SPOTLIGHTED OPPORTUNITIES FOR UNO


The U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Domestic Nuclear Detection Office (DNDO) Summer Internship Program will provide opportunities for undergraduate and graduate students to participate in projects at federal research facilities located across the country focused on helping DNDO meet its mission of “implementing domestic nuclear detection efforts for a managed and coordinated response to radiological and nuclear threats, as well as integration of federal nuclear forensics programs.”

Links: https://www.zintellect.com/Posting/details/824

ARTS, HUMANITIES AND INTERNATIONAL

• National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH); Division of Preservation and Access: Preservation and Access Education and Training

Notice seeking applications to preserve and establish access to cultural heritage collections. Grants aim to help the staff of cultural institutions, large and small, obtain the knowledge and skills needed to serve as effective stewards of humanities collections. Applications are due May 5, 2015. Awards are up to $350,000.

Links: Solicitation, Grants.gov

• National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH); Division of Preservation and Access: Preservation Assistance Grants for Smaller Institutions

Notice seeking applications to help small and mid-sized institutions’ such as libraries, museums, historical societies, archival repositories, cultural organizations, town and county records offices, and colleges and universities’ improve their ability to preserve and care for their significant humanities collections. Applications are due May 5, 2015. Awards are up to $6,000.

Links: Solicitation, Grants.gov

• National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH); Division of Research Programs: Fellowships for Advanced Social Science Research on Japan

Notice seeking applications to support innovative comparative research on modern Japanese society and political economy, Japan’s international relations, and US-Japan relations. Research should contribute to scholarly knowledge or to the general public’s understanding of issues of concern to Japan and the United States. Appropriate disciplines for the research include anthropology, economics, geography, history, international relations, linguistics, political science, psychology, public administration, and sociology. Awards usually result in articles, monographs, books, digital materials, archaeological site reports, translations, editions, or other scholarly resources. Applications are due April 30, 2015. Awards of $4,200 per month are available to support fellowships lasting 6 to 12 continuous months.

Links: Solicitation, Grants.gov

• National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH); Division of Research Programs: Fellowships

Notice seeking applications for fellowships that support advanced research that is of value to humanities scholars, general audiences, or both. Recipients usually produce articles, monographs, books, digital materials, archaeological site reports, translations, editions, or other scholarly resources in the humanities. Projects may be at any stage of development. Applications are due April 30, 2015. Awards of $4,200 per month are available to support fellowships lasting 6 to 12 continuous months.

Links: Solicitation, Grants.gov

• U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID): The USAID Development Innovation Accelerator BAA: Counter-Trafficking in Persons: “Supply Unchained”

Notice seeking to support the creation/utilization of communication tools and approaches in sectors with a high risk of human trafficking that would reach victims and/or their families, and enable them access immediate assistance for rights violations. Applicants should also track data to address root causes of trafficking, and clearly identify targeted sectors and ability to scale up. Letters of interest are required by March 20, 2015. Approximately $100,000-300,000 is available per project.

Links: FBO notice
• U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID): Feed the Future Innovation Lab for Livestock Systems

Notice seeking applications to gain access to international knowledge and expertise in managing livestock systems, raised awareness of the global investment landscape in the field of livestock production and marketing and an appreciation of the challenges and technologies used in those countries. Applications are due May 27, 2015. Approximately $49 million is available to support one award.

Links: Grants.gov

• U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID); Guatemala USAID-Guatemala City: Sustainable Economic Observatory

Notice seeking to support an independent research center to strengthen civil society, private sector, and other stakeholders at both the national and local level. The project will advance policies related to the following issues: food security; agriculture sector development; environment, climate change, and biodiversity conservation; and competitiveness and the business enabling environment. Partnerships with civil society institutions are encouraged. Applications are due by April 13, 2015. Approximately $8.5 to 9 million is available to support one award.

Links: Grants.gov

• U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID); Haiti USAID-Port Au Prince: Home Ownership and Mortgage Expansion (HOME) Program

Notice seeking to support efforts to create affordable housing in Haiti, and encourage financial intermediaries to develop or expand affordable housing products and programs. Projects should both tackle the development of affordable housing and home financing issues. Applications are due by March 18, 2015. Approximately $6 million is available to support one award.

Links: Grants.gov

• U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID); Haiti USAID-Port Au Prince: Retouen Lek (RtL): Access to Quality Education for Out-of-School Children and Youth

Notice seeking to support the Haitian Ministry of Education to increase safe and equitable access to quality education for out-of-school children and youth in Haiti by increasing access to, and quality of, accelerated learning programs. Funds also support strengthening the capacity of government and partners to deliver those programs. Applications are due by April 7, 2015.

Links: Grants.gov

• U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID); Peru USAID-Lima: Brazil Partnership Development Program

Notice seeking applications to support biodiversity conservation; protection of indigenous lands and natural resources; and applied biodiversity science, technology and innovation in Brazil. Funds support environmental technical assistance, institutional strengthening of key actors, environmental advocacy, training programs and workshops on biodiversity conservation, biodiversity analyses and studies, environmental monitoring, sustainable production and value chain development, and similar projects. Concept papers are accepted on a rolling basis until August 19, 2015. Approximately $2.5 million is available to support two to three awards.

Links: Grants.gov

• U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS); Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC): Conducting Operational Research to Identify Numbers and Rates, Determine Needs, and Integrate Services to Mitigate Morbidity and Mortality among Internally Displaced Persons Affected by Emergencies

Notice seeking applications to support research into internally displaced persons (IDPs) fleeing conflict or natural disasters. Funds will support finding best methods for determining the population size, vulnerabilities and specific needs of IDPs, especially in urban settings and determine best practices for integrating violence prevention, mental health, water access and sanitation, and primary healthcare for IDPs. Applications are due by March 23, 2015. Approximately $2.5 million is available to support five awards. LIMITED SUBMISSION: Only one application per institution is allowed.

Links: Grants.gov

• U.S. Department of State (DOS); Bureau of East Asian & Pacific Affairs (EAP): East Asia Pacific Regional Administrative Support

Notice seeking applications for program development, logistical and administrative support for several U.S. funded activities supporting East Asian economic affairs. Funds will support developing and managing the travel itineraries and logistical arrangements for participants at meetings, trainings and workshops associated with these activities, to fund venue costs for selected meetings, and program content development. Applications are due March 30, 2015. Approximately $730,000 is available to support one award.

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**U.S. Department of State (DOS); Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA): FY2015 TechWomen Program**

Notice seeking applications to support a five to six-week peer mentoring program in the U.S. attended by approximately 90 women from select countries in Africa, Central Asia and the Middle East. Funds support arranging mentorships for all the participants at U.S.-based science and technology companies, and for monitoring the well-being of program participants. Funds will also support activities in the participants’ home countries that encourage the interest of girls and university-age women in science and technology-based careers, and that engage young women using technology in their professions. Applications are due by May 4, 2015. Approximately $7.5 million is available to support one award. **LIMITED SUBMISSION:** Only one application per institution is allowed.

