

# 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

**NSF Proposal & Award Policies & Procedures Guide (PAPPG) 2020**

**Reminder: Revised Guidelines Now Effective October 5, 2020**

**NSF PAPPG Summary of Changes:**

[https://www.nsf.gov/pubs/policydocs/pappg20\\_1/sigchanges.jsp](https://www.nsf.gov/pubs/policydocs/pappg20_1/sigchanges.jsp)

**NSF Summary of PAPPG Changes Page on Research.Gov Website:** [Click Here](#)

**NSF Biosketch Webpage Link:** <https://www.nsf.gov/bfa/dias/policy/biosketch.jsp>

**NSF Current and Pending Link:** <https://www.nsf.gov/bfa/dias/policy/cps.jsp>

Effective October 5, 2020, the National Science Foundation (NSF) will begin enforcing the [Proposal & Award Policies & Procedures Guide](#) (PAPPG) (NSF 20-1) requirement to use NSF-approved formats for

the preparation of the Biographical Sketch and Current and Pending Support proposal documents. The NSF-approved formats are [SciENCv: Science Experts Network Curriculum Vitae](#) and an NSF fillable PDF.

All other PAPPG (NSF 20-1) changes were effective on June 1, 2020. Please refer to the complete list of PAPPG (NSF 20-1) [significant changes and clarifications](#) which include the IT system changes and other policy-related changes. A set of [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\) on proposal preparation and award administration](#) related to NSF [PAPPG](#) (NSF 20-1) is also available and includes Biographical Sketch and Current and Pending Support information.

### **Biographical Sketch and Current and Pending Support Websites**

- The NSF [Biographical Sketch](#) and [Current and Pending Support](#) websites include links to the NSF-fillable PDF formats, updated FAQs, and instructions.
- For the fillable PDF formats, NSF recommends users download and save the blank PDF document prior to adding content. Populating content directly into a web browser (e.g., Chrome or Safari) may result in formatting inconsistencies. The completed and saved PDF can then be uploaded via FastLane, Research.gov, or Grants.gov.
- Beginning on October 5, 2020, links to the [Biographical Sketch](#) and [Current and Pending Support](#) websites will also be located in FastLane (on the Biographical Sketch and Current and Pending Support Personnel pages), in Research.gov (on the Biographical Sketch and Current and Pending Support Upload pages), and in Grants.gov (on the NSF Senior Key Person Profile form version 2.0).

### **Change of Principal Investigator (PI) and Add/Change Co-PI Requests**

- Effective October 5, 2020, Biographical Sketch and Current and Pending Support documentation must also be in an NSF-approved format when uploaded with a Change of PI and an Add/Change co-PI request in FastLane.

### **Research Performance Progress Report (RPPR) Submissions with Active Other Support Changes**

- Effective October 5, 2020, PIs and co-PIs must include an NSF-approved format for Current and Pending Support when notifying NSF that active other support has changed since the award was made, or since the most recent annual report.
- This new requirement serves as NSF's implementation of the revised RPPR, a uniform format for reporting performance progress on Federally-funded research projects and research-related activities.
- Further details about the RPPR can be found on the Research.gov [About Project Reports website](#).

### **Automated Compliance Checks for NSF-approved Formats**

- Biographical Sketch and Current and Pending Support documents not in an NSF-approved format will trigger a compliance error and ultimately will prevent proposal submission or completion of the post-award action. This compliance check applies to proposals, Change of PI requests, Add/Change co-PI requests, and relevant RPPR submissions.
- The complete lists of FastLane and Research.gov automated proposal compliance checks effective October 5, 2020, are available on the [Automated Compliance Checking of NSF Proposals website](#).
- Note that automated compliance checks also apply when a proposal file update (PFU) is performed on a proposal. Proposers should be aware that if a proposal was previously submitted successfully, a PFU performed on the proposal will be prevented from submission if the proposal does not comply with the compliance checks in effect at the time.

### **NSF-approved Format Updates**

Based on feedback from the research community, NSF has enhanced both approved formats, and users are encouraged to use the latest versions. Please see the system-related [FAQs on using SciENCv](#) and the system-related [FAQs on using the NSF fillable PDF](#) for a list of the improvements to each format. In particular, note the permitted use of "et al." for publication citations in the Biographical Sketch when

listing multiple authors. Senior personnel who wish to include publications in the products section of the Biographical Sketch that include multiple authors may, at their discretion, choose to list one or more of the authors and then "et al." in lieu of including the complete listing of authors' names.

### **SciENcv Enhancements**

The SciENcv module for creating NSF Biographical Sketch and Current and Pending Support documents will be updated prior to October 5, 2020; however, all SciENcv-generated Biographical Sketch and Current and Pending Support PDF documents created on or after April 1, 2020 remain compliant in NSF systems.

Prior to the October 5<sup>th</sup> requirement to use the NSF-approved format, SciENcv will make a number of enhancements that include:

- ability for users to reorder products and appointments in the Biographical Sketch
- ability for users to edit long author citations imported from ORCID on the Biographical Sketch and add "et al."
- addition of a Current and Pending Support tool tip to provide clarification and guidance on how users should document support under a fiscal year calendar

Please see the system-related [FAQs on using SciENcv](#) for details.

As a reminder, the SciENcv tool integrates with ORCID, enabling users to populate the Biographical Sketch by importing data directly from ORCID records rather than having to manually enter all the required information. This helps reduce administrative burden associated with the Biographical Sketch preparation process. Additionally, SciENcv allows users to grant access to delegates to assist with maintaining and updating data. SciENcv also offers users a dynamic and more customized PDF. For example, users with fewer Current and Pending Support entries may elect to use SciENcv to generate their Current and Pending Support PDF document since SciENcv will produce a PDF without any blank pages. Conversely, the Current and Pending Support fillable PDF will always be 15 pages regardless of how much data is included.

### **Latest NSF Fillable PDF Version**

- Revised NSF fillable PDF formats were released on May 1, 2020; however, the previous versions remain compliant in NSF systems.
- The May 1, 2020 version is indicated by "Revised 05/01/2020" printed on the first page of each form.

### **Additional Training Resources**

To learn more about the NSF-approved formats for Biographical Sketch and Current and Pending Support, please view the [NSF PAPPG \(NSF 20-1\) webinar](#) and [NSF-Approved Formats for the Biographical Sketch & Current and Pending Support Sections of NSF Proposals webinar](#).

SciENcv has created the following materials to guide NSF users through the preparation of the NSF documents available in SciENcv:

- [NSF Biographical Sketch Video Tutorial](#)
- [NSF Current and Pending Support Video Tutorial](#)
- [NSF-specific Bookshelf Resource](#) (includes screenshots and step-by-step instructions)

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## **National Summer Transportation Institute (NSTI) New Jersey Department of Transportation**

The New Jersey Department of Transportation is pleased to announce that the Department is currently soliciting proposals for the 2021 National Summer Transportation Institute (NSTI). Please see below for details about the program and instructions on how to apply.

**National Summer Transportation Institute (NSTI):** NSTI is a youth program developed by the United States Department of Transportation as a means to create awareness of the education and career choices that exist in the transportation industry. The NSTI program is also one of several educational initiatives established to promote a diverse, transportation workforce.

**How to Apply:** For more information and instructions on how to apply, please see link below.

<https://www.state.nj.us/transportation/business/research/requestsforproposal.shtm>

**Additional Questions:** If you have questions or concerns or require assistance, please contact **Shivani D. Patel**, Affirmative Action Specialist, Title VI and ADA Unit, Division of Civil Rights/Affirmative Action NJ Department of Transportation by email ([Shivani.Patel@dot.nj.gov](mailto:Shivani.Patel@dot.nj.gov)) or phone at (609) 963-2043.

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## **NJIT Pandemic Recovery Plan**

### **Research Continuity and Phased Recovery Plan**

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

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>
- CDC guidelines on "Symptoms of Coronavirus": <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html>
- CDC guidelines on "Use of Cloth Face Coverings to Help Slow the Spread of COVID-19": <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/diy-cloth-face-coverings.html>

The details on NJIT Research Continuity and Phased Recovery Plan and associated protocols are posted on the website <https://research.njit.edu/njit-pandemic-recovery-plan>

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## **Grant Opportunity Alerts**

Keywords and Areas Included in the Grant Opportunity Alert Section Below

**NSF: Infrastructure Innovation for Biological Research (Innovation); Infrastructure Capacity for Biological Research (Capacity) Secure and Trustworthy Cyberspace (SaTC); Dear Colleague Letter: Future of International Research Collaboration Post COVID-19; Formal Methods in the Field (FMitF); Research on Emerging Technologies for Teaching and Learning (RETTL); Sustainable Regional Systems Research Networks (SRS RNs); CISE Community Research Infrastructure (CCRI)**

**NIH: BRAIN Initiative Fellows (F32); BRAIN Initiative: Pilot resources for brain cell type-specific access and manipulation across vertebrate species (U01); Genomic Data Analysis Network: Genomic Data Center (U24)**

**Department of Defense/US Army/DARPA/ONR: Young Faculty Award (YFA); Verified Security and Performance Enhancement of Large Legacy Software (V-SPELLS); DoD Combat Readiness, Rapid**

Development and Translational Research Award; Defense Sciences Office Office-wide; C4ISR, Information Operations, Cyberspace Operations and Information Technology System Research  
**Department of Transportation: Advanced Transportation and Congestion Management Technologies Deployment Initiative**

**Department of Agriculture: Community Connect Grant Program;** NRCS's Regional Conservation Partnership Program; Agriculture and Food Research Initiative - Foundational and Applied Science

**Department of Labor: Supply Chains Tracing Project**

**Department of Commerce/EDA: FY2021 to FY2023 NOAA Broad Agency Announcement (BAA);** FY2021 Marine Debris Research

**EPA: Center for Early Lifestage Vulnerabilities to Environmental Stressors**

**Department of Energy: Buildings Energy Efficiency Frontiers & Innovation Technologies (BENEFIT)**

**NASA: University Student Research Challenge;** NASA Space Technology Graduate Research Opportunities; ROSES 2020: Carbon Cycle Science; Heliophysics Science Center (HSC); ROSES 2020: Science Team for the OCO Missions

**National Endowment of Humanities: Collaborative Research;** Digital Humanities Advancement Grants; Scholarly Editions and Scholarly Translations

