

## **IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT**

### **PROPOSALS SUBMISSIONS**

In discussions with the Research Foundation (RF) and other CUNY Campuses, we have discovered some serious problems with applications submitted to Federal agencies using the GRANTS.GOV platform. As you may know, NSF is no longer using FASTLANE as a submission site, and in its solicitations has asked that applicants use either RESEARCH.GOV or GRANTS.GOV. Both systems were designed to standardize the Federal grant application process and make it easier to apply for Federal grants regardless of where in the Federal sector the application is submitted.

However, some recent experiences across CUNY campuses have led us to conclude that GRANTS.GOV is more complicated and usually creates many more hurdles for applicants to overcome in applying for a grant. The RF had discussions with some Program Officers at NSF and they indicate that they are aware of this and recommend that applications should be submitted using RESEARCH.GOV, even though solicitations provide both options.

## UPCOMING WEBINARS

CUNY faculty are invited to attend training on **“How to Write National Science Foundation Proposals that Effectively Address the Broader Impacts Review Criteria.”** The workshop will be led by Dr. Shakila Merchant, and it will address the following:

- Broader Impacts (BI) basics, how to create a BI plan.
- Empower you to approach your grant-seeking with more clarity and confidence.
- Review examples of BI activities and consider how to integrate BI into your academic career.

The workshop is on May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 12:30pm to 2:00pm. Please register [here](#)

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### **April 26 (12 Noon – 1PM) - U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)-Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Minority Research Grant Program (MRGP)**

**Overview of Webinar:** MRGP provides funding opportunities to support health equity research conducted at: 1) Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs); 2) Hispanic Serving Institutions (HSIs); 3) Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander-Serving Institutions (AANAPISIs); or 4) Tribal Colleges and Universities (TCUs). Through this funding opportunity, the Minority Research Grant Program will make awards to eligible institutions. The purpose of the MRGP is to support researchers at minority serving institutions that are exploring how HHS can better meet the health care needs of CMS beneficiaries. The MRGP supports research on the discovery and characterization of health processes, practices, behaviors, and burdens or issues related to CMS programs, policies, and operations, that influence health equity. Funded research

may comprehensively address the social determinants of health that drive or influence the barriers and opportunities populations described above experience related to CMS-supported benefits, services, and coverage. By focusing on understanding how inequities in communities impact health, Funded research may also employ participatory methods that foster equitable engagement of affected communities in research, such as convening and advisory board with community members, community-based organizations, and service providers. The three goals of the MRGP are to: 1) Develop capacity at minority serving institutions to research health disparities and social determinants of health; 2) Understand the root cause of issues – processes, practices, behaviors, and burdens – that lead to health disparities and identify replicable interventions; and 3) Strengthen CMS programs by disseminating best practices uncovered through funded research.

Targeted Audience: CUNY Social Sciences and Health Equity Research faculty

Presenters: John Tsapogas, Director, RFCUNY-APPS and Josh Brumberg, Dean for the Sciences, CUNY Graduate Center.

Registration URL <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4607763385764830991>

Webinar ID 552-238-827

## INTERNAL FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

### **FACULTY TRAVEL FOR GRANT DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM**

The Faculty Travel for Grant Development program financially supports out-of-town travel so that CUNY researchers can further pursue the development of their grant proposals. All travel undertaken should pertain to meetings with proposal collaborators and/or representatives of external funders, such as federal agency officers or private foundation program officers.

Applicants should provide evidence that an idea intended for grant funding is fully thought-out and ready for advanced planning and discussion. Applicants must also justify in-person travel as key to grant proposal development what can be accomplished through in-person meetings that cannot be achieved through a phone call or video conference? This program does not support attendance at conferences, workshops, or presentation engagements unrelated to the grant development purposes. Please visit the [RF website](#) for additional information.

## EXTENAL FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

### **PUBLIC INTEREST TECHNOLOGY UNIVERSITY NETWORK CHALLENGE GRANT**

PIT-UN is a partnership of colleges and universities committed to educating students who can better apply technical understanding and practice to questions of individual rights, justice, social welfare, and the public good, particularly for those members of our society least well served historically and today by existing systems and policies.

As a PIT-UN member, CUNY is permitted to submit three (3) proposal for new PIT projects. The top three proposals from the internal white paper competition will be submitted to PIT-UN on behalf of the University. Full-time faculty and lecturers are eligible to submit proposals.

Proposals should clearly address each of the PIT-UN criteria listed in the RFP found on the Challenge Grant website.

PIT-UN is inviting proposals in two funding tranches. Budgets should be inclusive of an indirect rate, set at 20% of total direct costs.

Tranche 1: Up to \$90,000 (\$0-\$90,000) for direct and indirect costs

Tranche 2: Up to \$180,000 (\$90,001-\$180,000) for direct and indirect costs

The PIT-UN budget template can be found [HERE](#)

**The internal submission deadline is 5:00 pm Friday, April 21st, 2023 EST via our online site.**

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### **THE HECKSCHER FOUNDATION FOR CHILDREN**

Announce the launch of the **\$3 million Heckscher Foundation Challenge**, a new initiative that supports innovative partnerships between employers and New York colleges and/or non-profit organizations that meet workforce needs in New York, and boost employment and earning outcomes among **all youth under 25 years of age**.

