

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**THE RESEARCH FOUNDATION OF CUNY OFFICE OF AWARD PRE-PROPOSAL SUPPORT (APPS)** is pleased to announce the [RFCUNY Brown Bag Research Webinars for Academic Year 2023-2024](#). The upcoming webinars begin with training for faculty and researchers on electronic tools for identifying funding for research, education, and training using Grant Forward and Pivot-RP. The webinar offerings then focus on targeted populations (e.g., NSF Research Experiences for Undergraduates); provide broad guidance on solicitations oriented to faculty based on their college (e.g., research and education programs for CUNY community colleges); and provide training on developing common sections of proposals (e.g., program summaries, program descriptions, project evaluations, and budget development for Federal grants).

**PSC CUNY SEMINAR FOR CYCLE 55**

The RF PSC team is hosting multiple seminars for Cycle 55 submission period. The meetings will be held on the dates below via Microsoft Teams:

- Tuesday, October 17th 1PM EST
- Wednesday, October 25th 12PM EST
- Thursday, November 2nd 1PM EST
- Friday, November 10th 12PM EST

**Join on your computer, mobile app or room device** [Click here to join the meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 287 441 630 814

Passcode: sMhVsf

**Or call in (audio only)**

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## INTERNAL FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

**PSC CUNY CYCLE 55**

The Grants Proposal System (GPS) is now open for Cycle 55 applications to the PSC-CUNY Grant program. Please have your grant application submitted into the system by December 8th so

that the CSI Office of Sponsored Programs and Research can review it prior to final submission. The final submission deadline is 11:59PM on December 15th, 2023.

You can find information about eligibility, application preparation, criteria for evaluation and the review process [here](#). Attached are other relevant documents and guidelines.

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### **CUNY- 2024 INTERDISCIPLINARY RESEARCH GRANT**

The 2024 Interdisciplinary Research Grant request for proposal is now accepting applications.

The IRG program will fund projects that join expertise across disciplines and are poised to take advantage of external funding opportunities. A minimum of two investigators is required: one PI and one co-PI, ideally from different CUNY colleges, schools, and/or centers. Multi-PI teams are encouraged. We anticipate funding 6 to 8 awards of \$45,000 each with a period of performance starting in January 2024.

The application deadline is Monday, November 20, 2023.

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### **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.

## EXTERNAL FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

### **National Institutes of Health (NIH) Nutrition for Precision Health's (NPH) Consortium**

The AIMINGS AI for Precision Nutrition Pilot Program, part of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) [Nutrition for Precision Health's \(NPH\) Consortium](#), released a [new funding opportunity](#). As the AI Center for the NPH consortium, [AIMINGS](#) (Artificial

Intelligence, Modeling, and Informatics for Nutrition Guidance and Systems) is developing AI, machine learning (ML), Big Data methods, and other data science approaches to better understand and improve precision nutrition. This call for proposals seeks research projects that develop and utilize AI and other computer-aided approaches to facilitate precision nutrition.

This is a great opportunity for the named investigator to receive funding for a project that can eventually aggrandize into a larger project or an R01 application. Awardees will be connected with a community of researchers working on AI for precision nutrition, a new and emerging field. Proposals are welcome from applicants anywhere in the US from diverse backgrounds and at varying career levels. Applicants who are in the early stages of their careers and investigators that are underrepresented in the scientific workforce are strongly encouraged to apply. Applicants cannot be current members of the NPH consortium.

Interested applicants are encouraged to attend the applicant webinar prior to submitting. Please continue to monitor the RFA webpage for more details on the webinar, FAQs, proposal requirements, and more.

Deadline is October 12, 2023.

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### **NIH SUPPORT FOR RESEARCH EXCELLENCE (SuRE) PROGRAM (R16)**

The SuRE program supports research capacity building at eligible higher education institutions through funding investigator-initiated research in the biomedical, clinical, behavioral, and social sciences that falls in the mission areas of the NIH. These institutions must award undergraduate (B.S. or B.A.) and/or graduate degrees in biomedical sciences, have received no more than \$6 million dollars per year (total costs) through NIH Research Project Grants (RPGs) in each of the preceding two fiscal years at the time of application submission, and have either enrolled at least 25% of undergraduate students supported by Pell grants in each of the most recent two years or are accredited medical/health professional schools that were founded to educate students from populations underrepresented in the U.S. Biomedical, Clinical, Behavioral and Social Sciences Research Enterprise (NOT-OD-20-031).

The SuRE program includes three components:

**SuRE Research Awards (R16):** PAR-21-169 provide research grant support for all faculty investigators from eligible institutions who are not currently Principal Investigators of any NIH Research Project Grants.

**SuRE-First Research Awards (R16):** PAR-21-173 provide research grant support for faculty investigators from eligible institutions who have not had prior independent external research grants.

**SuRE Resource Center (U24):** [PAR-21-227](#) assists SuRE-eligible institutions to build research infrastructure such as Offices of Sponsored Program (OSP), conducts outreach and training to OSP staff and faculty investigators, and tracks grantee institutions' progress in research capacity building. Please log onto the [SuRE Resource Center](#) to register for free training and other services the Center provides.

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### **NSF ESTABLISHED PROGRAM TO STIMULATE COMPETITIVE RESEARCH**

**(EPSCOR)** is pleased to announce two new funding programs that will dynamically develop State-wide research communities and build fundamental research capacity and competitiveness in States that have historically received less research funding from the National Science Foundation. These new investments were crafted from recommendations received from the Committee on Equal Opportunities in Science and Engineering (CEOSE), a 2M Research Study, and the U.S. Government Accountability Office's econometric analysis of the program. In particular, these opportunities will increase accessibility to NSF funding for a broad range of institutions found within EPSCoR jurisdictions. In addition, these funding opportunities will help scientific teams conduct state-of-the art research; foster innovative and creative scientific breakthroughs; expand opportunities to people of all racial, ethnic, geographic and socioeconomic backgrounds; and sharpen the nation's competitive edge in science, technology engineering, and mathematics (STEM).

The **EPSCoR Collaborations for Optimizing Research Ecosystems Research Infrastructure Improvement (E-CORE RII)** program will dynamically support the development, enhancement, and/or sustainability of State-wide: research administration; research facilities; higher education pathways; STEM education (K-16) pathways; broadening participation; workforce development; national and global partnerships; community engagement and outreach; economic development and use-inspired research; and/or early career research trainee pathways. This opportunity is designed to allow for each State to develop fundamental capacity according to its specific needs.

The **EPSCoR Research Incubators for STEM Excellence Research Infrastructure Improvement (E-RISE RII)** program supports the incubation of research teams and products to support the development and implementation of sustainable broad networks of individuals, institutions, and organizations that will transform the science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) research capacity and competitiveness in a jurisdiction within the chosen field of research. If you are interested in joining the NSF EPSCoR mailing list, please click [here](#).

## 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." Visit the **NSF Policy Office Outreach** to keep up-to-date on NSF policy changes, available funding opportunities and proposal preparation.

**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

**GRANT FORWARD**

A searchable grants database, providing access to funding and travel opportunities to help move your research forward.

**CUNY LAB**

To stay updated on grant opportunities and events offered through CUNY, subscribe to CUNY LAB.

**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

DOD offers many awards. To determine if any of these opportunities match your area of interest check out their website.

## 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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