**Private Foundations: New Jersey Health Foundation: Innovation Grants Program; Blavatnik Family Foundation: Blavatnik National Awards Laureate Program**

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

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

**PI:** Jing Li (PI)

**Department:** Computer Science

**Grant/Contract Project Title:** Model-Based Reinforcement Learning with Active Learning for Efficient Electrical Power Converter Design

**Funding Agency:** U.S. Department of Energy

**Duration:** 09/23/20-04/26/22

**PI:** Wenda Cao (PI)

**Department:** Center for Solar Terrestrial Research

**Grant/Contract Project Title:** Synoptic Investigations of the Sun Using SOLIS of NSO

**Funding Agency:** NSF - Association of Universities for Research in Astronomy, Inc.

**Duration:** 10/01/17-09/30/21

**PI:** Laurent Simon (PI)

**Department:** Chemical and Material Engineering

**Grant/Contract Project Title:** A Multiscale Simulation Toolkit for Computational Pharmacology of Trans/Intradermally Administered Compounds in Health and Diseased Population

**Funding Agency:** NIH (FDA)

**Duration:** 09/01/19-03/31/22

**PI:** Alexander Kosovichev (PI)

**Department:** Center for Computational Heliophysics

**Grant/Contract Project Title:** Helioseismic Imaging of Emerging Magnetic Flux for Forecasting of Space Weather Events

**Funding Agency:** NASA

**Duration:** 09/23/20-09/22/23

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

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

**Chairs Johnson and Foster Express Disapproval of Proposed Rule to Restrict Visas for International Students:** The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) issued a proposed rule aimed at restricting visas for international students. The proposed rule would place an expiration date on visas that had previously lasted the duration of a student’s degree program. Now most international student visas would expire after four years. Increased restrictions will also be placed on individuals born in a few dozen countries with a visa overstay rate that exceeds 10 percent, with visas expiring after two years, severely restricting their ability to obtain any degree from a U.S. institution. Over the past several years, temporary visa holders have earned a disproportionately large share of bachelor’s degrees and have earned either half or more than half of U.S. doctoral degrees in certain STEM fields according to statistics from the National Science Foundation. **Chairwoman Eddie Bernice Johnson (D-TX) and Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight Chairman Bill Foster (D-IL)**, co-sponsors of the “Keep STEM Talent Act of 2019,” made the following statement.

“The United States has a long and illustrious history of welcoming foreign-born scientists to study and work here, and these scientists have helped make our global leadership in science and innovation possible. The proposed rule from DHS is just the latest attempt by the Trump administration to isolate the United States’ scientific and academic enterprise and lock out the global talent we need to remain a leader on the world stage. This anti-immigrant proposal serves only to antagonize students, particularly those with African and Middle Eastern nationalities, seeking to learn from and contribute to our nation’s science and research institutions.

“We believe that the United States must do more to uphold research integrity and prevent academic espionage at our institutions of higher education, and the Science, Space, and Technology Committee has been working on a bipartisan basis to that end. However, this proposed rule is not a genuine strategy for enhancing either academic security or national security. We urge that the 30-day comment period be extended to allow a serious review and discussion of the impacts of this proposed rule.”

**Lawmakers Introduce Bipartisan Resolution Recognizing the 50th Anniversary Of The National Oceanic And Atmospheric Administration:** House Science, Space, and Technology Committee Chairwoman Eddie Bernice Johnson (D-TX) and Ranking Member Frank Lucas (R-OK) along with House Natural Resources Committee Chairman Raúl Grijalva (D-AZ) introduced a [bipartisan resolution](#) to recognize the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration’s (NOAA) 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary which falls on October 3. NOAA’s history of environmental stewardship dates back to the 19<sup>th</sup> century, with the creation of the Survey of the Coast in 1807 by President Thomas Jefferson,



followed by the Weather Bureau and the Commission on Fish and Fisheries, all of which came together under one roof when NOAA was established in 1970. “I am delighted to be introducing this bipartisan resolution with my colleagues to recognize NOAA for the integral role they have played to protect the health and safety of the American people over the last 50 years,” said Chairwoman Johnson. “There has never been a more important time for Congress to strengthen and support NOAA as we combat climate change, work to protect our most precious natural areas, and continue to uphold scientific integrity in our federal agencies.” A report is posted on the [website](#).

**House Passes Legislation To Address Climate Change by Investing in Clean Energy Research And Development:**

The House of Representatives voted on and passed [H.R. 4447, the Clean Economy Jobs and Innovation Act](#). H.R. 4447 includes programs to develop and deploy clean energy resources; improve the efficiency of our homes and businesses; electrify our transportation sector; modernize the grid and enhance its resiliency; prioritize the needs of environmental justice communities; reduce carbon pollution from industrial and traditional sources; develop advanced nuclear energy technologies; and much more. This landmark bill contains over a dozen bipartisan pieces of legislation introduced by members of the Science, Space, and Technology Committee this Congress.

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**Webinar and Events**

**Event: Postdoctoral Research Fellowships in Biology Webinars**

**Sponsor: NSF**

**When: October 6, 2020 2.00 PM – 3.00 PM**

**October 9, 2020 12.00 PM – 1.00 PM**

**Website:** [https://www.nsf.gov/events/event\\_summ.jsp?cntn\\_id=301318&org=NSF](https://www.nsf.gov/events/event_summ.jsp?cntn_id=301318&org=NSF)

**Brief Description:** The Postdoctoral Research Fellowships in Biology (PRFB) Program will be holding two webinars. These will provide an opportunity to learn more about the new solicitation (NSF 20-602) and the application process. The webinars will involve a presentation and chance to ask questions through the Q&A function. Materials from the webinar will be available on the PRFB Program site for those who are unable to attend and for general reference.

**To Join the Webinar:** Sessions dates and times and links are as follows. Please feel free to attend the session that best fits your schedule.

**Tuesday, October 6<sup>th</sup> at 2PM (EST)**

<https://nsf.zoomgov.com/j/1615747708?pwd=d1JuSlZ5OHlua1dpNzBCaWwvYUJtdz09>

Meeting ID: 161 574 7708

Passcode: zC8RyH

**Friday, October 9<sup>th</sup> at 12PM (EST)**

<https://nsf.zoomgov.com/j/1613610345?pwd=WnIKZlY1U2NwM2l0TWloYVVFuM2duZz09>

Meeting ID: 161 361 0345

Passcode: 3x=\*NY

**Event: National Research Experience and Mentoring (REM) Program - Informational Webinar**

**Sponsor: NSF**

**When: October 6, 2020 12.00 PM – 1.00 PM**

**Website:** [https://www.nsf.gov/events/event\\_summ.jsp?cntn\\_id=301178&org=NSF](https://www.nsf.gov/events/event_summ.jsp?cntn_id=301178&org=NSF)

**Brief Description:** The [REM program](#) seeks to advance scientific progress in research and innovation while broadening participation of underrepresented groups in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) fields.

The REM program supports these goals through supplements to active Emerging Frontiers in Research and Innovation (EFRI) research awards and active Engineering Research Center (ERC) awards, as described in the FY 2021 REM Dear Colleague Letter (DCL):

- [Dear Colleague Letter: Opportunity for Active EFRI and ERC Awardees to Apply for Supplemental Funding through the Research Experience and Mentoring \(REM\) Program \(NSF 20-117\)](#)

The REM Informational Webinar will present a detailed description of the REM program and provide a forum for answering questions about the program and submitting a proposal.

**To Join the Webinar:** Register in advance for this

webinar: [https://nsf.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN\\_p5YBex35TRSNSNzj8ZMIdw](https://nsf.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_p5YBex35TRSNSNzj8ZMIdw)

**Event: CISE Distinguished Lecture: Enabling the quantum revolution- pioneering advances to achieve quantum computing & impact at scale**

**Sponsor:** NSF

**When:** October 8, 2020 11.00 AM – 12.30 PM

**Website:** [https://www.nsf.gov/events/event\\_summ.jsp?cntn\\_id=301306&org=NSF](https://www.nsf.gov/events/event_summ.jsp?cntn_id=301306&org=NSF)

**Brief Description:** Pioneering the next revolution requires scientific, technological, and community development. It requires discovery and innovation, partnership and collaboration. We're traveling on a revolutionary journey together --- a journey to scale. Solutions to planet-scale challenges require us to redefine computing to unlock breakthroughs. Redefining computing to be empowered by quantum mechanics --- quantum computing --- promises to enable some of these breakthroughs. But redefining computing requires redefining the full stack, in order to realize the full potential of quantum computing at scale. It also requires redefining how to work together and achieve breakthroughs. I'll describe how we are defining a new era of computing, what we need to do to reach the full potential of quantum computing, and the challenges we need to continue to tackle, together, as a community to spark the next revolution in computing.

**To Join the Webinar: To Join the webinar, please register at:**

[https://nsf.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN\\_QS-wzsLORHa7NWDhc-SsNw](https://nsf.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_QS-wzsLORHa7NWDhc-SsNw)

**Event: National CSforAll Research-Practice Partnership Workshop**

**Sponsor:** NSF

**When:** October 12, 2020 to October 16, 2020; 1.00 PM – 3.45 PM

**Website:** [https://www.nsf.gov/events/event\\_summ.jsp?cntn\\_id=301136&org=NSF](https://www.nsf.gov/events/event_summ.jsp?cntn_id=301136&org=NSF)

**Brief Description:** This fall, The National Network of Education Research-Practice Partnerships (NNERPP) is excited to host a virtual RPP Development Workshop to support research-practice partnership teams applying for [NSF's Computer Science for All \(CSforAll\) RPP solicitation](#).

Teams will develop a deeper understanding of what an RPP is, how to form and sustain one, and how to design an RPP project or proposal. In particular, this virtual workshop will emphasize how to identify and refine the problem of practice your partnership seeks to address, strategies for how to carry out partnership research in support of the identified problem, evaluation questions related to improving your partnership efforts, and the kinds of data you will need to collect to inform and improve your project in a timely way. You will leave the workshop with a plan or outline for a project or proposal that you can further develop as an established team.