Links: [Solicitation, Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov)

**U.S. Department of State (DoS); Bureau Of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA): FY15 J. Christopher Stevens Virtual Exchange Initiative (Stevens Initiative)**

Notice seeking applications to develop transparent, merit-based competitions for U.S. organizations to administer virtual exchange projects between youth in the United States and the Middle East and North Africa as well as coordinate and report on all activities under the Stevens Initiative brand. The award recipient will also facilitate on-going collaboration among the Stevens Initiative partners and conduct research and evaluations of activities undertaken by the Stevens Initiative. The award recipient will not directly implement exchanges. Applications are due April 17, 2015. Approximately $4 million is available for one award. A notice of intent is strongly encouraged and must be sent to the contact. **LIMITATION:** An organization may only submit one application.

Links: [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov)

**U.S. Department of State (DOS); Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs: Ukraine Media Partnership Program**

Notice seeking concept papers to support professional and financially viable media in Ukraine. Applications are due April 20, 2015. Approximately $400,000 is available to support one award. New applicants must have a demonstrated expertise in one or more of the following subject areas: media development; freedom of speech support; international exchanges between media companies; business aspects of media companies.

Links: [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov)

**U.S. Department of State (DOS); Public Affairs: A Diplomatic Simulations Program Project Coordination, Curriculum Design and Video Production**

Notice seeking proposals to coordinate the Diplomat Simulations Program for high school and college students to better understand diplomacy and the work of U.S. diplomats. Proposals are due April 22, 2015. Approximately $198,000 is available to support one award.

Links: [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov)

**U.S. Department of State (DoS); U.S. Mission to India: Online Distance Education Courses for English Language Teachers**

Notice seeking applications to offer online distance education courses for at least 16 English Language Teachers in India and Bhutan lasting 5 to 10 weeks. These online distance courses should be led and taught by an American professor, who will provide personalized feedback for the students. Non-profit organizations and academic institutions that have specific expertise in strengthening the capacity of English teachers through distance education are encouraged to apply. Applications are due April 7, 2015. One award ranging between $5,000 and $80,000 is available to support a project lasting up to one year.

Links: [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov)

**United States Agency for International Development (USAID): Pre-Solicitation TITLE: FY 2015 Conflict Mitigation and Reconciliation Programs and Activities**

Notice seeking pre-solicitation to notify prospective applicants that the USAID intends to issue a request for applications in February of 2015 for a funding opportunity to support reconciliation-related programming, specifically, to support “people-to-people” conflict mitigation and reconciliation programs and activities that bring together individuals of different ethnic, religious, or political backgrounds from areas of civil conflict and war. Closing date TBD. Approximately $16 million is available.

Links: [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov)

**EDUCATION and ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

**Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS): AmeriCorps Indian Tribes Grants FY 2015**

Notice seeking applications to help improve the lives and opportunities for Native youth and the proposed Indian Education Fellows grant program. Notices of Intent to apply are encouraged by April 8, 2015. Applications are due April 29, 2015.

Links: [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov)
• Economic Development Administration (EDA); National Advisory Council on Innovation and Entrepreneurship (NACIE): Notice of National Advisory Council on Innovation and Entrepreneurship Meeting

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss The National Advisory Council on Innovation and Entrepreneurship (NACIE)'s planned work initiatives in three focus areas: workforce/talent, entrepreneurship, and innovation. NACIE's overarching focus is recommending transformational policies to the Secretary that will help U.S. communities, businesses, and the workforce become more globally competitive. The meeting will take place on Thursday, March 5, 2015 from 2:00-3:00 p.m. and Friday, March 6, 2015, from 8:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time (EST). The meeting will be held at the U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW., Room 4830, Washington, DC 20230.

Links: Federal Register notice

• National Archives and Records Administration (NARA); Office of Government Information Services (OGIS); Office of Government Information Services (OGIS); Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Advisory Committee; Meeting

Notice announcing a meeting scheduled to discuss the FOIA issues including oversight and accountability, proactive disclosures, and fees. The meeting will be held April 21, 2015, from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm, ET, at National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) 700 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Archivist's Reception Room (Room 105), Washington, DC. Register for the meeting with by April 20, 2015, at http://www.eventbrite.com/e/freedom-of-information-act-foia-advisory-committee-meeting-registration-15555361505.

Links: Federal Register notice

• U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA); DM-Office of Advocacy and Outreach: Socially Disadvantaged Policy Research Center

Notice seeking proposals to compete for financial assistance to establish a Socially Disadvantaged Farmers and Ranchers Policy Research Center at an 1890 Institution. The center will specialize in policy research impacting socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers. Land loss, land retention, and access to local, state, and federal programs will be major areas of research and policy development. Proposals are due April 13, 2015. Approximately $400,000 is available to support one award. Any 1890 Land Grant Institution is eligible. LIMITED SUBMISSION: Institutions shall submit only one proposal

Links: Solicitation, Grants.gov

• U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA); National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA): Community Foods Program

Notice seeking applications to support the planning of projects to meet the food needs of low-income individuals, and respond to local food access and nutrition issues. Applicants should link sectors of the food system, develop entrepreneurial projects, encourage long-term planning activities, and or/develop create nutrition education programs. Colleges and universities can partner with the main applicant, but cannot apply directly. Applications are due by March 17, 2015. Approximately $9 million is available in FY 2015.

Links: Solicitation, Grants.gov

• U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA); National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA): Organic Transitions

Notice seeking applications to support the development and implementation of research, extension and higher education programs to improve the competitiveness of organic livestock and crop producers, as well as those who are adopting organic practices. Notices of intent are requested by March 26, 2015. Applications are due April 16, 2015. Approximately $4 million is available.

Links: Solicitation, Grants.gov

• U.S. Department of Commerce (DoC); Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS): Technical Advisory Committees; Notice of Recruitment of Private-Sector Members

Notice seeking resumes of prospective members for seven Technical Advisory Committees (TACs), which provide advice on the technical parameters for export controls applicable to dual-use commodities and technology and on the administration of those controls. TAC members must obtain secret-level clearances prior to appointment. Email resumes to the contact within one year of the announcement date.

Links: Federal Register notice

• U.S. Department of Commerce (DOC); National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA): National Ocean Sciences Competition for High School Students

Notice seeking to supports efforts to expose high school students to ocean sciences and related fields through partnerships with NOAA and other organizations. Funds support tiered academic competition with regional and national events, and additional learning experiences such as internships and field and laboratory research. Applications are due by April 21, 2015. Approximately $2.1 million is available to support one award.

