedling Research Topics; C4ISR, Information Operations, Cyberspace Operations and Information Technology System Research; Naval Air Warfare Center Aircraft Division (NAWCAD) Office-Wide

Department of Transportation: UTC PROGRAM TIER 1 COMPETITION 2020

Department of Agriculture: Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grants; Biotechnology Risk Assessment Grants Program; REAP-Renewable Energy Systems and Energy Efficiency Improvements

[Department of Labor: Supply Chains Tracing Project](#)

[EPA: Assessment Tools for Biotechnology Products](#)

[Department of Energy: Small-Scale Solid Oxide Fuel Cell Systems and Hybrid Electrolyzer Technology Development](#); Advanced Manufacturing Office Multi-Topic FOA; Next-Generation Technologies and Field Validation

[NASA: ROSES 2020: SAGE III/ ISS Science Team](#); Solar Irradiance Science Team; NASA Innovative Advanced Concepts (NIAC) Phase I; The New (Early Career) Investigator Program in Earth Science; ROSES 2020: Space Weather Science Application Operations-to-Research

[National Endowment of Humanities: Humanities Initiatives; Public Humanities Projects](#)

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Recent Research Grant and Contract Awards

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

PI: John Federici (PI)

Department: Physics

Grant/Contract Project Title: NJS GC– Research in Physics at NJIT - 2020

Funding Agency: NASA Rutgers NJS GC

Duration: 05/01/20-03/13/21

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In the News...

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

Enhancing the Security and Integrity of America’s Research Enterprise: [A new document](#) from the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy poses the question: How widespread are behaviors that threaten research security and integrity? Answer: "Data are incomplete but suggest widespread and systemic activity across geographic location and research discipline. Incidents of concern are not unique to any one background, ethnicity, or nationality. Other countries have identified similar behaviors in their research enterprises . . ." The National Institutes of Health "identified concerns regarding more than 189 scientists." The National Science Foundation’s inspector general has reported a 20 percent increase in caseload in the last year.

Undisclosed Estimated \$6.5 Billion Foreign Funding: That's the amount of "previously undisclosed foreign funding" at institutions of higher education identified by the Department of Education, the OSTP document says. ED has also found "\$1 billion in funding for unknown objectives from anonymous sources in China, Russia, Qatar, and Saudi Arabia." The agency has opened 10 civil compliance investigations of U.S. universities for failing to disclose their financial relationship with foreign sources. DoD set up a Research Protection Initiative to establish consistent standards for the reporting of conflicts, detect

incidents of problematic behavior, and work with academic institutions to limit undue foreign influence in research awards, OSTP says.

NSF Supporting Research on Pandemics within the Civic Innovation Challenge: NSF launched CIVIC earlier this spring with the goals of (i) flipping the community-university dynamic, with communities identifying civic priorities ripe for innovation and then partnering with researchers to address those priorities; (ii) accelerating the impact of S&CC research; and (iii) deepening cooperation and information sharing across sectors and regions. CIVIC is organized as a two-stage competition with two tracks. One track is centered on resilience to natural disasters and calls for research that equips communities with greater preparedness and resilience to natural disasters. The other track is centered on communities and mobility and calls for research that addresses better mobility options to solve the spatial mismatch between housing affordability and jobs, as well as associated mobility solutions that can increase access to critical services and amenities that foster healthy and thriving communities.

While CIVIC was planned long in advance of the novel coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) outbreak, today the world is focused on this pandemic. Given this reality, NSF is notifying the community of its interest in pandemics as an *example* of a disaster pursuant to the resilience track or as a possible consideration in framing the focus of the mobility track.

The resilience track within CIVIC encompasses the broad elements of society that experience disruptions due to natural disasters including healthcare, economic, and social systems, as well as transportation, education, service delivery, food supply chains, and housing, among others. The resilience track has been expanded to include pandemics due to global experiences with COVID-19 that have highlighted the similarities in societal disruptions caused by pandemics and natural disasters, and the associated needs for resilience planning.

“Safeguarding American Innovation Act” Bill Introduced: Sen. Rob Portman (R-Ohio) introduced the bipartisan [Safeguarding American Innovation Act](#) with co-sponsor Sen. Tom Carper (D-Del.) and 13 others. The measure makes failure to disclose "any outside compensation" on federal grant applications a crime. punishable by up to five years in prison. A multi-agency Federal Research Security Council, run by the Office of Management and Budget, would streamline and coordinate grant-making between the federal agencies. The bill allows the State Department to deny visas to foreign researchers "who we know are seeking to steal research and IP by exploiting exemptions in our export control laws," Portman says. It also "requires research institutions and universities to provide the State Department basic information about the sensitive technologies that a foreign researcher will have access to," and lets the Department of Education fine universities that repeatedly fail to disclose foreign gifts. The Bill specifically describes:

“(b) PROHIBITION.—It shall be unlawful for any individual to knowingly

- (1) prepare or submit a Federal grant application that fails to disclose the receipt of any outside compensation, including foreign compensation, by the individual;
- (2) forge, counterfeit, or otherwise falsify a document for the purpose of obtaining a Federal grant; or
- (3) prepare, submit, or assist in the preparation or submission of a Federal grant application or document in connection with a Federal grant application that
 - (A) contains a false statement
 - (B) contains a material misrepresentation;
 - (C) has no basis in law or fact; or
 - (D) fails to disclose a material fact. “

Portman has also introduced, with Sen. Martin Heinrich (D-N.M.), the Artificial Intelligence for the Armed Forces Act, which "would change how the Pentagon recruits and retains top cybersecurity and AI talent," [Defense One reports](#). Heinrich provides [a link to the bill](#) from his website. “As advances are made

in artificial intelligence - and as foreign adversaries threaten ethical, safety, and privacy standards – there is a clear need to ensure the Department of Defense has the leadership and workforce needed to excel in AI,” said Heinrich. “We must make sure DoD is using the tools at their disposal to recruit the next generation of AI professionals and give them the authority they need to hire experts in the field. I am proud to join Senator Portman in this bipartisan effort to enhance DoD’s AI capabilities and I will keep working to develop smart, responsible policies that keep our nation at the forefront of critical artificial intelligence innovations.”

Intelligence Advanced Research Projects Activity (IARPA) COVID-19 Founding Program:

The Intelligence Advanced Research Projects Activity (IARPA) invests in high-risk/high-payoff research programs that have the potential to provide our nation with an overwhelming intelligence advantage. The current COVID-19 pandemic focuses attention on the need for technologies to assist with:

- detection and sensing;
- supply chain management and integrity;
- geo-spatio-temporal monitoring and mapping, with privacy protection;
- information reliability and collaboration tools; and
- modeling, simulation, and predictive analytics.

More information is available on this [website](#).

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Webinar and Events

Event: Webinar: TA Webinar: Research Integrity Program Development and Evaluation Funding Opportunity Announcement (IR-ORI-20--003)

Sponsor: NIH

When: June 29, 2020 1.00 PM

Website: [Registration Website](#)

Brief Description: TA Webinar: Research Integrity Program Development and Evaluation Funding Opportunity Announcement (IR-ORI-20--003)

To Join the Webinar: Register at above URL

Event: Webinar: Pre-Application Webinar for the RADx-UP Initiative

Sponsor: NIH NOT-OD-20-131

When: July 1, 2020 2.00 PM-4.00 PM

Website: <https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-20-131.html>

Brief Description: The National Institutes of Health (NIH) is encouraging research to test the implementation of COVID-19 diagnostic testing in underserved or vulnerable communities through the Rapid Acceleration of Diagnostics for Underserved Populations (RADx-UP) initiative.

NIH will hold two pre-application webinars covering the four RADx-UP funding opportunities: [NOT-OD-20-119](#), [NOT-OD-20-120](#), [NOT-OD-20-121](#), and [RFA-OD-20-013](#).