Each day of the workshop includes two blocks of 75 minutes each. During Monday through Thursday, in the first block we will offer information sessions that will present critical information from the workshop



curriculum and answer questions from the entire group. In the second block during those four days, we will offer the opportunity for one-on-one coaching with experienced coaches for additional customized support. ***This one-on-one coaching opportunity is open only to the first 36 teams who apply and get accepted.*** All subsequent teams who get accepted will be added to a waiting list for coaching. On Friday, the teams that have been selected for the additional coaching opportunity will sign up to meet individually with their coaches for a final feedback session.

**To Join:** For more detailed workshop information, please review the [workshop information on the NNERPP website](#). Note the times listed on the NNERPP website are in CST.

**Event: POLITICO AI Summit: An AI-Powered World**

**Sponsor: POLITICO**

**When: October 15, 2020; 10.00 AM**

**Website:** <https://www.politico.com/live-events/2020/10/15/politico-ai-summit-an-ai-powered-world-000985>

**Brief Description:** Artificial intelligence is changing the world we live in and how we live. The coronavirus pandemic has served as a testing ground for AI's potential with scientists incorporating AI into certain aspects of the public health response to the global crisis. But, while the spread of Covid-19 is providing more opportunities to experiment with AI, ongoing challenges remain around AI governance at the global level and how it is regulated at the federal and city levels in the U.S., its implications for the future of work, the economy, policing and law enforcement, and continued questions around data quality, privacy, ethics and racial equality.

On **Thursday, October 15**, join POLITICO as it virtually convenes its 3rd AI Summit in the U.S., bringing together policymakers, federal officials, technologists, private-sector executives, scientists and advocates to explore the future of AI as the world tries to recover from the pandemic and as the U.S. also deals with social unrest and a presidential election.

*Featured Speakers to be announced.*

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

**Event: Deep Dive Into Deep Tech Incubation Workshop**

**Sponsor: NSF**

**When: September 25, 2020 12.30 PM – 1.30 PM**

**October 16, 2020 12.00 PM – 1.00 PM**

**November 18, 2020 12.00 PM – 1.00 PM**

**December 18, 2020 12.00 PM – 1.00 PM**

**Website:** [https://www.nsf.gov/events/event\\_summ.jsp?cntn\\_id=301160&org=NSF](https://www.nsf.gov/events/event_summ.jsp?cntn_id=301160&org=NSF)

**Brief Description: Part I**

**Friday, September 25, 12 pm Eastern (90 min)**

**How COVID-19 Is Affecting The Deep Tech Startup Ecosystem**

COVID-19 has been the most profound shock to the national research enterprise since World War II. The repercussions are still shaking out, but lost research output due to temporary closures of most state economies has wreaked havoc on the pace of innovation and commercialization in the U.S. It is expected that the financial and economic effects of the pandemic on capital markets will be a catastrophic event for many early-stage companies, especially those that are bringing deep technologies to market. The first part of the Deep Dive Into Deep Tech Incubation webinar series will feature thought leaders from government, academia, startups, and the investment community to discuss how deep tech entrepreneurs can try to weather COVID-19 and make it out on the other side of this ongoing crisis stronger and better prepared.

## **Part II**

**Friday, October 16, 12 pm Eastern (60 min)**

### **Deep Tech Incubation Fundamentals and Best Practices**

Deep tech innovators and entrepreneurs often need increasing levels of support due to the capital intensity and long lead times required to commercialize their innovations. Incubators and accelerators play a critical role in helping fill gaps and connect dots for aspiring deep tech startups, providing everything from mentorship to access to talent and matchmaking with various capital sources. This support is essential to an early-stage company's success, especially given the plethora of well-intentioned programs that can often confuse or misguide aspiring entrepreneurs and innovators who are almost always working with limited resources. The second part of the Deep Dive Into Deep Tech Incubation webinar series will feature leading experts from the nation's top deep tech incubators and accelerators who will share tips, lessons learned, and best practices for deep tech startups and venture development organizations.

## **Part III**

**Wednesday, November 18, 12 pm Eastern (60 min)**

### **Deep Tech Incubation and Academia Nexus**

Deep tech innovation is often born out of academic research at campuses across the nation. As a result, colleges and universities play a unique and critical role in fostering the development and commercialization of technologies that will transform our lives. The technology discovery and transfer processes can be especially risky for deep tech innovations given the complexity of scaling them from lab to market and understanding potential commercial applications. However, colleges and universities remain at the forefront of deep tech incubation. Their people and programs that support this research translation process directly impact the strength and competitiveness of technology innovation in the U.S. The third part of the Deep Dive Into Deep Tech Incubation webinar series will feature visionaries from leading academic institutions to discuss this research translation nexus and how they manage the deep tech commercialization process and instill strong entrepreneurial cultures at their respective campuses.

## **Part IV**

**Friday, December 18, 12 pm Eastern (60 min)**

### **Deep Tech Venture Capital and Corporate Partnerships**

Deep tech startups typically require significant capital and time to get their innovations into the market. More and more financial investors have entered this space as they view the outsize financial returns that are possibly worth the risk of supporting deep tech startups. In addition, more corporate and strategic partners are competing by investing in innovation, whether it is structured as direct investments in early-stage companies or other forms of support like joint ventures or non-recurring engineering. These venture capital and corporate partnerships provide highly valuable validation for deep tech startups, which enables them to raise follow-on capital and secure the partnerships that are critical to commercializing their technology. The fourth and final part of the Deep Dive Into Deep Tech Incubation webinar series will feature top investors and corporations who are actively partnering with deep tech startups as well as entrepreneurs who have benefited from this type of support.

**To Join the Webinar:** Register at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/deep-dive-into-deep-tech-incubation-series-tickets-114163867200>

**Event: BIO-wide Virtual Office Hours**

**Sponsor: NSF**

**When: October 19, 2020 11:00 AM to October 22, 2020 4:00 PM**

**Website:** [https://www.nsf.gov/events/event\\_summ.jsp?cntn\\_id=301092&org=NSF](https://www.nsf.gov/events/event_summ.jsp?cntn_id=301092&org=NSF)

**Brief Description:** As highlighted in [Important Notice No. 147](#) and detailed in a recent [Dear Colleague Letter \(NSF 20-129\)](#), in accordance with NSF's proposal submission modernization effort, the Directorate for Biological Sciences (BIO) will implement a requirement for submission of full proposals via

Research.gov (or Grants.gov) for BIO solicitations that accept proposal submission at any time, i.e., have no deadlines. This is the first phase in an eventual shift to all proposals being submitted via Research.gov (or Grants.gov) instead of in FastLane.

To support the community through this migration, we are offering a series of BIO-wide virtual office hours during which high-level information about the process will be provided and as an opportunity for the community to ask questions of BIO program officers.

The virtual office hours will occur:

- **Mon, Oct 19, 2020, 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM EDT**
- **Tues, Oct 20, 2020, 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM EDT**
- **Wed, Oct 21, 2020, 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM EDT**
- **Thurs, Oct 22, 2020, 3:00 PM – 4:00 PM EDT**

**To Register:** please visit [https://nsf.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN\\_-pXaabftTeiF2phfTaDxIw](https://nsf.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_-pXaabftTeiF2phfTaDxIw).

Please only register to attend one session.

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## Grant Opportunities

### National Science Foundation

#### **Grant Program: Infrastructure Innovation for Biological Research (Innovation)**

**Agency:** National Science Foundation NSF 21-502

**RFP Website:** <https://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2021/nsf21502/nsf21502.htm>

**Brief Description:** The Infrastructure Innovation for Biological Research Program (Innovation) supports research to design novel or greatly improved research tools and methods that advance contemporary biology in any research area supported by the Directorate for Biological Sciences at NSF. The Innovation Program focuses on research infrastructure that is broadly applicable to researchers in three programmatic areas: Bioinformatics, Instrumentation, and Research Methods. Infrastructure supported by this program is expected to advance biological understanding by improving scientists' abilities to manipulate, control, analyze, or measure critical aspects of biological systems, which can be essential for addressing important fundamental research questions. Proposals submitted to these programmatic areas can do one of three things to advance or transform research in biology: develop novel infrastructure, significantly redesign existing infrastructure, or adapt existing infrastructure in novel ways. Projects are expected to have a significant application to one or more biological science questions and have the potential to be used by a community of researchers beyond a single research team.

**Awards:** Standard Grant or Continuing Grant or Cooperative Agreement; **Anticipated Funding**

**Amount:** \$18,000,000 to \$20,000,000

**Letters of Intent:** Not required

**Proposal Submission Deadline:** Proposals Accepted Anytime

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#### **Grant Program: Infrastructure Capacity for Biological Research (Capacity)**

**Agency:** National Science Foundation NSF 21-501

**RFP Website:** <https://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2021/nsf21501/nsf21501.htm>

**Brief Description:** The Infrastructure Capacity for Biological Research (Capacity) Program supports the implementation of, scaling of, or major improvements to research tools, products, and services that advance contemporary biology in any research area supported by the Directorate for Biological Sciences at NSF. The Capacity Program focuses on building capacity in research infrastructure that is broadly applicable to a wide range of researchers in three programmatic areas: Cyberinfrastructure, Biological Collections, and Biological Field Stations and Marine Laboratories. This program will also accept proposals for planning activities or workshops to facilitate coordination that may be necessary in building capacity in infrastructure that meets the needs of a research community. Areas not included in this program are instrumentation (PIs should submit to the MRI program) and, projects that develop infrastructure for a specific research project, laboratory, or institution (PIs should be submitted to the relevant BIO programs that would normally support that research). Projects are expected to produce quality products, result in important science outcomes that will be achieved by the users of the resource, be openly accessible to a broad scientific and education community, and serve a community of researchers beyond a single research team.

**Awards:** Standard Grant or Continuing Grant or Cooperative Agreement; **Anticipated Funding**

**Amount:** \$18,000,000 to \$20,000,000

**Letters of Intent:** Not required

**Proposal Submission Deadline:** Proposals Accepted Anytime

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### **Grant Program: Secure and Trustworthy Cyberspace (SaTC)**

**Agency:** National Science Foundation NSF 21-500

**RFP Website:** <https://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2021/nsf21500/nsf21500.htm>

**Brief Description:** The goals of the SaTC program are aligned with the National Science and Technology Council's (NSTC) [Federal Cybersecurity Research and Development Strategic Plan](#) (RDSP) and [National Privacy Research Strategy](#) (NPRS) to protect and preserve the growing social and economic benefits of cyber systems while ensuring security and privacy. The RDSP identified six areas critical to successful cybersecurity research and development: (1) scientific foundations; (2) risk management; (3) human aspects; (4) transitioning successful research into practice; (5) workforce development; and (6) enhancing the research infrastructure. The NPRS, which complements the RDSP, identifies a framework for privacy research, anchored in characterizing privacy expectations, understanding privacy violations, engineering privacy-protecting systems, and recovering from privacy violations. In alignment with the objectives in both strategic plans, the SaTC program takes an interdisciplinary, comprehensive and holistic approach to cybersecurity research, development, and education, and encourages the transition of promising research ideas into practice.

