ARTS, HUMANITIES AND INTERNATIONAL

American Language Center English Language and Cultural Program

Department of State (State), U.S. Mission to Jordan

Notice seeking applications to provide all staffing, security, resource materials, technology infrastructure, technical support and key program activities to administer the English language and cultural programs of the American Language Center (ALC) in Amman, which is one of approximately 700 American Spaces supported by the Bureau of International Information Programs (IIP) of the U.S. Department of State.

Applications are due April 20, 2017. Approximately $140,000 is available.

LINKS: Grants.gov, Solicitation

FY 2017 Notice of Funding Opportunity for Global Innovation Programs to Address Gender-based Violence (GBV) in Conflict-Affected Humanitarian Emergencies

Department of State (State), Bureau of Population Refugees and Migration (PRM)

Notice seeking applications for the development of new evidence-based programming, guidelines and tools, as well as capacity building initiatives that advance gender based violence (GBV) programming and practice at the field level, with a particular focus on initiatives and efforts that improve quality and accessibility of services for women, girls, and survivors of GBV. In addition, PRM prioritizes submissions that contribute to a broader evidence-base and builds upon current standards to document good approaches or practice for the wider humanitarian community. This funding opportunity is only for proposals for globally-relevant projects that involve multiple locations and, when appropriate, multiple partners.

Applications are due May 18, 2017. Project proposals must not be more than $800,000 per year or they will be disqualified.

LINKS: Grants.gov, Solicitation

Strengthen Government through Civil Society Engagement

Department of State (State), U.S. Mission to Costa Rica

Notice seeking applications to provide support to improve basic local, municipal, or central government services. Proposals should be oriented toward activities by civil society organizations working to improve, expand or complement the delivery of government services, particularly to vulnerable and/or marginalized communities and in areas outside of the Central Valley in an effort to help create strong, capable, and accountable governments.

Applications are due May 19, 2017. Approximately $1.5 million is available to support five awards.

LINKS: Grants.gov, Solicitation

Notice of Public Meeting of the International Telecommunication Advisory Committee and Preparations for Upcoming International Telecommunications Meetings

Department of State (State)

Notice announcing a meeting of the International Telecommunication Advisory Committee and Preparations for Upcoming International Telecommunications Meetings. The purpose of the meeting is to review recent activities of the Department of State in international meetings on international communications and information policy and prepare for similar activities in the next quarter.

The meeting will be held April 27, 2017 at 2:00 pm ET at ITIC, 1101 K St NW #610, Washington, DC.

LINKS: Federal Register
All India Access Camp

Department of State (State), US Mission to India

Notice seeking applications supporting All India Access Camp. The proposed project will consist of a grantee working closely with the Department of State (DOS) in planning and organizing an intensive residential camp experience that aims to bring together approximately fifty talented Access students from different Access programs across India.

Applications are due May 23, 2017. Approximately $125,000 is available to support one award.

LINKS: Grants.gov

Common Heritage

National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), Division of Preservation and Access

Notice seeking applications supporting the digitization of cultural heritage materials and the organization of outreach through community events that explore and interpret these materials as a window on the community’s history and culture.

Applications are due June 1, 2017. Approximately $12,000 is available per award. Number of awards are contingent upon applications received.

LINKS: Grants.gov, Solicitation

English for Workforce Development in Pakistan, Public Affairs Section, U.S. Embassy, Islamabad

Department of State (State), U.S. Mission to Pakistan

Notice seeking applications supporting efforts to create a better educated and more skilled workforce in Islamabad by increasing the English language proficiency of targeted under-employed and unemployed young adults ages 17-25.

Applications are due by May 24, 2017. Up to $700,000 per award is available to support multiple awards.

LINKS: Grants.gov

FY 2017 U.S. - Pakistan Professional Partnership for Journalists in Urdu Program

FON:
ECA-ECAPEC-17-029

Department of State (State), Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA)

Notice seeking proposals for a cooperative agreement for the U.S. - Pakistan Professional Partnership for Journalists in Urdu Program. The two-way exchange program will promote improved knowledge and understanding of newsgathering strategies, media ethics, journalist safety in conflict zones, investigative reporting, and the business of journalism in the U.S. The program will also provide structured interaction between American and Pakistani journalists, which will contribute to stronger professional ties and lasting relationships between the two nations. Approximately 30 Pakistani print and broadcast journalists on the frontline of information gathering and reporting, ages 25 to 40, will participate in a U.S. program, of approximately two to three weeks in length, which will include multiple site visits to U.S.-based media outlets. Approximately five U.S. journalists will participate in an American Outbound Program to Pakistan of approximately seven to ten days in length to engage with their foreign counterparts.

Applications are due May 22, 2017. Approximately $600,000 is available to support one award.