Links: Grants.gov
Notice announcing a meeting to assist in the evaluation of existing GI Bill programs and services; review recent legislative and administrative changes to GI Bill benefits; and submit their recommendations to the Secretary. Register with the contact to attend. The meeting will be held March 18 and 19, 2015, from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, ET, each day at the JW Marriot Washington, DC, located at 1331 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Washington, DC. Register with the contact to attend.

Links: Federal Register notice

Notice announcing a public meeting of NACIQI, a committee that advises the education secretary on various matters regarding higher education. The virtual meeting is scheduled for March 23, 2015, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., ET. The deadline for registering to attend the virtual meeting is March 9, 2015. To register, email your registration to ThirdPartyComments@ed.gov. Registration space for the virtual meeting is limited.

Links: Federal Register notice

Notice seeking applications to provide low-income students residing in the District of Columbia (DC) an opportunity to receive a scholarship to attend a DC private school of their parents’ choice. Notices of Intent are due March 25, 2015. Applications are due April 24, 2015. Approximately $13.2 million is available to support one award. Nonprofit organizations are eligible.

Links: Solicitation, Grants.gov

Notice seeking applications to support overseas projects in training, research, and curriculum development in modern foreign languages and area studies for groups of teachers, students, and faculty engaged in a common endeavor. Applications are due March 23, 2015. Approximately $1.3 million is available to support 17 awards.

Links: Federal Register notice, Grants.gov

Notice seeking applications to provide quality representation to those who may have been wrongfully convicted of crimes they did not commit; alleviate burdens placed on the criminal justice system through costly and prolonged post-conviction litigation; and identify, whenever possible, the actual perpetrator of the crime. Applications must address one or both of the following categories: Category 1 - provide representation to potentially wrongfully convicted individuals in cases of post-conviction claims of innocence; Category 2 - provide national training and technical assistance to existing and future funded grantees under the wrongful conviction program. Applications are due April 8, 2015. Approximately six Category 1 awards of up to $250,000 each are available to support projects lasting up to 24 months. One category 2 award of up to $100,000 is available to support a project lasting up to 24 months.

Links: Grants.gov

Notice seeking applications to support training and technical assistance to state and local law enforcement agencies to improve the level of knowledge, communication, collaboration, and tactics involved in addressing gun crime and gang violence. Program supports three grant categories: "Law Enforcement and Community Partnership and Crime Prevention Strategies", "Corrections and Reentry Strategies", and "Applied Evaluation and Site Coordination". Applications are due April 9, 2015. Approximately $1 million is available to support one award in each category. Project funding levels vary by category.

Links: Solicitation, Grants.gov

Notice seeking applications to assist distressed communities to both build capacity and revitalize neighborhoods. Applications are due April 20, 2015. Approximately $175,000 is available per Planning Grant award to support 17 awards over an 18 month period. Implementation grants will be available for $1 million to support three awards over a 36 month period.

Links: Grants.gov
• U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ); Office of Justice Programs (OJP); Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA): BJA FY 15 Smart Defense Initiative: National Training and Technical Assistance

Notice seeking applications to improve the quality of public defense delivery systems guided by the Ten Principles of a Public Defense Delivery System. Applications are due April 8, 2015. Approximately $500,000 is available to support one award for a 24-month period.

Links: Solicitations, Grants.gov

• U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ); Office of Justice Programs (OJP); Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA): BJA FY 15 Justice Reinvestment Initiative: State-Level Technical Assistance

Notice seeking applications to identify drivers of corrections populations and costs; prevent unnecessary confinement and reduce recidivism; and improve allocation of resources to yield more cost-beneficial impacts on public safety. Applications are due April 23, 2015. Approximately up to $8 million is available to support three awards.

Links: Solicitation, Grants.gov

• U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ); Office of Justice Programs (OJP); Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS): National Prisoner Statistics Program (NPS) and National Corrections Reporting Program (NCRP), 2015-2019

Notice seeking applications to serve as a data collection and analysis agent for the National Prisoner Statistics program (NPS) and the National Corrections Reporting Program (NCRP) for the data years 2015 through 2019. Applications are due April 24, 2015. Approximately $6 million is available to support one award for five years.

Links: Grants.gov

• U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ); Office on Violence Against Women (OVW): OVW FY 2015 Technical Assistance Program

Notice seeking applications to provide direct technical assistance to existing and potential grantees and sub grantees to enhance and support their efforts to successfully implement projects supported by OVW grant funds. Applications are due April 9, 2015. Approximately $34 million is available to support up to 60 awards.

Links: Solicitation, Grants.gov

• U.S. Department of Labor (DoL); Employment and Training Administration (ETA): Employment and Training Administration; Public Listening Session

Notice announcing a public listening session to collect stakeholder input for the upcoming launch of the Online Skills Academy described in the Obama Administration’s “Ready to Work: Job-Driving Training and American opportunity” report. Administered in partnership with the Department of Education, the Online Skills Academy is intended to provide workers with free access to education and training in order to develop skills and earn credentials and degrees that are in-demand by employers. The listening session will be held February 20, 2015 from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm, ET. Register to participate at http://www.doleta.gov/skillsacademy. A transcript of the session will be posted at the above website by February 27, 2015. Submit comments to the contact by February 25, 2015.

Links: Federal Register notice

• U.S. Department of the Interior (DoI); Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS): Conservation Program to Introduce Youth to Natural Resource Conservation

Notice seeking applications to provide an introductory developmental educational experience of natural resource careers to young people, including culturally, ethnically and economically diverse students, through training, hands-on experience, and mentoring at National Wildlife Refuges and other USFWS programs in the Northeast Region. Applications are due March 20, 2015. Approximately five awards of up to $500,000 per year are available to support projects lasting up to five years.

Links: Grants.gov

• U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI); U.S. Geological Survey (USGS): Advisory Committee on Climate Change and Natural Resource Science

Notice announcing a public teleconference of the Advisory Committee on Climate Change and Natural Resource Science. The public teleconference will be held on March 30, 2015 at 2 p.m. ET.

Links: Federal Register notice
HEALTH and MENTAL HEALTH

• U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA); Food and Drug Administration (FDA): Society of Clinical Research Associates-Food and Drug Administration; "Food and Drug Administration Clinical Trial Requirements, Regulations, Compliance and Good Clinical Practice"

Notice announcing public conference designed to aid the Clinical Research Professional's understanding of the mission, responsibilities and authority of the FDA and to facilitate interaction with FDA representatives. The program will focus on the relationships among the FDA and clinical trial staff, investigators and institutional review boards. The conference will be held March 11 and 12, 2015, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. PT at the Holiday Inn Golden Gateway Hotel, 1500 Van Ness Ave., San Francisco, CA.