The SaTC program welcomes proposals that address cybersecurity and privacy, and draw on expertise in one or more of these areas: computing, communication and information sciences; engineering; education; mathematics; statistics; and social, behavioral, and economic sciences. Proposals that advance the field of cybersecurity and privacy within a single discipline or interdisciplinary efforts that span multiple disciplines are both welcome.

Proposals must be submitted pursuant to one of the following designations, each of which may have additional restrictions and administrative obligations as specified in this program solicitation.

- CORE: This designation is the main focus of the SaTC research program, spanning the interests of NSF's Directorates for Computer and Information Science and Engineering (CISE), Engineering (ENG), Mathematical and Physical Sciences (MPS), and Social, Behavioral and Economic Sciences (SBE).
- EDU: The Education (EDU) designation will be used to label proposals focusing entirely on cybersecurity education.
- TTP: The Transition to Practice (TTP) designation will be used to label proposals that are focused exclusively on transitioning existing research results to practice.

**Awards:** Standard Grants or Continuing Grant; **Anticipated Funding Amount:** \$69,000,000

CORE and TTP proposals may be submitted in one of the following project size classes:

- Small projects: up to \$500,000 in total budget, with durations of up to three years; and
- Medium projects: \$500,001 to \$1,200,000 in total budget, with durations of up to four years.

CORE proposals (but not TTP or EDU proposals) may also be submitted in the following project size class:

- Large projects: \$1,200,001 to \$3,000,000 in total budget, with durations of up to five years.

EDU proposals are limited to \$400,000 in total budget, with durations of up to three years. Proposals that demonstrate a collaboration, reflected in the PI, co-PI, and/or Senior Personnel composition, between a cybersecurity subject matter expert (researcher or practitioner) and an education researcher may request up to \$500,000 for three years.

**Letters of Intent:** Not required

**Proposal Submission Deadline: Submission Window Date(s)** (due by 5 p.m. submitter's local time):

January 21, 2021 - January 29, 2021

LARGE proposals

Proposals Accepted Anytime

SMALL, MEDIUM, and EDU projects

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## **Grant Program: Dear Colleague Letter: Future of International Research Collaboration Post COVID-19**

**Agency:** National Science Foundation NSF 20-132

**RFP Website:** <https://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2020/nsf20132/nsf20132.jsp?org=NSF>

**Brief Description:** International collaboration ensures the U.S. science and engineering (S&E) community enjoys access to expertise, facilities, data, and research sites across the globe. Keeping the U.S. engaged with global research is critical to the health of our S&E enterprise.

The COVID-19 pandemic has disrupted science and engineering research and education and the international collaborations that accompany them. With international travel currently curtailed and in-person collaborations uncertain for the foreseeable future, researchers are faced with new challenges and opportunities. Many collaborations have been hard hit by health and safety concerns, lab shutdowns, and unreliable internet access. Others have achieved new levels of productivity, taking advantage of technology to speed research advances, data sharing and dissemination of results.

The NSF Office of International Science and Engineering (OISE) seeks to understand the nature and scope of COVID-19 impacts on international collaboration in research and education. OISE further seeks to encourage creative efforts to leverage the unique moment to enable more robust, resilient and



sustainable collaborations. OISE anticipates that documenting and sharing lessons will strengthen future international collaboration efforts.

**OPPORTUNITY:** This letter invites Rapid Response Research (RAPID) and EARly-concept Grants for Exploratory Research (EAGER) proposals for research to clarify lessons from the COVID-19 pandemic for international collaboration and research to strengthen international collaboration in the future. Proposals must focus on research topics unique to international engagement. Proposals should be submitted by institutions eligible to submit proposals to NSF and must include international collaboration as an integral part of the work. NSF encourages proposals from diverse teams. Proposals from early career investigators are especially welcome.

**Awards:** Standard Grants; **Anticipated Funding Amount:** \$19,000,000

**Letters of Intent:** Not required

**Proposal Submission Deadline:** PIs may request funding using either the RAPID or EAGER mechanism. The RAPID type of proposal is appropriate in cases of "severe urgency with regard to availability of, or access to, data, facilities or specialized equipment, including quick-response research on natural or anthropogenic disasters and similar unanticipated events." RAPID proposals may request funding of up to \$200,000 and an award duration of up to one year. The EAGER type of proposal is appropriate in the case of "exploratory work in its early stages on untested, but potentially transformative, research ideas or approaches." EAGERS provide up to \$300,000 in support for up to two years. OISE anticipates that the Type I proposals may be better suited to the RAPID mechanism while Type II proposals may conform better to EAGER requirements, though PIs should discuss the appropriate type of proposal with the cognizant program officer.

In addition to the standard PAPPG guidelines, proposals under this Dear Colleague Letter (DCL) should include the following:

- Proposal Title beginning with the type of proposal and International, Type I or II: e.g. "RAPID International Type I:" or "EAGER International Type II:".
- Budget should include funding for up to two project team members to attend a PI meeting at NSF in the fall of 2021.
- Email documentation from at least one DCL cognizant Program Officer confirming approval to submit a RAPID (or, as appropriate, EAGER) proposal must be uploaded as a Supplementary Document entitled "RAPID (EAGER) – small dash Program Officer Concurrence Email."

Complete guidance on submitting a RAPID proposal may be found in Chapter II.E.1 of the [NSF Proposal & Award Policies & Procedures Guide \(PAPPG\)](#). Guidance on EAGER proposals is available in Chapter II.E.2 of the PAPPG.

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### **Grant Program: Formal Methods in the Field (FMitF)**

**Agency:** National Science Foundation NSF 20-613

**RFP Website:** <https://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2020/nsf20613/nsf20613.htm>

**Brief Description:** The Formal Methods in the Field (FMitF) program aims to bring together researchers in formal methods with researchers in other areas of computer and information science and engineering to jointly develop rigorous and reproducible methodologies for designing and implementing correct-by-construction systems and applications with provable guarantees. FMitF encourages close collaboration between two groups of researchers. The first group consists of researchers in the area of formal methods, which, for the purposes of this solicitation, is broadly defined as principled approaches based on mathematics and logic to system modeling, specification, design, analysis, verification, and synthesis.



The second group consists of researchers in the “field,” which, for the purposes of this solicitation, is defined as a subset of areas within computer and information science and engineering that currently do not benefit from having established communities already developing and applying formal methods in their research. This solicitation limits the field to the following areas that stand to directly benefit from a grounding in formal methods: computer networks, distributed/operating systems, embedded systems, human centered computing, and machine learning. A proposal pursuing a different field area must make a strong case for why the field area of interest is one that does not currently benefit from formal methods but would be a strong candidate for inclusion as a field area.

**Awards:** Standard Grant or Continuing Grant; **Anticipated Funding Amount:** \$10,000,000

**Letters of Intent:** Not required

**Proposal Submission Deadline:** February 16, 2021

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**Grant Program: Research on Emerging Technologies for Teaching and Learning (RETTL)**

**Agency:** National Science Foundation NSF 20-612

**RFP Website:** <https://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2020/nsf20612/nsf20612.htm>

**Brief Description:** The purpose of the *Research on Emerging Technologies for Teaching and Learning (RETTL)* program is to fund exploratory and synergistic research in emerging technologies (to include, but not limited to, artificial intelligence (AI), robotics, and immersive or augmenting technologies) for teaching and learning in the future. The program accepts proposals that focus on learning, teaching, or a combination of both. The scope of the program is broad, with special interest in diverse learner/educator populations, contexts, and content, including teaching and learning in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) and in foundational areas that enable STEM (e.g., self-regulation, literacy, communication, collaboration, creativity, and socio-emotional skills). Research in this program should be informed by the convergence (synthesis) of multiple disciplines: e.g., learning sciences; discipline-based education research; computer and information science and engineering; design; and cognitive, behavioral, and social sciences. Within this broad scope, the program also encourages projects that investigate teaching and learning related to futuristic and highly technological work environments.

**Awards:** Standard Grants; **Anticipated Funding Amount:** \$19,000,000

**Letters of Intent:** Not required

**Proposal Submission Deadline:** January 25, 2021 Deadline for FY 2021 competition

October 18, 2021 Deadline for FY 2022 competition

October 17, 2022 Deadline for FY 2023 competition

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**Grant Program: Sustainable Regional Systems Research Networks (SRS RNs)**

**Agency:** National Science Foundation NSF 20-611

**RFP Website:** <https://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2020/nsf20611/nsf20611.htm>

**Brief Description:** The United States is made up of regional systems comprising interdependent urban and rural systems and every community category between urban and rural. Urban systems are dependent

on rural systems for the provisioning of food, energy, water, and other materials and natural resources, while rural systems are dependent on urban systems for markets, manufactured goods, and medical resources. These systems are also connected by ecological processes that both influence and are influenced by human behavior. The vital interconnection of urban-rural systems underscores the critical need for the advancement of sustainable regional systems (SRS). The goal of this solicitation is to fund convergent research and education that will advance sustainable regional systems science, engineering, and education to facilitate the transformation of current regional systems to enhance sustainability. To further the advancement of SRS science, engineering, and education, NSF will support Full Scale proposals and Planning Grant proposals for Sustainable Regional Systems Research Networks (SRS RNs).