- Wednesday, July 1, 2020, from 3:00pm - 5:00pm EDT

This webinar will focus on questions for applications for the RADx-UP Coordinating and Data Collection Center in response to [RFA-OD-20-013](#). Questions related to the other three FOAs will also be addressed.

Questions can also be pre-submitted at RADxInfo@nih.gov by:

- 11:59 pm local time on Monday, June 29, 2020, for the July 1, 2020 webinar

Related Announcements

[NOT-OD-20-119](#) Notice of Special Interest (NOSI): Emergency Competitive Revisions for Social, Ethical, and Behavioral Implications (SEBI) Research on COVID-19 Testing among Underserved and/or Vulnerable Populations

[NOT-OD-20-120](#) Notice of Special Interest (NOSI): Emergency Competitive Revisions for Community-Engaged Research on COVID-19 Testing among Underserved and/or Vulnerable Populations

[NOT-OD-20-121](#) Notice of Special Interest (NOSI): Limited Competition for Emergency Competitive Revisions for Community-Engaged Research on COVID-19 Testing among Underserved and/or Vulnerable Populations

[RFA-OD-20-013](#) Emergency Awards: RADx-UP Coordination and Data Collection Center (CDCC) (U24 Clinical Trial Optional)

To Join the Webinar: Register and learn more about these webinars at <https://www.nih.gov/research-training/medical-research-initiatives/radx/events>

Event: Webinar: EHR Core Research Program

Sponsor: NSF

When: July 2, 2020 3.00 PM – 4.00 PM

July 9, 2020 3.00 PM – 4.00 PM

July 16, 2020 3.00 PM – 4.00 PM

July 23, 2020 3.00 PM – 4.00 PM

July 30, 2020 3.00 PM – 4.00 PM

Website: <https://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2019/nsf19508/nsf19508.htm>

Brief Description: HR Core Research (ECR) Overview of Solicitation and Proposal Submission: Solicitation [NSF 19-508](#) Program Outreach Webinar

Registration is required so we can communicate with you before and after the webinar - there is no need to contact the program directly. After registering, you will automatically receive instructions by email from Zoom for joining the webinar. If you don't receive the email, please check your junk or clutter folders.

To Join the Webinar: [REGISTER FOR THE REGULAR SESSION ECR WEBINARS](#)

Event: Partnerships for Innovation Webinars

Sponsor: NSF

When: July 2, 2020 2:00 PM – 3.00 PM

Website: https://www.nsf.gov/events/event_summ.jsp?cntn_id=300578&org=NSF

Brief Description: Are you interested in developing your NSF-funded research into a proof-of-concept or prototype? If you have received an NSF research grant or participated in the NSF's Innovation Corps (I-Corps) program, you may be eligible to apply for an [NSF Partnerships for Innovation \(PFI\)](#) grant.

PFI grants offers researchers from all disciplines of science and engineering funded by NSF the opportunity to perform translational research and technology development, catalyze partnerships, and accelerate the transition of discoveries from the laboratory to the marketplace for societal benefit.

Join an upcoming webinar for the opportunity to ask questions about the PFI program and what to expect for the proposal submission deadline of July 8, 2020.

To Join the Webinar: [Register for the June 11 webinar](#)

[Register for the June 25 webinar](#)

[Register for the July 2 webinar](#)

Event: Webinar: *The Center on Materials Data Science for Reliability and Degradation: An (NSF) Industry-University Cooperative Research Center Webinar (2020)*

Sponsor: UIDP

When: July 8, 2020 12.00 PM – 1.00 PM

Website: [Registration Website](#)

Brief Description: Case Western Reserve University (CWRU) and the University of Pittsburgh (Pitt) and are planning to form a new National Science Foundation (NSF) Industry University Cooperative Research Center (IUCRC) named The Center on Materials Data Science for Reliability and Degradation (MDS-Rely). The primary goal of MDS-Rely is Materials Data Science, and the application of data science-informed research to better understand the reliability and lifetime performance of essential materials, products, and devices. This IUCRC builds on established centers at both locations focusing on polymers, metals, energy materials, advanced and additive manufacturing, and in data science and analytics. This webinar will introduce companies and government labs to the advantages of IUCRCs and encourage participation in research thrusts. More information may be found [here](#).

To Join the Webinar: Register at above URL.

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Grant Opportunities

National Science Foundation

Grant Program: Disaster Resilience Research Grants (DRRG)

Agency: National Science Foundation NSF 20-581

RFP Website: <https://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2020/nsf20581/nsf20581.htm>

Brief Description: With this joint solicitation, the NSF and the U.S Department of Commerce (DOC) National Institute for Standards and Technology (NIST) call for proposals for research to advance fundamental understanding of disaster resilience in support of improved, science-based planning, policy, decisions, design, codes, and standards.

Awards: Standard or continuing grants; **Anticipated Funding Amount:** \$3,100,000

Letters of Intent: August 14, 2020

Proposal Submission Deadline: September 15, 2020

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- Jason Averill, Chief, MSS Div, ENG Lab, NIST, telephone: (301)975-2585, email: jason.averill@nist.gov
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Grant Program: Division of Physics: Investigator-Initiated Research Projects (PHY)

Agency: National Science Foundation NSF 20-580

RFP Website: <https://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2020/nsf20580/nsf20580.htm>

Brief Description: The Division of Physics (PHY) supports physics research and the preparation of future scientists in the nation's colleges and universities across a broad range of physics disciplines that span scales of space and time from the largest to the smallest and the oldest to the youngest. The Division is comprised of disciplinary programs covering experimental and theoretical research in the following major subfields of physics: Atomic, Molecular and Optical Physics; Elementary Particle Physics; Gravitational Physics; Integrative Activities in Physics; Nuclear Physics; Particle Astrophysics; Physics at the Information Frontier; Physics of Living Systems; Plasma Physics; and Quantum Information Science. The Division of Physics strongly encourages single proposal submission for possible co-review rather than submission of multiple related proposals to several programs.

PIs considering submitting more than one proposal to this solicitation, or who already have an active PHY award, are encouraged to first consult with the relevant program officer(s) before preparing a new proposal. This does not apply to awards from or submissions to the MRI, REU, and/or center programs, or in cases of renewal proposals.

Awards: Standard or continuing grants; **Anticipated Funding Amount:** \$90,000,000

Letters of Intent: Not required

Proposal Submission Deadline:

October 19, 2020

Third Monday in October, Annually Thereafter Physics of Living Systems

November 16, 2020

Third Monday in November, Annually Thereafter Plasma Physics

November 25, 2020

Fourth Wednesday in November, Annually Thereafter AMO - Theory and Experiment; Gravitational Physics - Theory and Experiment; LIGO Research Support; Integrative Activities in Physics

December 01, 2020

First Tuesday in December, Annually Thereafter Nuclear Physics - Theory and Experiment; Elementary Particle Physics - Experiment; Particle Astrophysics - Experiment

December 08, 2020

Second Tuesday in December, Annually Thereafter Elementary Particle Physics - Theory; Particle Astrophysics and Cosmology – Theory; Quantum Information Science

Contacts: Krastan B. Blagoev, Physics of Living Systems, telephone: (703) 292-4666,

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- Mark Coles, Projects and Facilities, telephone: (703) 292-4432, email: mcoles@nsf.gov

Grant Program: NSF-DFG Lead Agency Activity in Electrosynthesis and Electrocatalysis (NSF-DFG EChem)

Agency: National Science Foundation NSF 20-578

RFP Website: <https://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2020/nsf20578/nsf20578.htm>

Brief Description: We are particularly interested in novel and fundamental electrochemical reactions and studies addressing transformations in organic and polymer synthesis, water splitting (hydrogen/oxygen evolution), and nitrogen reduction (ammonia production). Relevant activities include, but are not limited to, mechanistic studies; catalyst design, synthesis, and characterization; computational modeling, theory, and simulation; and experimental tool development. For fundamental engineering science projects, we are interested in studies involving reaction engineering, reactor system design, and component or device scale studies as examples that provide fundamental knowledge supporting scale-up of systems. In addition, fundamental engineering science projects involving alternative (to thermal) activation mechanisms such as microwaves (e.g. microwave assisted catalysis) and low temperature plasmas (e.g. plasma-assisted catalysis) are welcomed.