Links: Federal Register notice

• U.S. Department of Education (ED); U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS); Administration for Community Living (ACL); National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research (NIDRR): ED-HHS-Administration for Community Living: NIDILRR: Disability and Rehabilitation Research Projects and Centers Program: RERCs

Notice seeking applications to plan and conduct research, demonstration projects, training, and related activities, including international activities, to develop methods, procedures, and rehabilitation technology, with the overall goal of maximizing the societal inclusion and self-sufficiency of individuals with disabilities "especially those with severe disabilities" and to improve the delivery of services to them. Applications are requested for three separate competitions with three different absolute priority areas: Individual Mobility and Manipulation; Information and Communication Technologies Access; and Physical Access and Transportation. Letters of intent are requested by March 24, 2015. Applications are due April 20, 2015. A pre-application informational meeting will be held March 10, 2015 - see the solicitation for details. It is anticipated that each competition will have one award of up to $925,000 to support a project lasting up to 60 months.


• U.S. Department of Education (ED); U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS); Administration for Community Living (ACL); National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research (NIDRR): ED-HHS-Administration for Community Living: NIDILRR

Notice seeking applications for Disability Rehabilitation Research Projects to improve the effectiveness of services as authorized by the Rehabilitation Act, by developing methods, procedures, and rehabilitation technologies that advance a wide range of independent living and employment outcomes for individuals with disabilities - especially individuals with the most severe disabilities. Applications are requested for the above four competitions. See the solicitation for a list of three absolute priorities. Letters of intent are requested by March 24, 2015. Applications are due April 20, 2015. A pre-application informational meeting will be held March 10, 2015 - see the solicitation for details. It is anticipated that each competition will have one award of up to $500,000 to support a project lasting up to 60 months.


Notice seeking applications to build credible evidence of effectiveness of FGDM programs in improving child welfare outcomes for the target population. Applications are due April 24, 2015. Approximately $2.01 million is available to support three awards.

Links: Solicitation. Grants.gov

• U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS); Administration for Community Living (ACL): The Paralysis Resource Center

Notice seeking applications to support a national Paralysis Resource Center (PRC) that will improve the health and quality of life of individuals living with paralysis of all ages, their families and caregivers by raising awareness of and facilitating access to a broad range of services relevant to individuals with paralysis. Letters of intent are requested by March 10, 2015. Applications are due April 27, 2015. Approximately $6.53 million is available to support one award.

Links: Grants.gov

• U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS); Agency for Health Care Research and Quality (AHRQ): AHRQ Health Services Research Projects: Making Health Care Safer in Ambulatory Care Settings and Long Term Care Facilities (R01)

Notice seeking applications to support research projects that examine patient safety related to medical errors and other factors in ambulatory care settings and long term care facilities. Funds also support efforts to gather evidence about strategies that can improve safety, and develop tools to implement these strategies. Letters of intent are requested by March 27, 2015. Applications are due by April 27, 2015. Approximately $3.5 million is available to support 5 to 10 awards.

Links: Solicitation. Grants.gov
• U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS); Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC): Organized Approaches to Increase Colorectal Cancer Screening

Notice seeking to support efforts to increase colorectal cancer (CRC) screening rates among persons 50-75 years within a defined population. Funds will support efforts to implement evidence-based interventions and other strategies in order to institute organized screening programs. Funds will also provide direct screening and follow-up services for a limited number of low-income individuals with risk of CRC and inadequate health insurance. Letters of intent are requested by March 9, 2015. Applications are due by April 14, 2015. Approximately $114 million is available to support 35 awards.

Links: Solicitation, Grants.gov

• U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS); Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC): Advisory Committee to the Director (ACD), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention--State, Tribal, Local and Territorial (STLT) Subcommittee

Notice announcing a meeting to discuss public health strategies, needs, opportunities, and challenges faced by State, Tribal, Local and Territorial health agencies. Scheduled agenda items include: public health surveillance; and public health finance and social determinants of health as they relate to STLT public health agencies. The meeting will be held March 13, 2015 from 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm, ET, via teleconference. To take part, call 888/233-0592 and enter code 33288611.

Links: Federal Register notice

• U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS); Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC): U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS); Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Request for Nominations of Candidates to Serve on the World Trade Center Health Program Scientific/Technical Advisory Committee

Notice seeking nominations of candidates to serve on the World Trade Center Health Program Scientific/Technical Advisory Committee. Nominations must be submitted (postmarked or electronically received) by March 31, 2015.

Links: Federal Register notice

• U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS); Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC): The Healthy Brain Initiative: Implementing Public Health Actions related to Cognitive Health, Cognitive Impairment, and Caregiving at the State and Local Levels

Notice seeking applications to support implementation of public health actions related to the Healthy Brain Initiative. Letters of intent are requested by March 24, 2015. Applications are due May 8, 2015. Approximately $10 million is available to support five awards.

Links: Grants.gov

• U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS); Food and Drug Administration (FDA): Food and Drug Administration/Xavier University Global Medical Device Conference

Notice announcing a public conference to include presentations from key FDA officials and industry experts with small group breakout sessions. The conference is intended for companies of all sizes and employees at all levels. The public conference will be held on May 6, 2015, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; May 7, 2015, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; and May 8, 2015, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the campus of Xavier University, 3800 Victory Pkwy., Cincinnati, OH. To register online for the public conference, please visit the ‘Registration’ link on the conference Web site at http://www.XavierMedCon.com.

Links: Federal Register notice

• U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS); Food and Drug Administration (FDA): In Motion: Science Transforming Policy in Food, Drug, and Medical Device Regulation

Notice announcing public conference to provide information about FDA food, drug, and device regulation to the regulated industry. The conference will be held on June 20 to 24, 2015 (times will vary) at the Sheraton Indianapolis Hotel at Keystone Crossing, Indianapolis, 8787 Keystone Crossing, Indianapolis, IN.

Links: Federal Register notice

• U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS); Food and Drug Administration (FDA); Center for Drug Evaluation and Research (CDER): Dissolution Methods for Long-acting Periodontal Drug Products (U01)

Notice seeking applications to develop dissolution methods for a long-acting periodontal drug product and identify the key physicochemical attributes that affect drug dissolution characteristics. Letters of intent are requested by March 6, 2015. Applications are due April 27, 2015. Approximately up to $250,000 is available to support two awards.

Links: Solicitation, Grants.gov
• U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS); Food and Drug Administration (FDA); Center for Drug Evaluation and Research (CDER): Dissolution Methods for Long-acting Levonorgestrel Intrauterine System (U01)

Notice seeking applications to develop both real time and accelerated dissolution methods for a long-acting levonorgestrel intrauterine system and to analyze their capability of detecting manufacturing differences, predicting in vivo performance, and to evaluate method robustness. Letters of intent are requested by March 6, 2015. Applications are due April 27, 2015. Approximately $125,000 is available to support one award.