Sustainable regional systems are connected urban and rural systems that are transforming their structures and processes collaboratively with the goal of measurably and equitably advancing the well-being of people and the planet. The purpose of the SRS RNs competition is to develop and support interdisciplinary, multi-organizational teams of investigators and stakeholders working collaboratively to produce cutting-edge convergent research, education, and outreach that addresses grand challenges in sustainable regional systems. SRS RNs will study multiscale regional systems to further SRS science, engineering, and education. Key elements will include new data, methods, and models to understand interactions between natural, human-built, and social systems; improved understanding of interdependencies, mutual benefits, and trade-offs of different wellbeing outcomes for humans and the environment; new and generalizable theories of change relevant to SRS; the co-production of knowledge; and exploration of concepts of social equity in sustainable regional systems across spatial and temporal scales. SRS RN outcomes will have the potential to inform societal actions for sustainability across urban systems and the connected rural communities that make up regional systems.

**Awards:** Standard Grant or Cooperative Agreement; **Anticipated Funding Amount:** \$31,000,000

Subject to availability of funds and quality of proposals, this SRS RN solicitation will support projects in the following categories:

- **SRS RNs Full Scale Awards (Track 1).** These awards will support fundamental convergent research, education, and outreach that addresses engineering, environmental (biology, chemistry - including sensing, chemical analytics, and recyclable plastics, atmospheric sciences, hydrology, geology), computer and data sciences, and social and behavioral sciences of sustainable regional systems in partnerships that may embrace universities, colleges, practitioners, non-profit organizations, local governments, industry, and community groups. The award size is up to \$15 million total with a duration of 5 years.
- **SRS RNs Planning Grants (Track 2).** These awards are for capacity building to prepare project teams to propose future well-developed SRS RN Full Scale (Track 1) proposals. Each of these Track 2 awards will provide support for a period of one year and may be requested at a level not to exceed \$150,000 for the total budget.

**Letters of Intent:** Not required

**Proposal Submission Deadline:** January 11, 2021

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## **Grant Program: CISE Community Research Infrastructure (CCRI)**

**Agency: National Science Foundation NSF 20-610**

**RFP Website:** <https://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2020/nsf20610/nsf20610.htm>

**Brief Description:** The Computer and Information Science and Engineering (CISE) Community Research Infrastructure (CCRI) program drives discovery and learning in the core CISE disciplines of the three participating divisions [(Computing and Communication Foundations (CCF), Computer and Network Systems (CNS), and Information and Intelligent Systems (IIS)] by funding the creation and enhancement of world-class research infrastructure. This research infrastructure will specifically support diverse communities of CISE researchers pursuing **focused research agendas in computer and information science and engineering**.

The CCRI program supports three classes of awards:

- **Planning Community Infrastructure (Planning) awards support planning efforts to engage research communities to develop new CISE community research infrastructures (Planning).**
- **Medium Community Infrastructure (Medium) awards support the creation of new CISE community research infrastructure or the enhancement of existing CISE community research infrastructures with integrated tools, resources, user services, and research community outreach to enable innovative CISE research opportunities to advance the frontiers of the CISE core research areas. The Medium award class includes New (New) and Enhance/Sustain (ENS) awards.**
- **Grand Community Infrastructure (Grand) awards support projects involving significant efforts to develop new CISE community research infrastructures or to enhance and sustain an existing CISE community research infrastructure to enable world-class CISE research opportunities for broad-based communities of CISE researchers that extend well beyond the awardee organization(s).**

Each CCRI **Medium or Grand** award may include support for operation of the infrastructure, ensuring that the awardee organization(s) is (are) well positioned to provide a high quality of service to CISE community researchers expected to use the infrastructure to realize their research goals.

**Awards:** Standard and Continuing Grants; **Anticipated Funding Amount:** \$25,000,000

With up to 10 **Planning** awards, up to 12 **Medium** awards, and up to 3 Grand awards in each competition. The majority of the **Medium** awards will be for up to three years and in the \$1,000,000 - \$2,000,000 range per award. A small number of **Grand** awards will be for up to five years and in the \$2,000,000 - \$5,000,000 range per award. The majority of the **Planning** awards will be for up to one and one-half years and in the \$50,000 - \$100,000 range per award.

**Letters of Intent:** December 15, 2020

**Proposal Submission Deadline:** January 28, 2021

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## **National Institutes of Health**

**Grant Program: BRAIN Initiative Fellows: Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award (NRSA) Individual Postdoctoral Fellowship (F32)**

**Agency: National Institutes of Health RFA-MH-20-620**

**RFP Website:** <https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-MH-20-620.html>

**Brief Description:** The integrated program of research and training supported by this FOA is intended for postdoctorates who are early in their postdoctoral training period in a given laboratory or research environment, rather than for advanced postdoctorates. Support for early postdoctoral training will maximize the training potential of this fellowship award. Given the interval when applications will be accepted (from 12 months prior to completing terminal degree requirements to 12 months after starting postdoctoral training), it is recognized that some applicants are unlikely to have had the opportunity to generate preliminary data for the proposed project. Accordingly, it is expected that there will be no preliminary data in the application, although inclusion of preliminary data is permissible. The proposed research and training plan should focus on a research area and/or skill set that clearly and strongly complements the applicant's existing research expertise and skills and that will markedly broaden the applicant's knowledge and skills. For example, an applicant with existing skills in molecular neuroscience might propose a research training plan that emphasizes circuit-level neuroscience approaches to brain function. An applicant with existing neuroscience training might propose a research training plan that emphasizes neuroethics. An applicant trained in physics or statistics might propose a research training plan that emphasizes data-intensive/computational approaches to neuroscience.

**Awards:** Individuals may receive up to 5 years of aggregate Kirschstein-NRSA support at the Award budgets are composed of stipends, tuition and fees, and institutional allowance.

**Letter of Intent:** November 9, 2020; July 10, 2021, March 11, 2022, November 9, 2022

**Proposal Submission Deadline:** December 9, 2020; August 10, 2021, April 11, 2022, December 9, 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. No late applications will be accepted for this Funding Opportunity Announcement. 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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**Grant Program: BRAIN Initiative: Pilot resources for brain cell type-specific access and manipulation across vertebrate species (U01 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)**

**Agency: National Institutes of Health RFA-MH-20-556**

**RFP Website:** <https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-MH-20-556.html>

**Brief Description:** The purpose of this FOA is to evaluate molecular or genetic technologies and create pilot production and distribution resources for cell type-specific access and manipulation reagents for several vertebrate species. Applicants to this FOA should propose demonstration projects for reagent resource production, validation, and dissemination. The proposed projects should be scalable. The proposed projects should demonstrate the potential to achieve as many of the following goals as possible. Applicants are required to address goals 1, 2, and 3:

1. Reagents enable unique access to many molecularly defined neural cell types that are found in a complex brain region or significant brain network of a vertebrate and that could exhibit distinct cellular, circuit, or behavioral functions.
2. Reagents are easily produced, disseminated, utilized, and stored.
3. Collection of reagents are catalogued for users in a brain atlas and registered to cell types based on molecular, anatomical, or other properties that can be referenced.
4. Reagents are applicable to both genetically tractable and less tractable organisms in common use by neuroscientists.
5. Specificity and efficiency of targeting brain cell types are validated to be quantitatively high and reproducible.
6. Toxic or perturbative effects to cells, tissues, and organisms are quantitatively low.

7. Access technologies provide flexibility to deliver various reporter, sensor, and effector payloads and are compatible with other methods of access.

8. Technologies to access cell types are potentially usable in human *ex vivo* brain tissue or cells to target gene editors or other effectors to disease-relevant circuits for future therapies.

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

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

**Proposal Submission Deadline:** February 11, 2021; October 19, 2021, by 5:00 PM local time of applicant organization.

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.

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### **Grant Program: Genomic Data Analysis Network: Genomic Data Center (U24 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)**

**Agency: National Institutes of Health RFA-CA-20-053**

**RFP Website:** <https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-CA-20-053.html>

**Brief Description:** This funding opportunity announcement (FOA) is designed to support genomic programs managed by the Center for Cancer Genomics (CCG). The overall goal of all CCG programs is to help elucidate the mechanisms of cancer initiation and evolution, as well as resistance to therapy by means of genomic characterization of well-annotated, high quality tumor samples. These data could, in the future, be used to identify and accelerate the development of new diagnostic and prognostic markers, new targets for pharmaceutical interventions, and new cancer prevention and treatment strategies. It is not the intent of this FOA to fund follow-up translational and functional studies, but rather to enable the cancer research community to develop a new generation of studies that will leverage the genomic findings from NCI programs for the benefit of cancer patients. NCI project data, both ongoing and completed, will provide a unique reference resource on cancer-specific genomic aberrations for the cancer research community at large. *To serve the overarching goals of NCI, this FOA solicits applications for highly collaborative Genome Data Analysis Centers (GDACs) that will, in aggregate, form the Genomic Data Analysis Network (GDAN).*

**Awards:** Application budgets are limited to \$300,000/year in direct costs, but need to reflect the actual needs of the proposed project. The NCI intends to support up to 10 GDAC awards for a total of \$10 million (total costs). Future year amounts will depend on annual appropriations.

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

**Proposal Submission Deadline:** November 12, 2020;

No late applications will be accepted for this FOA.

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.

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

### **Grant Program: Young Faculty Award (YFA)**

**Agency: Department of Defense DARPA DARPA-RA-21-01**

**Website:** <https://beta.sam.gov/opp/aabf37db17b949b88494684292eb854e/view>

**Brief Description:** The Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) Young Faculty Award (YFA) program aims to identify and engage rising stars in junior faculty positions in academia and equivalent positions at non-profit research institutions and expose them to Department of Defense (DoD) and National Security challenges and needs. In particular, YFA will provide high-impact funding to elite researchers early in their careers to develop innovative new research directions in the context of enabling transformative DoD capabilities. The long-term goal of the program is to develop the next generation of scientists and engineers in the research community who will focus a significant portion of their future careers on DoD and National Security issues. DARPA is particularly interested in identifying outstanding researchers who have previously not been performers on DARPA programs, but the program is open to all qualified applicants with innovative research ideas.

**Awards:** Multiple awards are anticipated. Anticipated Funding Available for Award: Each award will include a 24-month base period (a maximum of \$500,000) and a 12-month option period (a maximum of \$500,000).

**Letter of Intent:** Executive Summary Due Date: October 26, 2020, 4:00 p.m. o FAQ Submission Deadline: December 21, 2020, 4:00 p.m. See Section VIII.A.