Awards: Standard or continuing grants; **Anticipated Funding Amount:** \$5,000,000

Letters of Intent: An Expression of Interest (EOI) must be submitted to NSFDFG@nsf.gov by July 1, 2020, prior to the submission of a full proposal.

Proposal Submission Deadline: September 30, 2020

Contacts: Kenneth Moloy, CHE, telephone: (703) 292-8441, email: NSFDFG@nsf.gov

- Brandi Schottel, CBET, telephone: (703) 292-4798, email: NSFDFG@nsf.gov
- Markus Behnke, DFG/PC, telephone: 49 (228) 885-2181, email: NSF-DFG-Chemistry@dfg.de

Grant Program: Division of Chemistry: Disciplinary Research Programs (CHE-DRP)**Agency: National Science Foundation NSF 20-577****RFP Website:** <https://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2020/nsf20577/nsf20577.htm>

Brief Description: This solicitation applies to nine CHE Disciplinary Chemistry Research Programs: Chemical Catalysis (CAT); Chemical Measurement and Imaging (CMI); Chemical Structure, Dynamics and Mechanisms-A (CSDM-A); Chemical Structure Dynamics and Mechanisms-B (CSDM-B); Chemical Synthesis (SYN); Chemical Theory, Models and Computational Methods (CTMC); Chemistry of Life Processes (CLP); Environmental Chemical Sciences (ECS); and Macromolecular, Supramolecular and Nanochemistry (MSN).

All proposals submitted to these nine CHE Disciplinary Research Programs (other than the following exceptions) must be submitted through this solicitation, otherwise they will be returned without review.

Exceptions:

- Faculty Early Career Development Program (CAREER) proposals should be submitted through the CAREER solicitation (https://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=503214) by the CAREER deadline date specified.
- Facilitating Research at Primarily Undergraduate Institutions: Research in Undergraduate Institutions (RUI) and Research Opportunity Awards (ROA) proposals should be submitted through the RUI/ROA solicitation (https://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=5518) during the window for the appropriate CHE Disciplinary Research Program. In addition to the requirements of the RUI program, proposals should follow the guidance in this solicitation.
- Proposals for Early-concept Grants for Exploratory Research (EAGER), Grants for Rapid Response Research (RAPID), Research Advanced by Interdisciplinary Science and Engineering (RAISE), and conferences can be submitted anytime after consultation with the cognizant NSF Program Officer.
- Supplemental funding requests to existing grants can be submitted anytime after consultation with the cognizant NSF Program Officer.

Awards: Standard or continuing grants; **Anticipated Funding Amount:** \$150,000,000

Letters of Intent: Not Required

Proposal Submission Deadline: September 01, 2020 - September 30, 2020

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- For CMI: Kelsey D. Cook, telephone: (703) 292-7490, email: kcook@nsf.gov

Grant Program: Plant Biotic Interactions**Agency: National Science Foundation NSF 20-576****RFP Website:** <https://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2020/nsf20576/nsf20576.htm>

Brief Description: The Plant Biotic Interactions (PBI) program supports research on the processes that mediate beneficial and antagonistic interactions between plants and their viral, bacterial, oomycete, fungal, plant, and invertebrate symbionts, pathogens and pests. This joint NSF/NIFA program supports projects focused on current and emerging model and non-model systems, and agriculturally relevant plants. The program's scope extends from fundamental mechanisms to translational efforts, with the latter seeking to put into agricultural practice insights gained from basic research on the mechanisms that govern plant biotic interactions. Projects must be strongly justified in terms of fundamental biological processes and/or relevance to agriculture and may be purely fundamental or applied or include aspects of both perspectives. All types of symbiosis are appropriate, including commensalism, mutualism, parasitism, and host-pathogen interactions. Research may focus on the biology of the plant host, its pathogens, pests or symbionts, interactions among these, or on the function of plant-associated microbiomes.

Awards: Standard or continuing grants; **Anticipated Funding Amount:** \$18,500,000

Letters of Intent: Not Required

Proposal Submission Deadline: Proposals Accepted Anytime

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National Institutes of Health

Grant Program: NIH Neuroscience Development for Advancing the Careers of a Diverse Research Workforce (R25 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)

Agency: National Institutes of Health PAR-20-240

RFP Website: <https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-20-240.html>

Brief Description: This NIH Neuroscience Development for Advancing the Careers of a Diverse Research Workforce (R25) is a flexible and specialized program designed to foster the development of neuroscience researchers from diverse backgrounds, including from underrepresented groups across career stages. Thus, it encourages applications from applicant organizations that propose innovative mentoring and professional development activities in the mission area(s) of the [NINDS](#) and/or [NIMH](#). This Neuroscience Diversity R25 initiative will focus on factors that have been shown to affect retention of underrepresented graduate students, postdoctoral trainees, and junior faculty in neuroscience research such as mentoring, scientific networks, professional development, and attention to the structural and institutional environment regarding inclusion (<http://acd.od.nih.gov/dbr.htm>; [Structure and Belonging: Pathways to Success for Underrepresented Minority and Women Ph.D. Students in STEM Fields](#); [The Science of Effective Mentorship in STEM](#)).

The NIH expects applicant institutions to propose programs that will lead to an improvement in the professional development, mentoring and technical expertise of individuals who are individuals from diverse backgrounds, including those from groups that are nationally underrepresented in neuroscience research. The NIH Research Education Program (R25) supports research education activities in the mission areas of the NIH. The overarching 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

Awards: Application budgets are limited to a maximum of \$250,000 direct cost per year.

Letter of Intent: 30 days prior to application due date.

Proposal Submission Deadline: January 25, 2021, September 27, 2021, and September 26, 2022

, 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. 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.

Contact: Michelle Jones-London, Ph.D., National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NINDS), Telephone: 301-451-7966 Email: jonesmiche@ninds.nih.gov

Grant Program: Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award (NRSA) Individual Postdoctoral Fellowship (Parent F32)

Agency: National Institutes of Health PA-20-242

RFP Website: <https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-20-242.html>

Brief Description: The purpose of the Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award (NRSA) Individual Postdoctoral Fellowship (Parent F32) is to support promising candidates during their mentored postdoctoral training under the guidance of outstanding faculty sponsors. The proposed research and training plan should enhance the individual's potential to develop into a productive, independent researcher by providing strong mentorship, appropriate training and career development opportunities, and strong institutional support and commitment. The training plan should document the need for, and the anticipated value of, the proposed mentored training in relationship to the individual's research career goals. The training plan should also facilitate the fellow's transition to the next stage of his/her career.

Awards: Award budgets are composed of stipends, tuition and fees, and institutional allowance.

Letter of Intent: Not Applicable

Proposal Submission Deadline: [Standard dates](#) apply, 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.

Contact: [Table of IC-Specific Information, Requirements, and Staff Contacts](#)

Grant Program: Emergency Awards: RADx-UP Coordination and Data Collection Center (CDCC) (U24 Clinical Trial Optional)

Agency: National Institutes of Health RFA-OD-20-013

RFP Website: <https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-OD-20-013.html>

Brief Description: NIH is issuing this FOA in response to the declared public health emergency issued by the Secretary, HHS, for 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19). This emergency cooperative agreement funding opportunity announcement (FOA) from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) provides an expedited funding mechanism as part of the Rapid Acceleration of Diagnostics-Underserved Populations (RADx-UP) initiative, a consortium of community-engaged research projects to understand factors that have led to disproportionate burden of the pandemic on the underserved and/or vulnerable populations so that interventions can be implemented to decrease these disparities. This FOA seeks to fund a single Coordination and Data Collection Center (CDCC) as an integral part of the consortium. The funding for this initiative is provided from the Paycheck Protection Program and Health Care Enhancement Act, 2020.