LINKS: Grants.gov
Global Religious Freedoms - Europe and East Asia and the Pacific

Department of State (State), Bureau of Democracy Human Rights and Labor (DRL)

Notice seeking applications supporting efforts to promote and protect religious freedom in the regions of: Europe; and East Asia and the Pacific. European proposals must seek to combat intolerance and discrimination, addressing, to the extent possible, issues facing Jewish, Muslim and Christian minority populations in the targeted countries. East Asia and the Pacific proposals support efforts to bring domestic laws in line with international standards on freedom of religion or belief.

Applications are due by April 26, 2017. Approximately $900,000 is available to support one award in each area. Funding caps vary by area.

Limited Submission: Applicants can apply for one or both awards but may not submit multiple applications for a single award

LINKS: Grants.gov, Solicitation

Supporting Libya’s Political Transition

Department of State (State), Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs (NEA)

Notice seeking applications supporting efforts to assist Libya’s transition toward stability and national reconciliation by advancing public dialogue. Funds support efforts to encourage public discourse by supporting the constitutional process and fostering a professional and responsive media sector in Libya. Objectives include: enable the constitutional drafting body to be more effective in engaging constituents in its work; engage critical stakeholders, especially boycotters and minority groups, in the constitutional process; finalize a draft constitution that is more representative of all Libyans, which garners popular support; and increase the involvement of the international community to raise the profile of the constitutional process.

Optional letters of intent are due by April 10, 2017. Applications are due by May 22, 2017. Approximately $3 million is available to support two to three awards.

LINKS: Grants.gov

EDUCATION and ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

2017 BJS Visiting Fellows: Criminal Justice Statistics Programs

Office of Justice Programs (OJP), Department of Justice (Justice), Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS)

Notice seeking applications to address substantive, methodological, and analytic issues to enhance or inform BJS statistical programs; support the scholarly use of BJS data collections; and expand the body of policy-relevant research that uses these data to further knowledge about and understanding of the operation of the criminal justice system.

Applications are due May 4, 2017. Approximately $600,000 is available to support three awards.

LINKS: Grants.gov, Agency Site

Minor Crop Pest Management Program Interregional Research Project #4

United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA)

Notice seeking applications to provide safe, effective, and economical pest management solutions for minor agricultural use and use on specialty crops.

Applications are due May 1, 2017. Approximately $11 million is available. Cost sharing is required.

LINKS: Grants.gov, Solicitation
OJJDP FY 17 Changing Minds: Professional Development and Public Education to Address Children Exposed to Violence and Childhood Trauma

Office of Justice Programs (OJP), Department of Justice (Justice), Office of Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP)

Notice seeking applications to provide training, technical assistance, and resources to state, local, and tribal professionals who work with at-risk children and justice-involved youth in three discrete categories of funding: Master Trainings/Training of Trainers on CEV and childhood trauma for educators and educational administrators in public school and correctional and alternative education settings based on the Changing Minds K-12 training institute; Master Trainings/Training of Trainers on CEV and childhood trauma for law enforcement based on the Enhancing Law Enforcement Response to Children Exposed to Violence curriculum and toolkit; and Changing Minds Public Awareness Campaign expansion and enhancement.

Applications are due May 2, 2017. Approximately $6 million is available to support six awards.

LINKS: Grants.gov, Agency Site

OJJDP FY 17 National Incidence Studies of Missing Children Reported to Law Enforcement

Office of Justice Programs (OJP), Department of Justice (Justice), Office of Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP)

Notice seeking proposals to test strategies and work to produce national estimates of missing children reported to law enforcement in response to the Congressional mandate: The administrator [OJJDP] shall triennially conduct national incidence studies to determine for a given year the actual number of children who are abducted by strangers, the number of children who are victims of parental kidnappings, and the number of children who are recovered each year.

Proposals are due May 3, 2017. Approximately $1 million is available to support one award.

LINKS: Grants.gov

Military Family Readiness Council (MFRC); Notice of Federal Advisory Committee Meeting

Department of Defense (Defense)

Notice announcing a meeting of DOD's Military Family Readiness Council (MFRC). The purpose of this meeting is to receive information related to community collaboratives, policies, programs and services that provide relocation information and support services to DoD Service and family members throughout their mobile military lifecycle.

The meeting will be held April 27, 2017 from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm ET at Pentagon Library & Conference Center, Room B6. Escorts will be provided from the Pentagon Visitors Center waiting area (Pentagon Metro entrance) upon request.

LINKS: Federal Register

Agriculture and Food Research Initiative - Food Safety Challenge Area

United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA)

Notice seeking applications supporting Effective Mitigation Strategies for Antimicrobial Resistance. It promotes the development of sustainable and integrated food safety systems that reduce health risks along the food value chain from producer to consumer. New, improved, and innovative solutions to the complex problem of Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) are most effectively addressed by transdisciplinary teams of experts using a systems approach.