**Proposal Deadline:** Full Proposal Due Date: January 8, 2021, 4:00 p.m.

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### **Grant Program: Verified Security and Performance Enhancement of Large Legacy Software (V-SPELLS)**

**Agency: Department of Defense DARPA - Information Innovation Office HR001120S0058**

**Website:** <https://beta.sam.gov/opp/7dc5798bf5e74d8aa3df767edd3e0815/view>

**Brief Description:** The goal of the V-SPELLS program is to create a developer-accessible capability for piece-by-piece enhancement of software components with new verified code that is both correct-by-construction and compatible-by-construction, i.e., safely composable with the rest of the system. V-SPELLS will create practical tools for developers to gain benefits of formal software verification in incremental software (re)engineering rather than only in clean-slate introduction. V-SPELLS tools will enable developers to deliver assured incremental modernization of legacy systems in a manner that leverages verification technologies and reduces rather than raises risk. V-SPELLS aims to radically broaden adoption of software verification by enabling incremental introduction of superior technologies into systems that cannot be re-designed from scratch and replaced as a whole.

**Awards:** There are multiple technical areas for this solicitation. Currently, DARPA anticipates multiple awards in Technical Area 1, Technical Area 2 and Technical Area 3; and a single award for Technical Area 4. DARPA anticipates making multiple awards under this BAA, which has a total anticipated funding amount of approximately \$40 million.

**Letter of Intent:** Not Required

**Proposal Deadline:** September 9, 2020, 12:00 noon (ET)

**Proposers Day:** July 29, 2020

**Contact Information:** Dr. Sergey Bratus, Program Manager, DARPA/I2O

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### **Grant Program: DoD Combat Readiness, Rapid Development and Translational Research Award**



**Agency: Department of Defense Dept. of the Army – USAMRAA W81XWH-20-S-CRRP**

**Website:** <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=328340>

**Brief Description:** The CRRP vision is to deliver high-impact medical solutions throughout the continuum of care to increase survivability and readiness of the Warfighter in diverse operational settings. The program seeks to develop innovative solutions to increase medical readiness, mitigate fatalities, optimally treat life-threatening injuries, and promote positive long-term outcomes. While the CRRP focuses on capability gaps in frontline care, the program also considers how chronic disorders typically associated with pre-deployment readiness (e.g., sleep, gastrointestinal conditions) may influence the delivery of care in deployed environments and contribute to injury susceptibility and recovery. Innovations developed by CRRP-supported research may be applied proactively as a way to establish medical readiness ahead of deployment, in-theater at the point of injury or during periods of prolonged care, or during transport/en route care within and from theater to hospital settings. These solutions will not only help to minimize the morbidity and mortality of combat-related injuries sustained by the Warfighter, they will also often translate to civilian care.

**Awards:** The anticipated total costs budgeted for the entire period of performance for an FY20 CRRP RDTRA will not exceed \$2M.

**Letter of Intent:** Pre-Proposal Required

**Proposal Deadline:** Pre-Proposal/Pre-Application Submission Deadline: 5:00 p.m. Eastern time (ET), September 10, 2020 • Invitation to Submit an Application: October 16, 2020 • Proposal/Application Submission Deadline: 11:59 p.m. ET, December 3, 2020

**Contact Information:** CDMRP Help Desk Phone: 301-682-5507 Email: [Help@eBRAP.org](mailto:Help@eBRAP.org)

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**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: 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. 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](mailto:HR001120S0048@darpa.mil)

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**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:** Closing date; June 03, 2021 Any white papers received during that time shall only be considered for award of a contract, other transaction, grant, or cooperative agreement.

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

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**Department of Transportation**

**Grant Program: Pilot Program for Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Planning 2020 Notice of Funding**

**Agency: Department of Transportation FTA-2020-014-TPE**

**Website:** <https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/fastact/factsheets/advtranscongmgmtfs.cfm>

**Brief Description:** The Pilot Program for TOD Planning is intended to fund comprehensive planning that supports economic development, ridership, multimodal connectivity and accessibility, increased transit access for pedestrian and bicycle traffic, and mixed-use development near transit stations. The program also encourages identification of infrastructure needs and engagement with the private sector. Consistent with statutory direction, FTA is seeking comprehensive planning projects covering an entire transit capital project corridor, rather than proposals that involve planning for individual station areas or only a small section of the corridor. To ensure any proposed planning work reflects the needs and aspirations of the local community and results in concrete, specific deliverables and outcomes, transit project sponsors must partner with entities with land use planning authority in the transit project corridor to conduct the planning work.

The Pilot Program for TOD Planning helps support FTA's mission of improving public transportation for America's communities by providing funding to local communities to integrate land use and transportation planning around a new fixed guideway or core capacity improvement project. Per

statute, any comprehensive planning funded through the program must examine ways to improve economic development and ridership, foster multimodal connectivity and accessibility, improve transit access for pedestrian and bicycle traffic, engage the private sector, identify infrastructure needs, and enable mixed-use development near transit stations.

FTA will hold a webinar on this funding opportunity at a date and time to be announced. The webinar will provide an overview of the program, describe eligible applicants and projects, and offer an opportunity for attendees to obtain answers to other questions.

**Award:** The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) announces the availability of approximately \$6.2 million in Pilot Program. FTA may award amounts ranging from \$250,000 to \$2,000,000.

**Letter of Intent:** Not Required

**Proposal Deadline:** An applicant must submit a proposal electronically by **11:59 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time on October 26, 2020.**

**Contact Information:** Dwayne Weeks, Office of Planning and Environment, (202) 493-0316, email: [Dwayne.Weeks@dot.gov](mailto:Dwayne.Weeks@dot.gov)

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### **Department of Agriculture:**

#### **Grant Program: Community Connect Grant Program**

**Agency: Department of Agriculture RDRUS-CC-2021**

**Website:** <https://www.rd.usda.gov/sites/default/files/CCFOAFY21.pdf>

**Brief Description:** The Agency encourages applications that will help improve life in Rural America. See information on the Interagency Task Force on Agriculture and Rural Prosperity found at [www.usda.gov/ruralprosperity](http://www.usda.gov/ruralprosperity). Applicants are encouraged to consider projects that provide measurable results in helping rural communities build robust and sustainable economies through strategic investments in infrastructure, partnerships and innovation. Key strategies include: • Achieving e-Connectivity for Rural America • Developing the Rural Economy • Harnessing Technological Innovation • Supporting a Rural Workforce • Improving Quality of Life

**Awards:** Grant from \$100,000 to \$3,000,000 will be applied to this grant opportunity

**Proposal Deadline:** December 23, 2020

**Contact Information:** Contact Us at: [https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/communityconnect-grants#blocktabs-program\\_page--45](https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/communityconnect-grants#blocktabs-program_page--45).

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#### **Grant Program: NRCS's Regional Conservation Partnership Program**

**Agency: Department of Agriculture USDA-NRCS-NHQ-RCPPC-21-NOFO0001033**

**Website:** <https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/programs/financial/rcpp/>

**Brief Description:** The Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) promotes coordination of NRCS conservation activities with partners that offer value-added contributions to expand our collective ability to address on-farm, watershed, and regional natural resource concerns. Through RCPP, NRCS seeks to co-invest with partners to implement projects that demonstrate innovative solutions to conservation challenges and provide measurable improvements and outcomes tied to the resource concerns they seek to address. Successful RCPP projects embody the following core principles:

- **Impact**—RCPP applications must propose effective and compelling solutions that address one or more natural resource priorities to help solve natural resource challenges. Partners are responsible for evaluating a project's impact and results.

- **Partner Contributions**—Partners are responsible for identifying any combination of cash and in-kind value-added contributions to leverage NRCS’s RCPP investments. It is NRCS’s goal that partner contributions at least equal the NRCS investment in an RCPP project. Substantive partner contributions are given priority consideration as part of the RCPP application evaluation criteria.
- **Innovation**—NRCS seeks projects that integrate multiple conservation approaches, implement innovative conservation approaches or technologies, build new partnerships, and effectively take advantage of program flexibilities to deliver conservation solutions.
- **Partnerships and Management**—Partners must have experience, expertise, and capacity to manage the partnership and project, provide outreach to producers, and quantify the environmental outcomes of an RCPP project. RCPP ranking criteria give preference to applicants that meaningfully engage historically underserved farmers and ranchers.

**Awards:** Up to \$10,000,000; Anticipated available funding: \$360,000,000

**Proposal Deadline:** RCPP Classic Application Period Open through November 4, 2020

**Contact Information:** [NRCS RCPP Staff](#)

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**Grant Program: Agriculture and Food Research Initiative - Foundational and Applied Science**

**Agency: Department of Agriculture USDA-NIFA-AFRI-007692**

**Website:** <https://nifa.usda.gov/funding-opportunity/agriculture-and-food-research-initiative-foundational-applied-science-program>

**Brief Description:** The AFRI Foundational and Applied Science Program supports grants in six AFRI priority areas to advance knowledge in both fundamental and applied sciences important to agriculture. The six priority areas are: Plant Health and Production and Plant Products; Animal Health and Production and Animal Products; Food Safety, Nutrition, and Health; Bioenergy, Natural Resources, and Environment; Agriculture Systems and Technology; and Agriculture Economics and Rural Communities. Research-only, extension-only, and integrated research, education and/or extension projects are solicited in this Request for Applications (RFA). See Foundational and Applied Science RFA for specific details.

**Letter of Intent: Required.**

**Awards:** Up to \$15,000,000; Anticipated available funding: \$290,000,000

**Proposal Deadline:** Thursday, July 29, 2021

**Contact Information:** [AFRI Coordination Team](#)

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**Department of Labor**

**Grant Program: H-1B One Workforce Grant Program**

**Agency: Department of Labor FOA-ETA-20-13**

**Website:** <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=329075>

**Brief Description:** The Employment and Training Administration (ETA), U.S. Department of Labor (DOL, or the Department, or we), announces the availability of up to \$150 million in grant funds authorized under section 414(c) of the American Competitiveness and Workforce Improvement Act of 1998 (ACWIA), as amended (codified at 29 USC 3224a) for the H-1B One Workforce grant program. We expect to fund approximately 15–30 grants, with individual grant amounts ranging from \$500,000 to \$10 million. The purpose of this grant program is to fill critical shortages in economic regions by encouraging states and economic regions to work with industry stakeholders to develop dynamic workforce strategies

that train workers and jobseekers for middle- to high-skilled H-1B occupations in key industry sectors, such as Information Technology (IT), advanced manufacturing, and transportation that are being transformed by technological advancements and automation, as well as other industries of the future that include artificial intelligence (AI), quantum information sciences (QIS), 5G/advanced communications, and biotechnology.