Links: Solicitation, Grants.gov

• U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS); Food and Drug Administration (FDA); Center for Drug Evaluation and Research (CDER): Pharmacometric Modeling and Simulation for Long Acting Injectable Products (U01)

Notice seeking applications to conduct physiologically-based pharmacokinetic modeling to relate critical quality attributes to in vivo performance for bioequivalence (BE) evaluation and perform population pharmacokinetic-pharmacodynamic modeling and statistical analysis to identify ways to reduce residual variability and identify appropriate PK metrics, enabling BE assessment in parallel BE studies with acceptable sample size. Letters of intent are requested by March 6, 2015. Applications are due April 27, 2015. Approximately up to $600,000 is available to support up to three awards.

Links: Solicitation, Grants.gov

• U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS); Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA): Autism Intervention Research Network on Physical Health

Notice seeking applications to establish and maintain an interdisciplinary, multicenter research forum for scientific collaboration and infrastructure building, which will provide national leadership in research designed to improve the physical health, behavioral, mental, social, cognitive health and wellbeing of children and adolescents with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) and other developmental disabilities. Applications are due April 21, 2015.


• U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS); National Institute on Disability, Independent Living, and Rehabilitation Research (NIDILRR): Proposed Priorities-National Institute on Disability, Independent Living, and Rehabilitation Research

Notices seeking comments on priorities for various NIDILRR programs that identify a need for research and training regarding employment, community living and participation, and health and function of individuals with disabilities. Comments are due March 27, 2015.

Links: Federal Register notices: Disability and Rehabilitation Research Projects Program Rehabilitation Research and Training Centers (Employment for Individuals with Blindness or other Visual Impairments) Rehabilitation Research and Training Centers (Employment Policy and Measurement) Rehabilitation Research and Training Centers Self-Directed Care to Promote Recovery, Health, and Wellness for Individuals with Serious Mental Illness Rehabilitation Research and Training Centers (Employer Practices Leading to Successful Employment Outcomes for Individuals with Disabilities)

• U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS); National Institutes of Health (NIH); Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD): Eunice Kennedy Shriver NICHD Cooperative Multicenter Neonatal Research Network (UG1)

Notice seeking applications from investigators willing to participate with the NICHD in clinical trials and observational studies under a cooperative agreement in an ongoing multi-center clinical program designed to investigate problems in neonatal medicine, particularly those related to low birth weight, prematurity, and common neonatal medical problems. Letters of intent are requested by May 3, 2015. Applications are due June 3, 2015. Approximately $4.88 million is available to support one award. LIMITED SUBMISSION: Only one application per institution is allowed.

Links: Solicitation, Grants.gov

• U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS); National Institutes of Health (NIH); Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD): Eunice Kennedy Shriver NICHD Maternal-Fetal Medicine Units (MFMU) Network (UG1)

Notice seeking applications willing to participate with the NICHD in clinical trials and observational studies under a cooperative agreement in an ongoing multi-center clinical program designed to investigate problems in perinatal medicine, particularly those related to low birth weight, prematurity, and common obstetrical medical problems. Letters of intent are requested by May 3, 2015. Applications are due June 3, 2015. Approximately $4 million is available to support 11 to 14 awards. LIMITED SUBMISSION: Only one application per institution is allowed.

Links: Solicitation, Grants.gov
Notice seeking applications to support the initial stages of development of entirely new or next-generation placental imaging and assessment technologies and methods that will increase our capability to assess human placental structure and function safely in vivo throughout gestation and to explore the impact of environmental influences on placental structure and function across pregnancy. Letters of intent are requested by May 1, 2015. Applications are due June 1, 2015. Approximately $41.5 million is available to support up to nine awards.

Links: Solicitation, Grants.gov

Notice seeking applications to refine emergent technologies and approaches that have already demonstrated their transformative potential through initial proof-of-concept testing, and are appropriate for accelerated development with an end-goal of broad dissemination and incorporation into regular neuroscience practice. Applications are due on April 28, 2015, September 5, 2015 and January 5, 2016. Industry must serve as the lead agents on the applications, but colleges and universities are eligible to serve as partners. The number of awards is contingent upon NIH appropriations and the submission of a sufficient number of meritorious applications. Total funding support (direct costs, indirect costs, fees) normally may not exceed $150,000 for Phase I awards and $1,000,000 for Phase II awards.

Links: Solicitation, Grants.gov

Notice seeking funds to support increases in costs on existing projects in order to elucidate basic mechanisms and processes that facilitate and/or impede an individual’s attitudes, beliefs, knowledge, and behaviors involved with the self-management of chronic disease conditions within respective social and/or physical environment(s). Applications are due May 5, 2015. Approximately $1 million is available to support 10 awards.

Links: Solicitation, Grants.gov

Notice seeking applications to stimulate research focused on the role of early-life factors in cancer development later in life. R01 applications are due February 5, June 5, and October 5, annually. R03 and R21 applications are due February 16, June 16, and October 16, annually.

Links: R03 Solicitation, Solicitation, Grants.gov R21 Solicitation, Solicitation, Grants.gov R01 Solicitation, Solicitation, Grants.gov

Notice announcing a public meeting to discuss the Director’s Report: Ongoing and New Business; Reports of Program Review Group(s); Budget Presentations; Reports of Special Initiatives; RFA and RFP Concept Reviews; and Scientific Presentations. The public meeting will be held on March 11, 2015 from 9:00am to 5:00pm ET at the National Institutes of Health, 31 Center Drive, Building 31; C-Wing, 6th Floor, Room 10, Bethesda, MD.

Links: Federal Register notice

Notice seeking applications to accelerate translational and clinical Phase I and II a/b safety and efficacy studies for substantiating measurable functional benefits of probiotic/prebiotic components and/or their combinations, and to understand the underlying mechanisms of their action(s), and variability in responses to these interventions. Applications are due annually on February 5, June 5, and October 5 through May 8, 2018.

Links: Solicitation, Grants.gov
• U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS); National Institutes of Health (NIH); National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NHLBI): Sudden Cardiac Death in the Young: Population Based Studies (U01)

Notice seeking applications to support mechanistic, genetic, and other studies to evaluate causes and consequences of and risk factors for sudden cardiac death in the young. Studies are required to use data and DNA samples from the Sudden Death in the Young Case Registry as foundations for their research. Letters of intent are requested by May 15, 2015. Applications are due June 15, 2015. Approximately up to $2.5 million is available to support up to three awards.

Links: Solicitation, Grants.gov

• U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS); National Institutes of Health (NIH); National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEMS): Collaborative Activities to promote High Dimensional Molecular Analyses in NIEMS-supported Children’s Environmental Health Studies (Admin Supp)

Notice seeking administrative supplements to provide funds to awarded research grants to facilitate or enhance ongoing efforts in proteomics, metabolomics, epigenomics and other high dimensional molecular analysis approaches in existing pregnancy, birth, and/or children’s cohorts. Applications are due on April 6, 2015. Application budgets are limited to $300,000 direct costs per award, and must reflect the actual needs of the proposed project.