Awards: Application budgets are limited to \$5 Million in annual direct costs.

Letter of Intent: July 8, 2020

Proposal Submission Deadline: August 7, 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).

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.

Contact: Dorothy Castille, 301-594-9411, dorothy.castille@nih.gov

Grant Program: Enhancing Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math Educational Diversity (ESTEEMED) Research Education Experiences (R25)

Agency: National Institutes of Health PAR-20-223

RFP Website: <https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-20-223.html>

Brief Description: The NIH Research Education Program (R25) supports research education activities in the mission areas of the NIH. The overarching 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:

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

for undergraduate freshmen and sophomores from diverse backgrounds, including those from groups underrepresented in bioengineering or STEM fields relevant to bioengineering, such as engineering or the physical/computational sciences, which play key roles in biomedical technologies and innovation. The ESTEEMED program is intended to expose students to bioengineering research early in their college careers and interest them in potentially pursuing advanced studies in bioengineering or a related field. It will prepare students to join, in their junior and senior years, an honors program, supported by federal or institutional funds, that promotes STEM and entrance into a Ph.D. program. The ultimate goal is for the participants to pursue a Ph.D. or M.D./Ph.D. degree and a subsequent research career integrating engineering and the physical sciences with medicine and biology in academia or industry.

Awards: Application budgets are not limited but need to reflect the actual needs of the proposed project. Annual costs that may be requested are:

- 1) Up to a total of \$30,000 as summer or other salary for faculty members involved in the design, implementation and management of the program.
- 2) Up to a total of \$30,000 for non-faculty administrators who manage the day-to-day activities of the program; and
- 3) Up to \$5,000 towards the salary of (an) external evaluator(s)

Letter of Intent: May 22, 2020; May 24, 2021; May 24, 2022

Proposal Submission Deadline: July 24, 2020; June 24, 2021; June 24, 2022

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.

Contact: Zeynep Erim, Ph.D., National Institute of Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering (NIBIB)
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Grant Program: NIH Director's Emergency Transformative Research Awards (R01 Clinical Trial Optional)

Agency: National Institutes of Health RFA-RM-20-020

Companion Funding Opportunities:

RFA-RM-20-013 [R01](#) NIH Director's Transformative Research Award

RFA-RM-20-014 [DP5](#) NIH Director's Early Independence Award

RFA-RM-20-021 [DP5](#) NIH Director's Emergency Early Independence Award

RFP Website: <https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-RM-20-020.html>

Brief Description: This FOA solicits applications responsive only to the COVID-19 public health emergency through support of the [CARES Act](#). All other Transformative Research Award applications must be submitted in response to RFA-RM-20-013.

The [NIH Director's Transformative Research Award Program](#) supports individual scientists or groups of scientists proposing groundbreaking, exceptionally innovative, original, and/or unconventional research

with the potential to create new scientific paradigms, establish entirely new and improved clinical approaches, or develop transformative technologies. For the program to support the best possible researchers and research, applications are sought which reflect the full diversity of the nation's research workforce. Individuals from diverse backgrounds and from the full spectrum of eligible institutions in all geographic locations are strongly encouraged to apply to this Funding Opportunity Announcement. No preliminary data are required. Projects must clearly demonstrate, based on the strength of the logic, a compelling potential to produce a major impact on SARS-CoV-2 prevention, preparation, or response. The NIH Director's Transformative Research Award is a component of the [High-Risk, High-Reward Research \(HRHR\) Program](#) of the [NIH Common Fund](#).

Awards: Application budgets are not limited but must be commensurate with the scope of the proposed research. Due to the COVID-19 public health emergency, the Common Fund will dedicate funds provided by the [CARES Act](#) to support a total of 5-10 Transformative Research Awards (through this FOA) or [Early Independence Awards](#) (through RFA-RM-20-021)

Letter of Intent: Not Required

Proposal Submission Deadline: September 30, 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).

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.

Contact: Ravi Basavappa, Ph.D., Office of the Director (OD), 301-435-7204

Email: Transformative_Awards@mail.nih.gov

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

Grant Program: CRANBAA-20-0002

Agency: Department of Defense N00164-20-1-2001

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

Brief Description: Naval Surface Warfare Center (NSWC) Crane and the Office of the Undersecretary of Defense for Research and Engineering (OUSD(R&E))'s Joint Hypersonic Transition Office (JHTO) are interested in receiving research proposals in the following areas. Each will have a Period of Performance (PoP) of 12 months.

- a. Systems-level design of high-temperature composite materials and structures research utilization of fiber architectures and matrix compositions
- b. Novel position, navigation, and timing and adaptive flight controls
- c. Design-oriented models to optimize scramjet and multi-mode engines
- d. Simulation Methods for the Rapid Prediction of Hypersonic Environments
- e. Addressing the flow path processes that occur in rectangular or curved inlets and isolators including the destabilization that may occur due to junction flows or off-nominal flight conditions
- f. The development of methods and models including validation experiments and instrumentation to provide high quality data on multiphase blast properties and structural responses to structures
- g. Improving the understanding of rotating detonation rocket engine (RDRE) physics and developing design solutions for their inherent technical challenges
- h. Hypersonic Workforce Curricula Development

Awards: Multiple awards are anticipated; Available funding: \$4,000,000

Letter of Intent: Not Required

Proposal Deadline: July 22, 2020

Contact Information: Dallas Parsley Code 022 BLDG 3373 Naval Surface Warfare Center Crane Division 300 HWY 361 Crane, IN 47522 Email: dallas.parsley@navy.mil

Grant Program: Future Scholars for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Workforce

Agency: Department of Defense FOA20AFRLRVKE0001

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

Brief Description: This FOA supports STEM Workforce Development programs or projects that align with the Federal STEM Strategy and the DoD STEM Mission. This announcement encourages programs or projects that improve the capacity of education systems and communities to create impactful STEM educational experiences for students and teachers, and prepare the 21st century STEM workforce. AFRL's Workforce Development programs or projects include, but are not limited to:

- Internships (High School through Doctoral)
- Fellowship Apprentice/Residency Programs
- College or University project-based learning programs
- Formal or informal workforce development programs or projects that align with the Federal STEM Strategy and DOD STEM Mission

Before submitting an application, Recipients are highly encouraged to read the Federal STEM Education Strategy at <https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2018/12/STEM-Education-Strategic-Plan2018.pdf> and the DoD STEM's Mission at <https://dodstem.us/>.

Awards: Multiple awards are anticipated; Available funding: \$50,000,000

Proposal Deadline: Initial Submission Deadline For Proposals 21 July 2020, 2:00 PM EST

Final Submission Deadline For Proposals 22 July 2024, 2:00 PM EST

Contact Information: Sara Telano, Grantor, Phone 5058537353 sara.telano@us.af.mil

Grant Program: Defense Sciences Office Office-wide

Agency: Department of Defense DARPA - Defense Sciences Office HR001120S0048

Website: <https://beta.sam.gov/opp/36d6bc789b364142a0f7a267017b06d9/view>

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 or studies and analysis proposals that address one or more of the following technical thrust areas: (1) Frontiers in Math, Computation and Design, (2) Limits of Sensing and Sensors, (3) Complex Social Systems, and (4) Anticipating Surprise. Each of these thrust areas 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: Multiple awards are anticipated; however, the level of funding for individual awards made under this solicitation has not been predetermined and will depend on the scope and quality of the proposals received, as well as the availability of funds.