These grants will build proof of concepts of innovative training models that can be replicated by the broader workforce system. Applicants must build support for a common vision for responding to the workforce challenges within their state and economic regions, ensuring that their projects complement and leverage, but do not duplicate existing programs. By forging public-private partnerships—H-1B One Workforce Partnerships—applicants will bring together industry and employers, education and training providers, the workforce system, state and local government, and other entities that will work collaboratively to align resources in response to employer demand and to offer novel education and job training solutions that generate positive outcomes and results.

**Awards:** Awards up to \$10,000,000; Anticipated available funding: \$150,000,000.

**Proposal Deadline:** Nov 12, 2020 The closing date for receipt of applications under this announcement is November 12, 2020. Applications must be received no later than 4:00:00 p.m. Eastern Time.

**Contact Information:** Andrea Chism Grants Management Specialist [Chism.Andrea.N@dol.gov](mailto:Chism.Andrea.N@dol.gov)

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## [Department of Commerce/EDA](#)

**Grant Program: FY2021 to FY2023 NOAA Broad Agency Announcement (BAA)**

**Agency: U.S. Department of Commerce NOAA-NFA-NFAPO-2021-2006626**

**Website:** <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=329261>

**Brief Description:** This Broad Agency Announcement is a mechanism to encourage research, education and outreach, innovative projects, or sponsorships that are not addressed through NOAA's competitive discretionary programs. This announcement is not soliciting goods or services for the direct benefit of NOAA. Funding for activities described in this notice is contingent upon the availability of Fiscal Year 2021, Fiscal Year 2022, and Fiscal Year 2023 appropriations. Applicants are hereby given notice that funds have not yet been appropriated for any activities described in this notice. Publication of this announcement does not oblige NOAA to review an application beyond an initial administrative review, or to award any specific project, or to obligate any available funds. As an agency with responsibilities for maintaining and improving the viability of marine and coastal ecosystems, for delivering valuable weather, climate, and water information and services, for understanding the science and consequences of climate change, and for supporting the global commerce and transportation upon which we all depend, NOAA must remain current and responsive in an ever-changing world.

**Awards:** Contingent to the availability of funds.

**Letter of Intent:** Contact the program director.

**Proposal Deadline:** Applications can be submitted on a rolling basis starting from the publication date of this Broad Agency Announcement up to 11:59:59 p.m., Eastern Daylight Time on September 30, 2023.

**Contact Information:** Mr. Lamar Dwayne Revis, 301-628-1308, [lamar.revis@noaa.gov](mailto:lamar.revis@noaa.gov)

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**Grant Program: FY2021 Marine Debris Research**

**Agency: U.S. Department of Commerce NOAA-NOS-ORR-2021-2006620**



**Website:** <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=329047>

**Brief Description:** The NOAA Marine Debris Program (MDP), authorized in the Marine Debris Act (33 U.S.C. 1951-1958), provides funding to support eligible organizations to conduct research directly related to marine debris through field, laboratory, and modeling experiments. NOAA MDP invites applications for research that investigates and identifies the critical input pathways for marine debris introduction into the coastal zone (shoreline or nearshore), including evaluation of appropriate simultaneous pathways of riverine transport downstream, surface runoff, stormwater discharge, and wind-driven transport, and degradation and fragmentation of debris during transport. Projects should be original, hypothesis-driven projects that have not previously been addressed to scientific standards. Successful proposals through this solicitation will be funded through cooperative agreements. Funding of up to \$2,000,000 is expected to be available for Marine Debris Research grants in Fiscal Year 2021 (FY21). Funding for this grant competition comes through the NOAA Marine Debris Program as annual or supplemental appropriations to the Office of Response and Restoration, National Ocean Service.

**Awards:** Typical awards will range from \$150,000 - \$300,000.

**Letter of Intent:** Applicants must submit a Letter of Intent (LOI) and receive an invitation from the NOAA MDP before submitting a full proposal. LOIs must be submitted as an email attachment to [grants.marinedebris@noaa.gov](mailto:grants.marinedebris@noaa.gov) by 11:59 pm Eastern Time on November 5, 2020.

**Proposal Deadline:** Full applications must be received by 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time, February 8, 2021.

**Contact Information:** Tom Barry [tom.barry@noaa.gov](mailto:tom.barry@noaa.gov), 202-870-2863

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## [EPA](#)

**Grant Program: Center for Early Lifestage Vulnerabilities to Environmental Stressors**

**Agency: Environmental Protection Agency EPA-G2020-STAR-E1**

**Website:** <https://www.epa.gov/research-grants/center-early-lifestage-vulnerabilities-environmental-stressors>

**Brief Description:** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), as part of its Science to Achieve Results (STAR) program, is seeking applications to support a Center for Early Lifestage Vulnerabilities to Environmental Stressors. EPA is interested in supporting a transdisciplinary research center to better understand potential causal relationships among cumulative exposures to chemicals and non-chemical environmental stressors during early lifestages and modifying factors that result in adverse developmental health effects. Developmental health outcomes may include attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD), reduced IQ, obesity, lessened self-regulatory capacities, anxiety, depression, attention problems, lower memory function, or structural changes to the brain. The application should include the development and demonstration of novel and revolutionary quantitative methods and approaches to integrate multidisciplinary data (epidemiology, toxicology, exposure science, risk assessment, public health, social science, and environmental science)

**Award:** Estimated Total Program Funding: \$1,900,000

**Submission Deadline:** November 12, 2020 : 11:59:59 pm Eastern Time

**Contact:** Technical Contact: Intaek Hahn, 202-564-4377;

Eligibility Contact: Ron Josephson, 202-564-7823; Electronic Submissions Contact: Debra M. Jones, 202-564-7839 [Intaek Hahn](#); [Ron Josephson](#); [DebraM Jones](#)

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## Department of Energy

### **Grant Program: Buildings Energy Efficiency Frontiers & Innovation Technologies (BENEFIT) – 2020**

**Agency:** Department of Energy DE-FOA-0002196

**Website:** <https://eere-exchange.energy.gov/#FoaIdaff0bc6d-95b0-4aa6-901b-2ef0a53e8f7e>

**Brief Description:** This FOA is being issued by the U.S. Department of Energy’s (DOE) Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE) Building Technologies Office (BTO). This section describes the overall goals of BTO and the type of projects that are being solicited for funding support through this FOA. BTO’s overall goal is to improve the energy productivity of buildings without sacrificing occupant comfort or product performance. Progress towards achieving this goal will make building energy costs more affordable to the benefit of American families and businesses. The objective of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is to research and develop next-generation building technologies that have the potential for significant energy savings and improved demand flexibility, affordability, and occupant comfort. An additional goal is to advance building construction, remodeling, and retrofit practices, and associated workforces.

**Awards:** EERE expects to make a total of approximately \$80 million of federal funding available for new awards under this FOA, subject to the availability of appropriated funds.

**Letter of Intent:** Concept Paper Submission Deadline: 11/5/2020 5:00 PM ET

**Submission Deadline:** Full Application Submission Deadline: 1/20/2021 5:00 PM ET

**Contact:** [EERE-ExchangeSupport@hq.doe.gov](mailto:EERE-ExchangeSupport@hq.doe.gov) EERE eXCHANGE

- [DE-FOA-0002196@netl.doe.gov](mailto:DE-FOA-0002196@netl.doe.gov) FOA Questions

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## NASA

### **Grant Program: University Student Research Challenge**

**Agency:** NASA NNH20ZEA001N-USRC

**Website:** <https://nspires.nasaprs.com/external/solicitations/summary.do?solId=%7BC9CC1B80-9F50-7B37-2A9B-33CC623FA556%7D&path=&method=init>

**Brief Description:** USRC seeks to challenge students to propose new aeronautics ideas/concepts that are relevant to ARMD. Apart from this, the students also have the challenge of raising cost share funds through crowdfunding1 platform. The process of creating and preparing a crowdfunding campaign acts as a teaching accelerator - requiring students to act like entrepreneurs and taking action. Understanding the market, fundraising and execution are major skills for a future entrepreneur. Crowdfunding also raises awareness in the general public about students’ research. Finally, crowdfunding is being used to excite and bring in non-traditional communities in relationship with ARMD. USRC’s strategic goals are: • Provide broad opportunities for students at different levels, including undergraduate and graduate, to participate in aeronautics research; • Assist in achieving aviation outcomes defined in the ARMD Strategic Implementation Plan (“Strategic Plan”) [1] through NASA-complementary research.

**Awards:** About 5 awards; Available Funding: \$80,000

**Notice of Intent:** Not required.

**Proposal Deadline:** Three-page proposals for the next USRC cycle are due November 12, 2020. Proposals can also be submitted later and will be evaluated in two additional cycles with due dates: February 25, 2021 and June 24, 2021.

**Contact:** Quickest way to resolve questions about this NRA is to email questions to: [HQ-USRC@mail.nasa.gov](mailto:HQ-USRC@mail.nasa.gov)

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**Grant Program: NASA Space Technology Graduate Research Opportunities - Fall 2021**

**Agency:** NASA 80HQTR20NOA01-21NSTGRO-B4

**Website:** <https://nspires.nasaprs.com/external/solicitations/summary.do?solId=%7B2BC591E9-FFFA-4B1C-19A2-9283E5018B99%7D&path=&method=init>

**Brief Description:** NASA's Space Technology Mission Directorate (STMD) seeks to sponsor U.S. citizen, U.S. national and permanent resident graduate student research that has significant potential to contribute to NASA's goal of creating innovative new space technologies for our Nation's science, exploration, and economic future. The development of advanced and innovative space technologies is critical for our Nation to meet its goals to explore and understand the Earth, our solar system, and the universe. Space technology efforts will improve the Nation's leadership in key research areas, enable far-term capabilities, and motivate disruptive innovations that make science, space travel, space exploration and commercial space more effective, affordable, and sustainable. NASA Space Technology Graduate Researchers will improve America's technological competitiveness by providing the Nation with a pipeline of innovative space technologies. NASA's pursuit of a suite of revolutionary discoveries will also lead to major breakthroughs that are needed to address energy, health, transportation, and environmental challenges. This call for graduate student space technology research proposals, titled NASA Space Technology Graduate Research Opportunities – Fall 2021 (NSTGRO21), solicits proposals on behalf individuals pursuing or planning to pursue master's or doctoral (Ph.D.) degrees in relevant space technology disciplines at accredited U.S. universities.