Links: Solicitation, Grants.gov

• U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS); National Institutes of Health (NIH); National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NEHS): Children’s Health Exposure Analysis Resource (CHEAR)

Notice seeking applications to provide the extramural research community access to laboratory and statistical analyses to add or expand the inclusion of environmental exposures in their research. Letters of intent are requested by March 30, 2015. Applications are due April 30, 2015. Awards amounts vary. LIMITED Submission: One application per institution


• U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS); National Institutes of Health (NIH); National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA): Identification of Genetic and Genomic Variants by Next-Gen in Sequencing Non-human Animal Models (U01)

Notice seeking to support efforts to identify gene variants associated with addiction and substance abuse in selectively bred, and outbred non-human animal models using Next Gen-sequencing, mapping, and genotyping. Applications are due June 30, 2015, and then annually on October 20, March 1, and June 30.

Links: Solicitation, Grants.gov

• U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS); Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA): Capacity Building Initiative for Substance Abuse (SA) and HIV Prevention Services for At-Risk Racial/Ethnic Minority Youth and Young Adults (HIV CBI)

Notice seeking to support substance abuse and HIV prevention services delivery for at risk populations, including racial/ethnic minority youth and young adults. Supported projects must combine education and awareness programs, social marketing campaigns, and HIV and viral hepatitis testing services with substance abuse and HIV prevention programming. SAMHSA is particularly interested in applications from college and university clinics/wellness centers. Applications are due by April 23, 2015. Approximately $14,193,763 is available to support 48 awards.

Links: Solicitation, Grants.gov

• U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS); Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA): 2015 Campus Suicide Prevention Grant

Notice seeking applications to facilitate a comprehensive public health approach to prevent suicide in institutions of higher education. Applications are due April 20, 2015. Approximately $2 million is available to support 20 awards.

Links: Grants.gov

• U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS); Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA): Targeted Capacity Expansion: Medication Assisted Treatment-Prescription Drug and Opioid Addiction (MAT-PDOA) grants

Notice seeking applications to enhance state’s treatment service systems to increase capacity and provide accessible, effective, comprehensive, coordinated care, and evidence-based medication assisted treatment (MAT) and recovery support services to individuals with opioid use disorders seeking or receiving MAT. Applications are due May 8, 2015. Approximately $11 million is available to support up to 11 awards. Eligibility is limited to 39 states identified with having the highest rates of primary treatment admissions for heroin and opioids per capita. Partnership opportunities may exist for colleges and universities.

Links: Solicitation, Grants.gov
• U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS); Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA): National Consumer and Consumer Supporter Technical Assistance Centers (Short Title: Consumer and Consumer Supporter TA Centers)

Notice seeking applications to provide technical assistance to promote consumer-directed approaches for adults with serious mental illnesses. Applications are due April 27, 2015. Approximately $1.8 million is available to support up to five awards.

Links: Grants.gov

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• National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA): ROSES 2015: Living With a Star

Notice seeking proposals to develop the scientific understanding needed for the U.S. to effectively address those aspects of Heliophysics science that may affect life and society. Step-1 proposals are due March 13, 2015. Invited Step-2 proposals are due May 1, 2015. Approximately $3.5 million is available to support 20 awards.

Links: Solicitation, Grants.gov

• National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA): Centennial Challenges Program Space Race Challenge ´ Request For Information

Notice seeking information to gather feedback on the competition being considered, to determine the level of interest in potentially competing in this challenge, and to understand the applicability of the technology developed by the competition for other non-government applications. Email comments to Sam Ortega no later than 21:00 EST 30 days after February 17, 2015. Use Space RACE Challenge on the subject line.

Links: FBO notice

• National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA): EARLY CAREER FACULTY (ECF)

Notice seeking proposals to support outstanding faculty researchers early in their careers as they conduct space technology research of high priority to NASA's Mission Directorates. Notices of intent are requested by March 20, 2015. Proposals are due April 17, 2015. Awards are typically $200,000 per year over three years.

Links: Solicitation, Grants.gov

• National Science Foundation (NSF): Critical Techniques and Technologies for Advancing Foundations and Applications of Big Data Science & Engineering

Notice seeking applications for the creation of novel approaches in computer science, statistics, computational science, and mathematics, along with innovative applications in domain science, including social and behavioral sciences, geosciences, education, biology, the physical sciences, and engineering. Applications are due May 20, 2015. Approximately $26.5 million is available to support up to 35 awards.

Links: Solicitation, Grants.gov

• National Science Foundation (NSF): Manufacturing Machines and Equipment

Notice seeking applications that enable the development of new and/or improved manufacturing machines and equipment, and optimization of their use, with a particular focus on equipment appropriate for the manufacture of mechanical and electromechanical devices, products, and systems featuring scales from microns to meters. Annual proposal windows are September 1 to September 15 and February 1 to February 15. Approximately $300,000 is available.

Links: Solicitation, Grants.gov

• National Science Foundation (NSF): Advisory Committee for Cyberinfrastructure (ACI)

Notice announcing a meeting to advise NSF on the impact of ACI's policies, programs and activities; and to provide advice to the director/NSF on issues related to long-range planning. The meeting will be held April 22, 2015, 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., ET; and April 23, 2015, 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., ET at the National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA, Room 1235.

Links: Federal Register notice

• U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA); National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA): Crop Protection and Pest Management

Notice seeking applications to address high priority issues related to pests and their management using IPM approaches at the state, regional and national levels. Applications are due April 7, 2015. Approximately $4 million is available.

Links: Solicitation, Grants.gov
U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA); National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA): Biotechnology Risk Assessment Grants Program

Notice seeking to support research to reduce negative effects of specific biotechnology-derived agents such as genetically engineered (GE) organisms, or a policy and decision-making process that describes how to avoid or mitigate the negative consequences identified in risk assessment assistance. Funds may partially support a conference or workshop that brings together scientists, regulators, and other stakeholders to review science-based data GE organisms released into the environment. Applications are due by April 17, 2015. Approximately $3.6 million is available to support this program.

Links: Solicitation, Grants.gov

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA); National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA): Agriculture and Food Research Initiative - Water for Agriculture Challenge Area

Notice seeking applications in the following program priority areas: 1) Water Availability for Diverse Agricultural Uses: The Right Water for the Right Place and Times; 2) Understanding Decisions and Behaviors Connected with Agriculture and Post-harvest Processing Industry Water Use; and 3) Understanding the Human Health Impacts to Exposure from Nontraditional Water Used in Agriculture. Letters of intent are due April 9, 2015. Applications are due July 16, 2015. Stakeholder comments must be sent to Policy@nifa.usda.gov by March 30, 2015. Approximately $30 million is available to support projects lasting up to four years. See the solicitation for specific amounts available for award type.