Proposal Deadline: Executive Summary Due Date and Time: Executive Summaries may be submitted on a rolling basis until Executive Summary Due Date: June 11, 2021, 4:00 p.m. o Proposal Abstract Due Date and Time: Abstracts may be submitted on a rolling basis until June 11, 2021, 4:00 p.m. o FAQ Submission Deadline: June 2, 2021, 4:00 p.m. See Section VIII.A. o Full Proposal Due Date and Time: Proposals may be submitted on a rolling basis until June 11, 2021, 4:00 p.m

Contact Information: Phil Root, Deputy Director, DARPA/DSO o BAA Email: HR001120S0048@darpa.mil

Grant Program: COVID-19 Seedling Research Topics

Agency: Department of Defense IARPA IARPA-BAA-20-01

Website: <https://beta.sam.gov/opp/173394225301447791745b4ffe707a52/view#general>

Brief Description: The Intelligence Advanced Research Projects Activity (IARPA) invests in high-risk/highpayoff research programs that have the potential to provide our nation with an overwhelming intelligence advantage. The current COVID-19 pandemic focuses attention on the need for technologies to assist with:

- detection and sensing;
- supply chain management and integrity;
- geo-spatio-temporal monitoring and mapping, with privacy protection;
- information reliability and collaboration tools; and
- modeling, simulation, and predictive analytics.

These technologies align well with needs of the intelligence and national security communities and are, therefore, under the purview of IARPA's research mission. Successful technology solutions will require creative, multidisciplinary methods, paradigm changing thinking, and transformative approaches. Preference will be given to research with the ability to not only provide rapid capability against the current COVID-19 pandemic, but also enhanced warning and response capacity for future similar events.

Awards: Multiple awards anticipated

Proposal Deadline: Proposal Due Date for Initial Round of Selections: July 7, 2020 (Offerors may submit proposals any time after June 5, 2020 until the proposal due date for initial round of selections, July 7, 2020.) o BAA Closing Date: May 20, 2021 (A BAA amendment will be issued to announce subsequent rounds of selections, if any)

Contact Information: ATTN: IARPA-BAA-20-01 Office of the Director of National Intelligence Intelligence Advanced Research Projects Activity Washington, DC 20511 Electronic mail: dni-IARPA-BAA-20-01@iarpa.gov Phone: Contracting Officer, 301-243-1886 (email is preferred)

Grant Program: C4ISR, Information Operations, Cyberspace Operations and Information Technology System Research

Agency: Department of Defense Naval Information Warfare Center Pacific N66001-20-S-4702

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

Brief Description: Naval Information Warfare Center, Pacific (NIWC Pacific), is soliciting proposals in accordance with FAR 35.016, DoDGARS 22.315(a), and DoD Other Transactions (OT) Guide for Prototype Projects for research in areas relating to the advancement of C4ISR capabilities, enabling technologies for Information Operations and Cyberspace Operations, and Information Technology systems. 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.

Proposed research should investigate unique and innovative approaches for defining and developing next generation integratable C4ISR capabilities and command suites. The area topics reflect the interest of the NIWC Pacific, but interest from other Team NAVWAR components could be generated and selections could be made for funding by other than NIWC Pacific. Only offers that are in the areas of basic research, applied research, advanced technology development, and advanced component development and prototypes will be considered (see Appendix A). Testing and optimizing of concepts or prototypes may be necessary. This may involve virtual simulation and/or laboratory as well as at sea measurements.

Awards: Multiple awards are anticipated

Proposal Deadline: This announcement is open for 365 days from the original posting date. Any white papers received during that time shall only be considered for award of a contract, other transaction, grant, or cooperative agreement. Closing date; June 03. 2021

Contact Information: David Roden (Primary) Contract Specialist Telephone: (619) 553-2087 Email: David.Roden@navy.mil NIWC Pacific Code 22710 53560 Hull Street San Diego, CA 92152-5001

Grant Program: Naval Air Warfare Center Aircraft Division (NAWCAD) Office-Wide

Agency: Department of Defense NAVAIR N00421-20-S-0001

Website: [N00421-20-S-0001 at Beta.Sam.Gov](https://www.beta.sam.gov/N00421-20-S-0001)

Brief Description: The Naval Air Warfare Center Aircraft Division (NAWCAD) is interested in receiving proposals for research and development projects, which offer potential for advancement and improvement of NAWCAD operations. Readers should note that this is an announcement to declare NAWCAD's broad role in competitive funding of meritorious research across a spectrum of science and engineering disciplines. NAWCAD has identified the research needed to address the challenges, problems, and future technology needs of the Warfighter. Research Opportunity Areas of Interest:

Systems Engineering. Areas of research include but are not limited to the following: integrated modeling environments, model based systems engineering methodology, integration of system models and physics-based models, systems safety engineering, air platform development and integration, system of systems architectures, aviation/ship integration, combat survivability, reliability and maintainability engineering, anti-tamper engineering, electromagnetic environmental effects engineering, and manufacturing.

Research and Intelligence. Areas of research include but are not limited to the following: autonomous behaviors, big data workflow, machine learning (ML)/deep learning (DL), AI enabling technologies, quantum technologies, optics research & fabrication and chemical detection.

Modeling and Simulation. Areas of research include but are not limited to the following: weapon training systems, parallel computing, virtual environments, tactical decision-making, training technologies, multi-discipline simulation methodology development, constructive modeling and simulation, verification, and validation. • Logistics. Areas of research include but are not limited to supply chain development, supportability design, model based product support, automated sustainment monitoring, and supportability.

Additional areas include Data Analysis, Cyber, Weapons & Energetics Integration, Human Systems..

Awards: Various

Proposal Deadline: This announcement will remain open for one (1) year from the date of publication, or until replaced by a successor BAA. Proposals may be submitted at any time during this period.

Contact Information: Elisabeth Keith Contract Specialist Phone 3017570231 [NAWCAD BAA Coordinator Email](#)

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Department of Transportation

Grant Program: UTC PROGRAM TIER 1 COMPETITION 2020

Agency: Department of Transportation UTCTIER1COMP2020

Website: <https://www.transportation.gov/content/university-transportation-centers>

Brief Description: The U.S. Dept. of Transportation seeks applications for four new Tier 1 University Transportation Centers, intending (subject to the merits of applications received) to fund one UTC in each of the following specific topic areas:

1. Highly Automated Transportation Systems Research
2. Communications Technology and E-Commerce Effects on Travel Demand
3. Implications of Accessible Automated Vehicles and Mobility Services for People with Disabilities
4. Strategic Implications of Changing Public Transportation Travel Trends

Under statutory restrictions, lead/grantee universities on the twenty current Tier 1 UTCs with grants initially awarded in 2016 are not eligible to receive one of the new Tier 1 grants; non-lead consortium-member universities on current Tier 1 UTCs are eligible.

Awards: Up to \$1,925,000; Estimated available funding: \$4,925,000

Letter of Intent: April 29, 2020

Proposal Deadline: May 29, 2020

Contact Information: Amy Stearns University Program Specialist 202-366-4957 amy.stearns@dot.gov

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Department of Agriculture:

Grant Program: Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grants

Agency: Department of Agriculture RUS-20-02-DLT

Website: <https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/distance-learning-telemedicine-grants>

Brief Description: Authorized by 7 U.S.C. 950aaa, the DLT Program provides financial assistance to enable and improve distance learning and telemedicine services in rural areas. DLT grant funds support the use of telecommunications-enabled information, audio and video equipment, and related advanced technologies by students, teachers, medical professionals, and rural residents. These grants are intended to increase rural access to education, training, and health care resources that are otherwise unavailable or limited in scope.

Awards: Approximately \$25 million, in addition to any available funds not awarded from Window 1, is available for funding opportunities under this FOA.