**Awards:** Student Stipend \$36,000 Faculty Advisor Allowance \$11,000 Visiting Technologist Experience Allowance \$10,000 Health Insurance Allowance \$2,500 Tuition and Fees Allowance \$20,500 TOTAL \$80,000

**Notice of Intent:** Please see below.

**Proposal Deadline:** Deadline for submission of proposal November 2, 2020 at 6 PM ET, 3 PM PT  
Deadline for submission of Letters of Recommendation November 5, 2020 at 6 PM ET, 3 PM PT  
Selection notification April 6, 2021 (target) Deadline for intent to accept April 27, 2021 (target) Deadline for submission, by university, of budget with justification and PI CV May 11, 2021 (target)

**Contact:** Claudia Meyer [Program Executive](#)

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**Grant Program: ROSES 2020: Carbon Cycle Science**

**Agency:** NASA NNH20ZDA001N-CARBON

**Website:** <https://nspires.nasaprs.com/external/solicitations/summary.do?solId={4613663C-BD94-C1FF-E216-5032790DD390}&path=&method=init>

**Brief Description:** The Marine and Terrestrial Ecosystems and Natural Resources Management Panel of the 2017 Decadal Survey for Earth Science and Applications from Space (ESAS) of the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine (NASEM) Thriving on Our Changing Planet: A Decadal Strategy for Earth Observations from Space identified several science and application questions which are essential to understanding how the Earth system is changing, what the impact to ecosystems may be, how this may affect the services they provide (i.e., benefits people obtain from ecosystems, such as provisioning of water and food and absorbing human-generated carbon dioxide from the atmosphere),

and how the structure of these ecosystems affects the fluxes of carbon, nutrients, and energy between and across the Earth system. In addition, recent investments in synthesis research, such as the Second State of the Carbon Cycle Report (SOCCR2), as well as recent meetings, for example the 2019 OCB OceanAtmosphere Interactions workshop and 2019 AGU Chapman Conference on Understanding Climate-Carbon Feedbacks, have highlighted key priority areas of research needed to fill important scientific knowledge gaps that will help inform decision-making stakeholders about carbon management and mitigation strategies and improved resilience

**Awards:** Expected total program budget: \$4.5M/year

**Notice of Intent:** September 28, 2020

**Proposal Deadline:** December 3, 2020

**Contact:** Laura Lorenzoni, Program Manager, Ocean Biology and Biogeochemistry Program

Telephone: (202) 358-0197 Email: [Laura.Lorenzoni@nasa.gov](mailto:Laura.Lorenzoni@nasa.gov)

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### **Grant Program: ROSES 2020: Science Team for the OCO Missions**

**Agency:** NASA NNH20ZDA001N-OCOST

**Website:** <https://nspires.nasaprs.com/external/solicitations/summary.do?solId=%7B7B9745C4-04AD-74F8-59B7-3CF0C8EF15E3%7D&path=&method=init>

**Brief Description:** Proposals are solicited for participation in the Science Team for the Orbiting Carbon Observatory-2 (OCO-2) and Orbiting Carbon Observatory-3 (OCO-3) missions. NASA launched the OCO-2 mission in July 2014. OCO-2 has been operating on orbit, producing precise column average CO<sub>2</sub> concentration data globally with validated precision and accuracy of better than 0.25% , since September 2014. The OCO-3 mission, with a near-replica instrument to OCO-2, has been operating on the International Space Station (ISS) since June of 2019 and is now returning data with similar precisions as OCO-2. The primary differences in the data sets are the spatial and temporal sampling as a result of the different orbits of the observations (especially inclination) and the available observational modes of the instruments.

**Awards:** Funding anticipated: \$3,500,000

**Notice of Intent:** November 13, 2020

**Proposal Deadline:** January 13, 2021

**Contact:** Kenneth W. Jucks, Earth Science Division, Science Mission Directorate, NASA Headquarters Washington, DC 20546-0001 Telephone: 202-358-0476 Email: [kenneth.w.jucks@nasa.gov](mailto:kenneth.w.jucks@nasa.gov)

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### **National Endowment of Humanities**

#### **Grant Program: Collaborative Research**

**Agency:** National Endowment for the Humanities 20201202-RZ

**Website:** <https://www.neh.gov/grants/research/collaborative-research-grants>

**Brief Description:** Debate, exchange of ideas, and working together—all are basic activities that advance humanities knowledge and foster rich scholarship that would not be possible by researchers working on their own. The Collaborative Research program aims to advance humanistic knowledge through sustained collaboration between two or more scholars. Collaborators may be drawn from a single institution or several institutions across the United States; up to half of the collaborators may be based outside of the U.S. The program encourages projects that propose diverse approaches to topics, incorporate multiple points of view, and explore new avenues of inquiry in the humanities.

The program allows projects that propose research in a single field of study, as well as interdisciplinary work. Projects that include partnerships with researchers from the natural and social sciences are encouraged but must employ a humanistic research agenda. Partnerships among different types of institutions are welcome as well as new collaborations with international partners.

Proposed projects must aim to result in tangible and sustainable outcomes, for example, co-authored or multi-authored books; born-digital publications; themed issues of peer-reviewed journals; a series of peer-reviewed articles; and open-access scholarly digital resources. All project outcomes must incorporate interpretive work and collaboration to address significant humanities research questions.

**Award:** Maximum award amount: Up to \$250,000 (depending on funding category).

**Proposal Deadline:** Optional Draft due October 15, 2020; Application due December 2, 2020

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

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### **Grant Program: Digital Humanities Advancement Grants**

**Agency:** National Endowment for the Humanities 20210115-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.

**Award:** 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

**Proposal Deadline:** Optional Draft due: December 1, 2020; Application due: January 15, 2021

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

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### **Grant Program: Scholarly Editions and Scholarly Translations**

**Agency:** National Endowment for the Humanities 20201202-RQ

**Website:** <https://www.neh.gov/grants/research/scholarly-editions-and-translations-grants>

**Brief Description:** The Scholarly Editions and Scholarly Translations program provides grants to organizations to support collaborative teams who are editing, annotating, and translating foundational humanities texts that are vital to learning and research but are currently inaccessible or are available only in inadequate editions or translations. Typically, the texts are significant literary, philosophical, and historical materials, but other types of work, such as musical notation, may also be the subject of an edition.

The program supports continuous full-time or part-time activities during the periods of performance of one to three years. Projects must be undertaken by at least two scholars working collaboratively. While international collaboration is permitted, projects must maintain an equitable balance between scholars at U.S. institutions and scholars at non-U.S. institutions. In addition to supporting long-term editorial projects, the program also encourages applications for short-term projects and for projects that are at a planning stage.

**Award:** Maximum award amount \$300,000; up to \$450,000 may be available for projects.

**Proposal Deadline:** Application due December 2, 2020

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

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## **Private Foundations**

### **New Jersey Health Foundation**

#### **Grant Program: Innovation Grants Program**

**Agency:** New Jersey Health Foundation

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

**Brief Description:** The Innovation Grants Program helps researchers and students at our affiliated organizations -- Kessler Foundation, New Jersey Institute of Technology, Princeton University, Rowan University, Rutgers University and Stevens Institute of Technology -- continue to advance their research by providing grants of up to \$50,000 to support further development of their work. Grants must be used to fund only direct program costs. Grants cannot be used to fund overhead, tuition or any other indirect costs. We created the Innovation Grants Program to help address an important need of researchers in the middle stage of our funding continuum – in between very early research ideas and those ready to form companies.

Many of the researchers who receive Innovation Grants have great ideas but lack access to funding and other resources to further their research. Most do not have an understanding of the business processes required to achieve their goal – proof of concept and commercialization of their work to make their device or treatment available to those who need it. Our commitment to the researchers and students goes beyond the grant funding we provide. Our team provides mentoring and direction to researchers. Recently supported projects hold the promise of creating tremendous benefits for society. Researchers are investigating ways to detect the early onset of dementia, investigating novel treatments for alcohol use disorder, combating diabetes, treating intraocular diseases, developing insect repellents to improve global health, and researching approaches to combat cancers and allergic inflammation. To obtain more information, please click [here](#).

**Awards:** Full-time faculty members, staff and other personnel at these organizations are eligible to apply for grants of up to \$35,000 each under the Research Grant Program and grants up to \$25,000 each under the Community Health and Social Service Grant Program to fund health-related community and social service projects.

**Proposal Deadline:** Applications will be accepted from September 21, 2020 through November 13, 2020. We have committed at least \$1,000,000 in the current cycle of our Research and Community Health and Social Service Grants Programs.

**Contact:** If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to send an e-mail to [researchgrant@njhf.org](mailto:researchgrant@njhf.org).

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## **Blavatnik Family Foundation**

### **Grant Program: Blavatnik National Awards Laureate Program**

**Agency:** Blavatnik Family Foundation

**Website:** <http://blavatnikawards.org/awards/national-awards/>

**Brief Description:** The Blavatnik National Awards honor America’s most innovative young faculty-rank scientists and engineers. These awards celebrate the past accomplishments and future potential of young faculty members working in the three disciplinary categories of Life Sciences, Physical Sciences & Engineering, and Chemistry.

Nominations are accepted from an [invited group](#) of research universities, independent research institutions, academic medical centers, and government laboratories from around the United States, as well as from the Awards’ own [Scientific Advisory Council](#), composed of renowned science and technology leaders. Past Laureates of the Blavatnik National Awards are also invited to submit nominations. The program expands on an awards program, started in 2007, for young scientists in New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut. NJIT is now invited to submit a nomination.

**Awards:** Every year, one Blavatnik National Awards Laureate in each disciplinary category will receive \$250,000 in unrestricted funds, and additional nominees will be recognized as Finalists.

**Proposal Deadline:** Nomination window now open for the 2021 Blavatnik National Awards until October 28, 2020.

**Contact:** If interested, please contact Atam Dhawan, Senior Vice Provost for Research at [dhawan@njit.edu](mailto:dhawan@njit.edu).

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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**

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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