Applications are due June 21, 2017. Approximately $11 million is available to support multiple awards. Cost sharing is required. Limited Submission: Institutions may submit applications to one of the Program Areas in this RFA as one of the three types of requests.

LINKS: Grants.gov, Solicitation
Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Advisory Committee; Meeting

National Archives and Records Administration (NARA), Office of Government Information Services

Notice announcing a meeting of the Freedom of Information Act Advisory Committee meeting to review the work of the committee’s three subcommittees: Efficiency and Resources; Proactive Disclosure; and Searches.

The meeting will be April 20, 2017, from 10 am to 1 pm (ET) at the National Archives and Records Administration, 700 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., William G. McGowan Theater, Washington, DC. You must register for the meeting by April 18, 2017, at 5 pm ET.

LINKS: Federal Register

Inviting Applications for Rural Cooperative Development Grants

United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Rural Business-Cooperative Service

Notice seeking applications supporting to improve the economic condition of rural areas through cooperative development. Grant funds may be used to pay for up to 75 percent of the cost of establishing and operating centers for rural cooperative development; 95 percent if the applicant is a Tribal Land Grant Institution. Matching is required.

Electronic applications are due by May 26, 2017. Paper applications are due by June 2, 2017. Approximately $200,000 per award is available to support multiple awards.

LINKS: Federal Register

National Indian Nations Conference: Justice for Victims of Crime

Department of Justice (Justice), Office for Victims of Crime (OVC)

Notice seeking applications supporting efforts to plan and conduct the 16th and 17th National Indian Nations Conference: Justice for Victims of Crime, which will take place in 2018 and 2020, respectively. Funds support efforts to provide victim advocates and allied professionals with a unique forum to share their successes, challenges, lessons learned, best practices, and visions for the future of crime victim services in American Indian and Alaska Native communities.

Applications are due by May 9, 2017. Approximately $499,000 is available to support up to one award.

LINKS: Grants.gov

NIJ FY17 Postconviction Testing of DNA Evidence

Department of Justice (Justice), National Institute of Justice (NIJ)

Notice seeking applications for funding to assist in defraying the costs associated with postconviction DNA testing in cases of violent felony offenses (as defined by State law) in which actual innocence might be demonstrated. Funds may be used to identify and review such postconviction cases and to locate and analyze associated biological evidence. Applications are due May 9, 2017. Approximately $3.6 million is available to support six awards.

LINKS: Grants.gov
Fruit and Vegetable Industry Advisory Committee

United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS)

Notice announcing a meeting of the Fruit and Vegetable Industry Advisory Committee. The purpose of the meeting is to examine the full spectrum of fruit and vegetable industry issues and provide recommendations and ideas to the Secretary of Agriculture on how the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) can tailor programs and services to better meet the needs of the U.S. produce industry.

The meeting will be held Tuesday, May 9, 2017, from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm ET, and Wednesday, May 10, 2017, from 8:30 am to 1:00 pm, ET in the Potomac Rooms V and VI on the Ballroom Level at the Hyatt Regency Crystal City Hotel, 2799 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia.

LINKS: Federal Register

Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (MAFMC); Meeting

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce (Commerce)

Notice announcing a meeting of the Highly Migratory Species (HMS) and Law Enforcement Committees of the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council joint meeting.

The webinar will be held April 6, 2017 begin at 9:00 am ET. Details will be posted at http://www.mafmc.org/council-events/2017/joint-hms-law-enforcement-committee-meeting-webinar.

LINKS: Federal Register

National Advisory Committee on Racial, Ethnic and Other Populations

Census Bureau (CB)

Notice announcing a virtual meeting of the National Advisory Committee on Racial, Ethnic and Other Populations. The Committee will address the U.S. Census Bureau's release of the 2015 National Content Test Race and Ethnicity Analysis Report, which presents findings to the Census Bureau Director and executive staff on the optimal design elements of the race/ethnicity question as preparations continue for the 2020 Census. The 2015 National Content Test is part of the research and development cycle leading up to a re-engineered 2020 Census, and was designed to compare different questionnaire design strategies for race and ethnicity.

The meeting will be held on April 5, 2017 from 1:00 pm ET to 4:00 pm ET

LINKS: Federal Register

Notification of Rescheduled Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee March 21, 2017, Public Meeting

Department of the Treasury (Treasury), United States Mint

Notice announcing a meeting of the Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee. Agenda items include review and discussion of candidate designs for the 2018 World War I Armed Forces Silver Medals, and the American Eagle Palladium Bullion Coin; and a discussion of concepts and themes for the Filipino Veterans of World War II Congressional Gold Medal.