Proposal Deadline: July 13, 2020

Contact Information: dltinfo@usda.gov; (202) 720-0800

Grant Program: Biotechnology Risk Assessment Grants Program

Agency: Department of Agriculture USDA-NIFA-BRAP-007072

Website: <https://nifa.usda.gov/funding-opportunity/biotechnology-risk-assessment-research-grants-program-brag>

Brief Description: The purpose of the BRAG program is to support the generation of new information that will assist Federal regulatory agencies in making science-based decisions about the effects of introducing into the environment genetically engineered organisms (GE), including plants,

microorganisms — such as fungi, bacteria, and viruses — arthropods, fish, birds, mammals and other animals excluding humans. Investigations of effects on both managed and natural environments are relevant. The BRAG program accomplishes its purpose by providing federal regulatory agencies with scientific information relevant to regulatory issues. See the Request for Applications (RFA) for details. [View the Centers of Excellence \(COE\) webpage](#) to access a factsheet on the COE designation process, including COE criteria, and a list of programs offering COE opportunities.

Awards: Up to \$500,000; Anticipated available funding: \$4,500,000

Proposal Deadline: Mar 18, 2020 FY 2020: March 18, 2020 FY 2021: February 24, 2021 Letter of Intent Deadline: February 12, 2020; January 21, 2021 Note: Letter of Intent encouraged but not required

Contact Information: Dr. Lakshmi Matukumalli lakshmi.matukumalli@usda.gov (816)-926-1189

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.

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: Supply Chains Tracing Project

Agency: Department of Labor NOI-ILAB-20-04

Website: [NOI-ILAB-20-04](#):

Brief Description: The project will aim to achieve the following three outputs: (1) increased number of tested supply chain tracing methodologies; (2) increased number of piloted tools for supply chain tracing; and (3) increased dissemination of supply chain tracing tools and methodologies to a broad range of stakeholders. The Employment and Training Administration (ETA)'s Office of Grants Management anticipates publishing a Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) around July 20, 2020, and intends to make awards by November 30, 2020 (these dates are subject to change). Please refer to: <http://www.dol.gov/ilab/grants/> and <https://www.dol.gov/agencies/ilab/resources/grants> for general guidelines and examples of previous cooperative agreement applications. This notice does not include an FOA or any attachments. It only constitutes a notice of USDOL's intent to publish an FOA at a later date. Interested applicants are encouraged to monitor www.grants.gov for the FOA because, if an FOA is

published, grants.gov is the method by which the FOA will be made available to the public. No email or paper copies of any FOA will be provided.

Awards: Up to \$4,000,000; Estimated Total Program Funding: \$8,000,000

Proposal Deadline: This is a Notice of Intent. An announcement is not related to this notice. We are not accepting applications at this time.

Contact Information: Sue Levenstein, Grants Management Specialist. levenstein.susan.l@dol.gov

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EPA

Grant Program: Early Career: Assessment Tools for Biotechnology Products

Assessment Tools for Biotechnology Products (EPA-G2020-STAR-C1)

Agency: Environmental Protection Agency EPA-G2020-STAR-C2

Website: <https://www.epa.gov/research-grants/assessment-tools-biotechnology-products>

Brief Description: The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), as part of its Science to Achieve Results (STAR) program, is seeking applications proposing research to support the development of improved science-based human health and environmental risk assessments of new biotechnology products, including those developed through synthetic biology, genome editing, and metabolic engineering.

The Science to Achieve Results (STAR) Program's goal is to stimulate and support scientific and engineering research that advances EPA's mission to protect human health and the environment. It is a competitive, peerreviewed, extramural research program that provides access to the nation's best scientists and engineers in academic and other nonprofit research institutions. STAR funds research on the environmental and public health effects of air quality, environmental changes, water quality and quantity, hazardous waste, toxic substances, and pesticides. In addition to regular awards, this solicitation includes the opportunity for early career awards. The purpose of the early career award is to fund research projects smaller in scope and budget by early career PIs.

Award: Estimated Number of Awards: Approximately 7 awards, 4 regular and 3 early career awards

Anticipated Funding Amount: Approximately \$4.4 million total for all awards Potential Funding per

Award: Up to a total of \$760,000 for regular awards, and up to a total of \$453,333 for early career awards, including direct and indirect costs, with a maximum duration of 3 years.

Submission Deadline: Solicitation Closing Date: July 15, 2020:11:59:59 pm Eastern Time

Contact: Technical Contact: Barbara Klieforth; phone: 202-564-7723; email: klieforth.barbara@epa.gov

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Department of Energy

Grant Program: Small-Scale Solid Oxide Fuel Cell Systems and Hybrid Electrolyzer Technology Development

Agency: Department of Energy Office of Science DE-FOA-0002300

Website: https://www.fedconnect.net/FedConnect/PublicPages/PublicSearch/Public_Opportunities.aspx

Brief Description: This FOA will solicit applications for multiple areas of interest and will correspond to research outlined in the Department's August 2019 Report on the Status of the Solid Oxide Fuel Cell

Program” (<https://www.energy.gov/fe/report-congress-status-solid-oxide-fuel-cell-program>), to Congress and could include, but are not limited to the following:

- * Small-scale (nominally 5-25 kWe) distributed generation SOFC systems.
- * Hydrogen production from Solid State Electrolyzer Cell (SOEC) systems and reversible SOFC systems including improving and validating the materials and systems required for the improving the cost, performance and reliability of systems using natural gas or coal-derived syngas as fuel.
- * Cleaning of coal-derived syngas for use as SOFC fuel and testing of single and multiple cells on syngas.

Awards: Estimated Total Program Funding: \$30,000,000

Letter of Intent: Required by June 26, 2020

Submission Deadline: July 27, 2020 at 3:00PM ET.

Contact: Ryan Miller, Grantor, Phone 202-287-1487 ryan.miller@hq.doe.gov

Grant Program: FY20 Advanced Manufacturing Office Multi-Topic FOA

Agency: Department of Energy Office of Science DE-FOA-0002252

Website: <https://eere-exchange.energy.gov/#FoaId96fd81da-41e6-4d21-b5b9-06252b707825>

Brief Description: AMO supports innovative, advanced-manufacturing applied research and development (R&D) projects that focus on specific, high-impact manufacturing technology and process challenges. AMO invests in foundational, energy-related, advanced-manufacturing processes (where energy costs are a determinant of competitive manufacturing) and broadly applicable platform technologies (the enabling base upon which other systems and applications can be developed). The competitively selected projects from this FOA will focus on developing next-generation manufacturing material, information, and process technologies that improve energy efficiency in energy-intensive and energy-dependent processes, and facilitate the transition of emerging, cost-competitive energy technologies to domestic production.

Awards: Estimated Total Program Funding: \$67,000,000

Letter of Intent: Concept Paper Submission Deadline: 6/25/2020 5:00 PM ET

Submission Deadline: Full Application Submission Deadline: 8/26/2020 5:00 PM ET

Contact: <https://eere-exchange.energy.gov>

Grant Program: FY2020 AMO Critical Materials FOA: Next-Generation Technologies and Field Validation

Agency: Department of Energy DE-FOA-0002322

Website: <https://eere-exchange.energy.gov/#FoaIdf92d9b97-2d02-4e2a-8b8a-76cba3a2e114>

Brief Description: Through this funding opportunity announcement (FOA), the Advanced Manufacturing Office (AMO) seeks to address gaps in domestic supply chains for key critical materials for clean energy technologies to:

- Enable domestic manufacturing of high energy efficiency and high energy density clean energy technologies;
- Diversify the domestic supply of critical materials; and
- Validate and demonstrate domestic innovative technologies to support the transition to U.S. manufacturing.

This will be accomplished through development of alternative next-generation technologies and field validation and demonstration of technologies that improve extraction, separation and processing. Key critical materials for energy technologies as defined in this FOA include: rare earth elements: neodymium (Nd), praseodymium (Pr), dysprosium (Dy), terbium (Tb), and samarium (Sm) used in permanent magnets for electric vehicle motors, wind turbine generators and high temperature applications; cobalt (Co) used

in batteries used in electric vehicles (EVs) and grid storage and high temperature permanent magnets; and lithium (Li), manganese (Mn) and natural graphite used in batteries (see table below). This FOA seeks to leverage the technology and capabilities developed at the Critical Materials Institute (CMI), an Energy Innovation Hub led by Ames Laboratory and managed by DOE.