Links: Solicitation, Grants.gov

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA); National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA): Agriculture and Food Research Initiative - Agriculture and Natural Resources Science for Climate Variability and Change Challenge Area

Notice seeking applications to support research to facilitate the adaptation of agroecosystems and natural resource systems to climate variability and the implementation of mitigation strategies in those systems. Applications are sought in the following priority areas: Climate and Microbial Processes in Agroecosystems; Climate Resilient Land Use for Agriculture and Forestry; or Synthesis and Assessment of USDA NIFA’s Climate Investments. Letters of intent are due April 2, 2015. Applications are due June 4, 2015. Applications for conference grants are excluded from LOI requirement. Stakeholder comments must be sent to Policy@nifa.usda.gov by March 30, 2015. Approximately $5 million is available for awards. Applicants must specify the project type and grant type to which they are applying.

Links: Solicitation, Grants.gov

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA); National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA): Agriculture and Food Research Initiative - Childhood Obesity Prevention Challenge Area

Notice seeking applications to develop content and programs suitable for delivery through the Cooperative Extension System™’s eXtension Initiative in three program areas designed to achieve the long-term outcome of reducing the prevalence of overweight and obesity among children and adolescents. Funds may be used to contribute to existing Communities of Practice/Learning Networks or to form a new Learning Network(s) focused on childhood obesity. Projects must align with the eXtension vision, mission, and values. Applicants must have a letter of acknowledgement from eXtension; you may also need a letter of support from one or more of the Communities of Practice. For detailed guidance on how to partner with eXtension, go to http://create.extension.org/node/2057. Applications are due April 23, 2015. Stakeholder comments must be sent to Policy@nifa.usda.gov by March 30, 2015. Approximately $6 million is available for awards.

Links: Solicitation, Grants.gov

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA); National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA): Agriculture and Food Research Initiative - Food Safety Challenge Area

Notice seeking applications to support projects in two priority areas: Priority 1 - Enhancing Food Safety through Improved Processing Technologies; and Priority 2 - Effective Mitigation Strategies for Antimicrobial Resistance. Priority 1 applications are due May 18, 2015. Priority 2 applications are due May 13, 2015. Stakeholder comments must be sent to Policy@nifa.usda.gov by March 30, 2015. Approximately $6 million is available for awards.

Links: Solicitation, Grants.gov

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA); National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA): Agriculture and Food Research Initiative - Foundational Program

Notice seeking applications to support various project types in the following program areas: Animal Health and Production and Animal Products; Food Safety, Nutrition, and Health; Bioenergy, Natural Resources, and Environment; Agriculture Systems and Technology; Agriculture Economics and Rural Communities; Critical Agricultural Research and Extension; and Exploratory Research. Letters of intent and application deadlines vary by program area. Approximately $116 million is available for awards to support projects lasting up to five years.

Links: Solicitation, Grants.gov
• U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA); National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA): Biomass Research and Development Initiative

Notice seeking applications to support the development of a biomass-based industry in the United States. Concept papers are due March 27, 2015. Applications are due July 27, 2015. Approximately $8.7 million is available.

Links: Solicitation, Grants.gov

• U.S. Department of Commerce (DOC): Market Development Cooperator Program 2015

Notice seeking proposals for U.S. workers and firms to promote international trade and investment, strengthening industry competitiveness, and ensuring fair trade. Proposals are due April 27, 2015. Approximately $2 million is available to support 10 awards.

Links: Grants.gov

• U.S. Department of Commerce (DOC); International Trade Administration (ITA): Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Advisory Committee

Notice announcing a public meeting of the Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Advisory Committee (RE&EEAC) to discuss the development and administration of programs and policies to enhance the international competitiveness of the U.S. renewable energy and energy efficiency industries. The public meeting will be held on March 12, 2015, from approximately 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. (ET) at the U.S. Department of Commerce, Herbert C. Hoover Building in Washington, D.C.

Links: Federal Register notice

• U.S. Department of Commerce (DOC); National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA): NOAA Sea Grant Aquaculture Extension and Technology Transfer 2015

Notice seeking applications to support one or both of the goals stated in the NOAA National Sea Grant College Program 2014-2017 Strategic Plan's Focus Area of Sustainable Fisheries and Aquaculture: (1) a safe, secure and sustainable supply of seafood to meet public demand; and/or (2) informed consumers who understand the health benefits of seafood consumption and how to evaluate the safety and sustainability of the seafood they buy. Applications are due April 27, 2015. Approximately $3.2 million is available to support multiple awards over a two-year period. The following entities are eligible to apply to this funding opportunity: Sea Grant College Programs, Sea Grant Institutional Programs, Sea Grant Coherent Area Programs, and the National Sea Grant Law Center.

Links: Grants.gov

• U.S. Department of Commerce (DoC); National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA); National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS): Nominations to the Marine Mammal Scientific Review Groups (SRGs)

Notice seeking nominations of new members to fill vacancies on the Atlantic and Pacific SRGs. Nominees should be able to conduct thorough scientific reviews of marine mammal science, and be able to fulfill the necessary time commitments associated with a thorough review of documents and attendance at one annual meeting. More information about the SRGs can be found here, http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/sars/group.htm. Nominations must be received by March 20, 2015, and must be sent to Chief, Marine Mammal and Sea Turtle Conservation Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD, 20910-3226, Attn: SRGs.

Links: Federal Register notice

• U.S. Department of Commerce; National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST): National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Smart Grid Advisory Committee Meeting

Notice announcing a public meeting to provide input to NIST on Smart Grid standards, priorities, and gaps, on the overall direction, status, and health of the Smart Grid implementation by the Smart Grid industry, and on Smart Grid Interoperability Panel activities, including the direction of research and standards activities. The public meeting will be held from Tuesday, March 10, 2015 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. ET; and Wednesday, March 11, 2015 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. ET in Conference Room B205, Building 226 (Building Research), National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), 100 Bureau Drive, Gaithersburg, MD.

Links: Federal Register notice

• U.S. Department of Defense (DoD); Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA): Communicating with Computers (CwC)

Notice seeking applications to accelerate progress toward two-way communication between people and computers in which the machine is more than merely a receiver of commands and in which a full range of natural modes is tapped, including potentially language, gesture and facial or other expressions. Abstracts are due March 6, 2015. Applications are due April 9, 2015.

Links: FBO notice, Grants.gov
• U.S. Department of Defense (DoD); Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA): Young Faculty Award (YFA)

Notice seeking applications to solicit ground-breaking single-investigator proposals from junior faculty for research and development in the areas of Physical Sciences, Engineering, Mathematics, Medicine, Biology, Information and Social Sciences of interest to DARPA's Defense Sciences Office (DSO), Microsystems Technology Office (MTO), and Biological Technology Office (BTO). Applications are due April 13, 2015. Multiple awards are anticipated.