We are providing grants of up to \$400,000 to support New York partnerships with employers that provide youth with a clear path from education to a meaningful career. **The deadline for proposals is April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 5pm EST.** Please view the Heckscher Foundation Challenge [website](#) for more details.

- For support with developing your proposal and to ask any questions you may have about your unique program, please sign up for a 1:1 meeting with the Heckscher Foundation Challenge team. Register for office hours the week of March 27th [here](#) or email [heckscherchallenge@buildingimpact.co](mailto:heckscherchallenge@buildingimpact.co) to identify alternative times.

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### **THE 2023 ERIC AND WENDY SCHMIDT AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE IN SCIENCE COMMUNICATIONS**

Submissions now accepted for 2023 awards- this opportunity honors top science communicators, journalists, and research scientists who have developed creative, original work to communicate issues and advances in science, engineering, and/or medicine for the general public.

**Submissions close on May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023.**

### THE WILLIAM T. GRANT FOUNDATION

- **The William T. Grant Scholars Program**: supports career development for promising early-career researchers. The program funds five-year research and mentoring plans that significantly expand researchers' expertise in new disciplines, methods, and content areas. The online 2023 application is now open, and the application deadline is July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 3:00pm ET.
- **Four new research grants**: announced, including three to support studies on reducing inequality in youth outcomes and one to support a study on improving the use of research evidence. These awards will help build theory and empirical evidence in our focus areas.
- **Grantee Writing**: Partnering through Disruption: Responsive Research with Communities in Crisis - Putting Immigration and Education in Conversation Everyday (PIECE)

## RESOURCES

There are multiple federal agencies to which you can submit a grant application. Each agency has its own policies, applications process/procedures, funding opportunities and other resources to assist you in the preparation of your applications.

**Grants.gov**: It a great source to search for available federal funding opportunities. The federal government funds a lot of research projects, training programs, and educational programs. Grants.gov is also a portal for submitting grants applications.

**The National Science Foundation (NSF)**: The NSF is an independent federal agency created by the National Science Foundation Act of 1950, as amended (42 USC 1861-75). The Act states the purpose of the NSF is "to promote the progress of science; [and] to advance the national health, prosperity, and welfare by supporting research and education in all fields of science and engineering."

**The National Institutes of Health (NIH)**: The NIH is the nation's medical research agency. NIH encompasses different institutes such as the National Institute for Childhood and Human Development (NICHD), National Institute on Aging (NIA), National Eye Institute (NEI), and many others.

**Department of Energy (DOE)**: The DOE Office of Science issues several announcements each year to solicit research proposals. It funds basic and applied research.

## GET AUTOMATED FUNDING ALERTS

<p><b><u>GRANT FORWARD</u></b>                  A searchable grants database, providing access to funding and travel opportunities to help move your research forward.</p>	<p><b><u>CUNY LAB</u></b>                  To stay updated on grant opportunities and events offered through CUNY, subscribe to CUNY LAB.</p>	<p><b><u>DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE</u></b>                  DOD offers many awards. To determine if any of these opportunities match your area of interest check out their website.</p>
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## CITI TRAININGS

Please read the requirements section below to identify the training you are required to complete.

- **Training in Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR):**  
 All CUNY faculty members, staff, postdoctoral scholars, graduate and undergraduate students involved in research are required to complete the CITI RCR training within six weeks of initiating their research. RCR training certificate will be valid for four years. CUNY researchers are required to take a refresher CITI RCR training course every four years.
- **Training in the Protection of Human Subjects:**  
 All CUNY faculty members, staff, postdoctoral scholars, graduate and undergraduate students involved in human subjects' research as key personnel must complete the Basic Course in the protection of human subjects prior to Institutional Review Board (IRB) approval of their protocol.
- **Training in the Care and Use of Animals:**  
 All CUNY faculty members, staff, postdoctoral scholars, graduate and undergraduate students involved in animal care, use or treatment must complete the CITI training in the care and use of animals prior to Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) approval of their protocol.
- **Training in Conflict of Interest:**  
 All investigators engaging in research related to any Public Health Service (PHS) funded grant or contract, Conflicts Committee members, and all CUNY College Conflicts Officers are required to complete the CITI training in Conflict of Interest (COI).

## REMINDERS

### CUNY CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY

Each investigator (as defined in section 7.14 of the CUNY Conflict of Interest Policy) must complete the **CUNY Significant Financial Interest (SFI)** Disclosure Form and submit it to the college Grants Officer and the **College Conflicts Officer (CCO)** at the time that the Principal Investigator submits a grant proposal or application. An updated SFI is required if there is a change in the previously disclosed SFI.

### EXPORT CONTROL

U.S. export controls exist to protect the national security and foreign policy interests. Export controls govern the shipment, transmission, or transfer of regulated items, information and software to foreign countries, persons or entities. Each CUNY College has an appointed **export control** administrator who works in collaboration with the research compliance staff within the Research Office, to ensure compliance with export control regulation. PI's are responsible to notify the college administrator of any export control activities.

## OFFICE OF SPONSORED PROGRAMS & RESEARCH

### SUBMISSION PROCESS

Please submit a pre-proposal packet to OSPR **two weeks** before the proposal deadline. The packet should include a pre-proposal checklist, budget sheet, project summary and **COI form**.

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