Awards: DOE anticipates that, subject to the availability of future year appropriations, the total value of grants made under this FOA will be between \$4 million and \$16 million. DOE anticipates that, subject to the availability of future year appropriations, a grand total of \$20 million will be used to support grants under this FOA and national laboratory authorizations under its companion Program Announcement to the DOE National Laboratories.

Letter of Intent: See below.

Submission Deadline: Concept Paper Submission Deadline: 6/25/2020 5:00 PM ET

- Full Application Submission Deadline: 8/11/2020 5:00 PM ET

Contact: EERE-ExchangeSupport@hq.doe.gov For questions about the Exchange System or submitting an application through Exchange. Include FOA name and number in subject line.

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NASA

Grant Program: ROSES 2020: SAGE III/ ISS Science Team

Agency: NASA NNH20ZDA001N-SAGEIII

Website: <https://nspires.nasaprs.com/external/solicitations/summary.do?solId=%7BABC8F050-A310-7184-B919-6220765BAF10%7D&path=&method=init>

Brief Description: NASA's research for furthering our understanding of atmospheric composition is geared toward providing an improved prognostic capability for key processes and issues, including the recovery of stratospheric ozone and its impacts on surface ultraviolet radiation, evolution of greenhouse gases and their impacts on climate, and evolution of tropospheric ozone and aerosols and their impacts on climate and air quality. Research within the Atmospheric Composition Focus Area addresses the following science questions: • How is atmospheric composition changing? • What trends in atmospheric composition and solar radiation are driving global climate? • How does atmospheric composition respond to and affect global environmental change? • What are the effects of global atmospheric composition and climate changes on regional air quality? • How will future changes in atmospheric composition affect ozone, climate, and global air quality?

Awards: Funding anticipated: \$1,500,000

Notice of Intent: September 18, 2020

Proposal Deadline: November 6, 2020

Contact: Richard S. Eckman, Earth Science Division, Science Mission Directorate, NASA Headquarters Washington, DC 20546-0001, Telephone: 202-358-2567 Email: Richard.S.Eckman@nasa.gov

Grant Program: ROSES 2020: Solar Irradiance Science Team

Agency: NASA NNH20ZDA001N-SIST

Website: <https://nspires.nasaprs.com/external/solicitations/summary.do?solId=%7BEA2EEB7D-1C46-7EA9-747F-B833E9BDA8E5%7D&path=&method=init>

Brief Description: Solar irradiance represents the primary external forcing operating on the Earth and contributes to variability and change in the Earth's climate and atmospheric composition. Solar irradiance can only be measured above the atmosphere given the significant absorption that takes place within the

atmosphere. The Earth system is sensitive to variations in the Total Solar Irradiance (TSI) and to the spectral dependence of any variation, given that different wavelengths experience the most absorption at different altitudes in the atmosphere. Variations in TSI are quite small—the typical variation over the 11-year solar cycle is on the order of 0.1%. Variations in the solar irradiance as a function of wavelength—or Spectral Solar Irradiance (SSI)—increase with decreasing wavelength, by a few percent at the short-wavelength ultraviolet radiation responsible for photodissociation of oxygen and a factor of order unity at wavelengths near Lyman Alpha (121.6 nm).

Awards: Funding anticipated: \$1,000,000

Notice of Intent: August 7, 2020

Proposal Deadline: September 11, 2020

Contact: David B. Considine Earth Science Division Science Mission Directorate NASA Headquarters Washington, DC 20546-0001 Telephone: 202-358-2277 Email: david.b.considine@nasa.gov

Grant Program: NASA Innovative Advanced Concepts (NIAC) Phase I

Agency: NASA 80HQTR20NOA01-21NIAC-A1

Website: <https://nspires.nasaprs.com/external/solicitations/summary.do?solId=%7B9BC1CCC6-3CB9-30BA-8C21-0B88402F4A2A%7D&path=&method=init>

Brief Description: The NIAC Program focuses on early stage feasibility studies of visionary concepts that address national government and commercial aerospace goals. Concepts are solicited from any field of study that offers a radically different approach or disruptive innovation that may significantly enhance or enable new human or robotic science and exploration missions. Proposed concepts must be framed in terms of a mission context that clearly identifies scientific or technical advancements and associated benefits compared to current approaches. Comparatively high risk and far term, NIAC concepts are transformational investments in future NASA and commercial space capabilities. The entry Technology Readiness Level (TRL) for Phase I concepts should be TRL 2 or lower. Proposed concepts must identify credible approaches toward new scientific or technical innovations that advance NASA's strategic themes to Discover, Explore, Develop, and Enable, as outlined in the 2018 NASA Strategic Plan. Advancements are sought across the broad spectrum of disciplines that support the goals and objectives encompassed by these themes, including nontraditional areas such as biophysics, life sciences, human factors engineering, artificial intelligence, resource sustainability, and other topics that may inspire innovative approaches to meet future exploration needs.

Awards: Expected Award Amount: Not to exceed \$125K Expected Number of Awards: 12-16

Proposal Deadline: Step-A Proposals Due: July 22, 2020 (5:00 pm Eastern)

Step B Invitations Issued: August 25, 2020 (Target) Step B Proposal Due: September 29, 2020 (Target), 5:00pm ET

Contact: Jason Derleth, NIAC Program Executive, Space Technology Mission Directorate, NASA Headquarters hq-niac@mail.nasa.gov

Grant Program: ROSES 2020: The New (Early Career) Investigator Program in Earth Science

Agency: NASA NNH20ZDA001N-NIP

Website: <https://nspires.nasaprs.com/external/solicitations/summary.do?solId=%7BB05DE781-3B1F-E548-F61A-BB14F66A2FAE%7D&path=&method=init>

Brief Description: The New (Early Career) Investigator Program (NIP) in Earth science is designed to support outstanding scientific research and career development of scientists and engineers at the early stage of their professional careers. The program welcomes innovative research initiatives and seeks to cultivate diverse scientific leadership in Earth system science. The Earth Science Division (ESD) places

particular emphasis on the investigators' ability to promote and increase the use of space-based remote sensing through the proposed research. Proposals with objectives connected to needs identified in most recent Decadal Survey Thriving on our Changing Planet: A Decadal Strategy for Earth Observation from Space are welcomed.

The NIP supports all aspects of scientific and technological research aimed to advance NASA's mission in Earth system science (See the NASA Science Plan <http://science.nasa.gov/about-us/science-strategy/>).

Awards: Various; Available funding: \$3,000,000

Proposal Deadline: September 20, 2021

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Grant Program: ROSES 2020: Space Weather Science Application Operations-to-Research

Agency: NASA NNH20ZDA001N-SWO2R

Website: <https://nspires.nasaprs.com/external/solicitations/summary.do?solId=%7B2FF5915D-4700-7B3B-43F1-0094ED1BE130%7D&path=&method=init>

Brief Description: The primary goal of the Space Weather Science Application Operations-to-Research (SWO2R) program is to support research to improve numerical models and/or data utilization techniques that could advance specification and/or forecasting capabilities and which could also lead to improved scientific understanding.

The primary goal of this solicitation is to support research to improve numerical models and/or data utilization techniques that could advance forecasting and/or specification capabilities and which could also lead to improved scientific understanding. Effective utilization of available data is encouraged. Employing advanced techniques for data assimilation, ensemble, and/or machine-learning is also encouraged. Improved neutral density specification and forecast capabilities could include, for example, effects of forcing from below, effects of variations in solar EUV flux, effects of heating from particle precipitation and joule dissipation, assimilation of satellite drag data, and regional variations in density. Improved neutral density specification and forecasts can support numerous applications, including satellite drag and orbit propagation, meeting Orbital Debris Mitigation Standard Practices (ODMSP), and planning satellite megaconstellation operations. Improved forecasting and specification of the ionosphere could include the dynamics of total electron content, ionospheric scintillation, and electron density structure.