Links: [FBO notice](#), [Grants.gov](#)

• U.S. Department of Defense (DOD); Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA); Strategic Technology Office: Future Arctic Sensing Technologies

Notice seeking proposals on Arctic sensor systems that are low-cost, rapidly-deployable, environmentally friendly, unmanned sensor systems, including deployment and data reach-back from above the Arctic Circle that can detect, track and identify air, surface and subsurface targets. Questions are due March 9, 2015. Proposals are due April 14, 2015. Approximately $4 million is available to support multiple awards.

Links: [Grants.gov](#), [FBO notice](#)

• U.S. Department of Defense (DoD); U.S. Department of the Army: Army Research Institute for the Behavioral and Social Sciences (ARI) Foundational Science Research Unit (FSRU) - Broad Agency Announcement for Basic Scientific Research (FY 2015)

Notice seeking proposals for basic research in behavioral science that address both traditional behavioral issues as well as psychophysiological (to include neuroscience) and network science approaches to social phenomena, memory, cognition, and personality. White papers are due by April 3, 2015. Proposals are due on June 5, 2015. Amendments to this BAA will be posted to [FedBizOpps](#) and [Grants.gov](#) when they occur.

Links: [Grants.gov](#)

• U.S. Department of Defense (DoD); U.S. Department of the Navy; Navy Engineering Logistics Office: BAA for CTTSO Support

Broad agency announcement seeking quad chart proposals to provide rapid prototype development of technologies and solutions focused on current and future critical multi-agency counterterrorism and antiterrorism requirements. See the solicitation for specific topic areas. Quad chart proposals are due March 20, 2015. Selected Quad chart proposers will be invited to submit white paper proposals and then full proposals. Awards are expected to last 6 to 24 months.

Links: [FBO notice](#)

• U.S. Department of Energy (DOE): Biomass Research and Development Technical Advisory Committee

Notice announcing open meeting to provide advice and recommendations to the Secretary of Energy and the Secretary of Agriculture that promote research and development leading to the production of biobased fuels and biobased products. The meeting will be held on March 5, 2015 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. ET and March 6, 2015 from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. ET at Marriott Wardman Park, 2660 Woodley Rd. NW., Washington, DC. Attendees must contact Elliott Levine and Roy Tiley at least five business days prior to the meeting.

Links: [Federal Register notice](#)

• U.S. Department of Energy (DOE); National Energy Technology Laboratory (NETL): Small and Large Scale Pilots for Reducing the Cost of CO2 Capture and Compression

Notice seeking applications on advancing the development of a suite of post combustion carbon dioxide capture and supersonic compression systems for new and existing coal based electric generating plants. Applications are due March 30, 2015. Approximately $143.5 million is available.

Links: [Solicitation](#), [Grants.gov](#)

• U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI); Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM): FY 2015 Environmental Studies Program

Notice seeking applications to conduct research in topics that serve the public interest of safe and environmentally sound energy and mineral production on the nation's outer continental shelf. Applications are due April 10, 2015. Approximately $900,000 is available to support one award.

Links: [Grants.gov](#)

• U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI); Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM): Title of Program Announcement

Notice seeking applications to conduct research in topics that serve the public interest of safe and environmentally sound energy and mineral production on the nation's outer continental shelf. Applications are due March 26, 2015. Approximately $490,000 is available to support one award.

Links: [Grants.gov](#)
**U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI); Geological Survey:** Innovative Invasive Species Control and Bioremediation via RNAI Treatment

Notice seeking applications to establish management treatments for Phragmites australis which has become a major problem in wetlands ecosystems in North America. Applications are due March 12, 2015. Approximately $499,000 is available to support one award.

**Links:** [Grants.gov](https://grants.gov)

**U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI); Geological Survey:** Characterization of Spawning Inhibiting Cues to Control Dreissenid Mussels

Notice seeking applications to identify and deploy algal chemicals, which are potentially species specific natural products to regulate dreissenid mussel reproduction to reduce mussel populations at ecosystem scales. Applications are due March 12, 2015. Approximately $692,360 is available to support one award.

**Links:** [Grants.gov](https://grants.gov)

**U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI); National Fish and Wildlife Foundation; Fish and Wildlife Service:** Pacific Islands Fish and Wildlife Office

Notice announcing that the USFWS Pacific Islands Fish and Wildlife Office (PIFWO) is developing a statewide habitat suitability model (HSM) for two seabird species: the threatened Newell’s shearwater (Puffinus newelli; NESH) and endangered Hawaiian petrel (Pterodroma sandwichensis; HAPE). Model outputs will be geographic information systems (GIS) layers that identify potential suitable habitat. Applications are due April 26, 2015. One cooperative agreement for $98,695 is available. Eligibility is unrestricted.

**Links:** [Grants.gov](https://grants.gov)

**U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT); Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA):** Research and Development Program Forum

Notice announcing a Research and Development Forum where PHMSA will use the forum to present the results of recently completed research projects and to discuss current and future research projects in the transportation, energy, and industrial safety fields. The forum will be held at the DOT Headquarters, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., West Building, Conference Center Oklahoma City Room, Washington, DC 20590 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. EST. The DOT asks that attendees pre-register for the forum.

**Links:** [Federal Register notice](https://federalregister.gov)

**U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA); Office of the Science Advisor:** Support the National Environmental Monitoring Conference (NEMC) as Part of the Environmental Measurement Symposium

Notice seeking applications proposing to support the annual National Environmental Monitoring Conference (NEMC) as part of the Environmental Measurement Symposium. NEMC encompasses all environmental media (e.g., water, air, solid waste, pesticides) and all of the Environmental Protection Agency's monitoring programs with the exception of criteria pollutants in air (e.g., hazardous waste, wastewater, drinking water, source emissions, Superfund, pesticides). Applications are due March 31, 2015. Approximately $500,000 is available to support one award.

**Links:** [Solicitation, Grants.gov](https://grants.gov)

**STATE and REGIONAL OPPORTUNITIES**

- Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit, Rocky Mountain CESU

**Links:** [Grants.gov](https://grants.gov)

- Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit, Great Basin CESU

**Links:** [Grants.gov](https://grants.gov)

- Chesapeake Bay Program Office Fiscal Year 2015 Request for Proposals for Strategic Communication and Media Support

**Links:** [Grants.gov](https://grants.gov)

- BLM-CO National Conservation Lands Interns

**Links:** [Grants.gov](https://grants.gov)
• Southwest Border Protection Patrol (Agency: DoI)

• Office of Elementary and Secondary Education (OESE): Alaska Native Education Program

• BLM- New Mexico - State Wide Cave Assistance Agreement