Awards: Various; Available funding: \$2,000,000

Step 1 Proposal: December 16, 2020

Step 2 Proposal Deadline: February 17, 2021

Contact: James Spann Heliophysics Division Science Mission Directorate NASA Headquarters Washington, DC 20546-0001 Telephone: 202-358-0574 Email: jim.spann@nasa.gov

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National Endowment of Humanities

Grant Program: Media Projects

Agency: National Endowment for the Humanities 20200812-TD-TR

Website: <https://www.neh.gov/program/media-projects>

Brief Description: The Media Projects program supports the development, production, and distribution of radio, podcast, television, and long-form documentary film projects that engage general audiences with

humanities ideas in creative and appealing ways. All projects must be grounded in humanities scholarship and demonstrate an approach that is thoughtful, balanced, and analytical. The approach to the subject matter must go beyond the mere presentation of factual information to explore its larger significance and stimulate reflection. Media Projects offers two levels of funding: Development and Production.

Awards: Maximum award amount: \$75,000 for Development, \$700,000 for Production, \$1,000,000 for Chairman's Special Awards

Proposal Deadline: August 12, 2020

Contact: Contact the Division of Public Programs Team 202-606-8269 publicpgms@neh.gov

Grant Program: Humanities Initiatives

Agency: National Endowment for the Humanities 0200716-AA-AB-AC-AD-AE

Website: <https://www.neh.gov/program/humanities-initiatives-colleges-and-universities>

Brief Description: Humanities Initiatives at Colleges and Universities strengthen the teaching and study of the humanities at institutions of higher education by developing new humanities programs, resources (including those in digital format), or courses, or by enhancing existing ones.

Projects must be organized around a core topic or set of themes drawn from such areas of study in the humanities as history, philosophy, religion, literature, and composition and writing skills.

NEH welcomes applications for projects that are modest in scope, duration, and budget, as well as applications for expansive, long-term projects.

Awards: Maximum award: \$150,000 Available funding: \$3,000,000

Deadlines:

Optional Draft due: June 18, 2020

Application due: July 16, 2020

Contact: Contact the Division of Education Programs Team hi@neh.gov

Grant Program: Public Humanities Projects

Agency: National Endowment for the Humanities

Website: <https://www.neh.gov/grants/public/public-humanities-projects>

Brief Description: The program supports projects in three categories: **Exhibitions** (permanent, temporary, or traveling); interpretive programs at **Historic Places**; and **Humanities Discussions** related to "[A More Perfect Union: NEH Special Initiative Advancing Civic Education and Commemorating the Nation's 250th Anniversary](#)". The period of performance for Planning proposals is up to 24 months. The period of performance for Implementation proposals is up to 48 months. If you are applying for the Implementation funding level, you may now request an additional \$100,000 to create a two-year staff full-time position during a four-year period of performance (or \$50,000 for a one-year period of performance, and a one-year full-time staff position) to work on the proposed project.

Awards: Maximum award amount: Planning: \$75,000; Implementation: \$400,000 (+additional \$100,000)

Deadlines:

Optional Draft due: June 18, 2020

Application due: July 16, 2020

Contact: Contact the Division of Public Programs Team 202-606-8269 publicpgms@neh.gov

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Private Foundations

William T. Grant Foundation

Grant Program: Scholars Program

Agency: William T. Grant Foundation

Website: <http://wtgrantfoundation.org/grants>

Brief Description: The William T. Grant Scholars Program supports career development for promising early-career researchers. The program funds five-year research and mentoring plans that significantly expand researchers' expertise in new disciplines, methods, and content areas. Applicants should have a track record of conducting high-quality research and an interest in pursuing a significant shift in their trajectories as researchers. We recognize that early-career researchers are rarely given incentives or support to take measured risks in their work, so this award includes a mentoring component, as well as a supportive academic community.

Institutional Challenge Grant: The Institutional Challenge Grant encourages research institutions to build sustained research-practice partnerships with public agencies or nonprofit organizations in order to reduce inequality in youth outcomes. Applications are welcome from partnerships in youth-serving areas such as education, justice, child welfare, mental health, immigration, and workforce development.

Improving the Use of Research Evidence: Over the past decade, a growing body of research has illuminated the conditions that facilitate the use of research evidence in policy and practice. For example, studies find that when research is relevant to decision makers, deliberated over thoughtfully, and embedded in policymaking processes, routines, and tools, the findings are more likely to be used. Still, there remain many unanswered questions that are critical to understanding how to improve the production and use of research evidence. What's more, there is a scarcity of evidence supporting the notion that research use in policy and practice will necessarily improve youth outcomes. Serious scientific inquiry is needed. We need to know the conditions under which using research evidence improves decision making, policy implementation, service delivery, and, ultimately, youth outcomes. In short, we need research on the use of research.

Awards: Various; Major research grants on improving the use of research evidence range between \$100,000 and \$1,000,000 and cover two to four years of support.

Proposal Deadline: William T. Grant Scholars: July 1, 2020; Institutional Challenge Grant: September 10, 2020; 3.00 PM EST; Improving the Use of Research Evidence: August 4, 2020 deadlines.

Contact: If interested, please send an email to Atam Dhawan (dhawan@njit.edu) or Richard Rosenberg at rmr@njit.edu

Mozilla

Grant Program: Mozilla Open Source Support (MOSS) Awards

Agency: Mozilla

Website: <https://www.mozilla.org/en-US/moss/>

Brief Description: Mozilla was born out of and remains part of the open source and free software movement. Through the Mozilla Open Source Support (MOSS) awards program, we recognize, celebrate, and support open source projects that contribute to Mozilla's work and to the health of the Internet. MOSS awards are available in the following tracks: Foundational Technology; Global Mission Partners; Secure Open Source Fund.

Track I: Foundational Technology

The Foundational Technology track supports open source projects that Mozilla relies on, either as an embedded part of our products or as part of our everyday work.

Tracks II & IV: Global Mission Partners

The Mission Partners track supports open source projects that significantly advance Mozilla’s mission.

Track III: Secure Open Source Fund

The Secure Open Source (“SOS”) track supports security audits for widely used open source software projects as well as the remedial work needed to rectify the problems found.

Proposal Deadline: MOSS applications are accepted on a rolling basis and are reviewed monthly by an expert selection panel. Reviewers include current Mozilla staff, senior Mozilla alumni, and other respected open source experts.

Contact: If interested, please send an email to Atam Dhawan (dhawan@njit.edu) or Richard Rosenberg at rnr@njit.edu

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Streamlyne Question of the Week

Question: How can I add another investigator or my research ambassador to my proposal in order to help on budget preparation and edit proposal details?

Answer: Select the “Permissions” link from the left hand side of the main proposal screen in any proposal development document. From the Permissions screen you will be able to search for the person you wish to add and grant them a specific level of permission (aggregator, budget creator, viewer). After you select the appropriate person, click “Add” and they will be added to your proposal.

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

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Proposal Submission and Streamlyne Information Internal Timeline for Successful and Timely Proposal Submission

Due to the COVID-19 outbreak, PIs are strongly advised to prepare proposals well in advance of agency deadlines. Every effort will be made to meet agency deadlines following the NJIT Research Continuity Plan (<https://research.njit.edu/njit-research-continuity-plan>).

The NJIT Proposal Submission Guidelines and Policy posted on the website <https://research.njit.edu/proposal-submission-guidelines> provides the expected institutional timeline for proposal submission. Streamlyne User Manuals are posted on <https://research.njit.edu/streamlyne>. For contact information on proposal submission, pre-award services and post-award grant management, please visit research website <https://research.njit.edu/researchers> and <https://research.njit.edu/contact>.

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