Applications are due by March 21, 2017 from 10:00 am to 4:30 pm at Conference Room A&B, United States Mint, 801 9th Street NW., Washington, DC

LINKS: Federal Register
Public Meeting on Consumer Messaging in Connection with Online Transactions Involving Copyrighted Works

Department of Commerce (Commerce), United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)

Notice announcing a meeting of the Internet Policy Task Force to discuss how best to communicate to consumers regarding license terms and restrictions in connection with online transactions involving copyrighted works.

The meeting will be held April 18, 2017 from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm ET at 600 Dulany Street, Alexandria, VA.

LINKS: Federal Register

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SJI Board of Directors Meeting, Notice

SJI (State Justice Institute)

Notice announcing a meeting of the State Justice Institute Board of Directors to consider grant applications for the 2nd quarter of FY 2017, and other business.

The meeting will be held Monday, April 3, 2017 at 1:00 pm at the Tennessee Administrative Office of the Courts, Conference Room, 6th Floor, 511 Union Street, Nashville, Tennessee

LINKS: Federal Register

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Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request; Study of an Information Strategy To Increase Enrollment in Postsecondary Education

Department of Education (Education)

Notice seeking comments on proposed collection "Study of an Information Strategy to Increase Enrollment in Postsecondary Education."

Comments are accepted through May 22, 2017.

LINKS: Federal Register

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**HEALTH and MENTAL HEALTH**

Advancing the Science of Geriatric Palliative Care (R01) (R21)

National Institutes of Health (NIH), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Multiple Institutes

Notice seeking applications focused on palliative care in geriatric populations. This FOA covers studies in a variety of settings including hospitals (and specific sites within hospitals including specialty medical or surgical wards, intensive care units, and emergency departments), post-acute care settings, outpatient clinics and doctors’ offices, patients’ homes and other residential settings, assisted living facilities, nursing homes, hospices, and other healthcare or community settings.

R01 applications are due annually on June 5, October 5, and February 5. R21 applications are due annually on June 16, October 16, and February 16.

LINKS: Grants.gov, Solicitation R01, Solicitation R21
Enhancing national STD/HIV prevention efforts by promoting holistic, comprehensive, and evidence-informed health and wellness approaches through strategic partnerships

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), National Center for HIV/AIDS, Viral Hepatitis, STD, and TB Prevention

Notice seeking applications for a cooperative agreement intended to support a comprehensive and integrated approach to STD/HIV prevention, which includes empowering individuals throughout the life span to make healthy choices and have healthy relationships as an approach to reducing STDs and HIV in the U.S. This FOA includes coalition management; and the development, promotion and dissemination of health-related materials, resources and tools to the general public and health care providers.

Required letters of Intent are due April 26, 2017. Applications are due May 22, 2017. Approximately $2 million is available to support one award.

LINKS: Grants.gov

Hearing Health Care for Adults: Improving Access and Affordability (R21)

National Institutes of Health (NIH), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders (NIDCD)

Notice seeking applications for research on hearing health care in adults in support of improving access and affordability. Further research is needed to strengthen the evidence base with a goal of delivering better hearing health care outcomes in adults.

Applications are due annually on June 16, October 16, and February 16.

LINKS: Grants.gov, Solicitation

National Resource Center for Nutrition and Aging (NRCNA)

FON: HHS-2017-ACL-AOA-PPNU-0215

Administration for Community Living (ACL), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

Notice seeking applications for a cooperative agreement to operate a National Resource Center for Nutrition and Aging (NRCNA). The successful awardee will provide for training, technical assistance and support to the States; Units on Aging, Area Agencies on Aging and Nutrition Program providers in every State, Territory and the District of Columbia.

Applications are due May 16, 2017. Approximately $225,000 is available to support one award.

LINKS: Grants.gov

Resiliency in Communities After Stress and Trauma

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Center for Mental Health Services (CMHS)

Notice seeking applications for the (FY) 2017 Resiliency in Communities After Stress and Trauma (Short Title: ReCAST Program) grants. The purpose of this program is to assist high-risk youth and families and promote resilience and equity in communities that have recently faced civil unrest through implementation of evidence-based, violence prevention, and community youth engagement programs, as well as linkages to trauma-informed behavioral health services.

Applications are due May 17, 2017. Approximately $2.5 million is available to support two awards. Eligible applicants are local municipalities in partnership with community-based organizations (including public or private universities and colleges) that have faced civil unrest within the past 24 months from the posting of this FOA.

LINKS: Grants.gov, Solicitation
Health Resources and Services Administration

Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

Notice announcing a meeting of the National Advisory Committee on Rural Health and Human Services (NACRHHS) to examine the current delivery of health care and human services in rural areas.

The meeting will be held April 10, 2017 from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm ET at the Hyatt Place Hotel, 400 E St. SW. Washington, DC, April 11, 2017 from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm ET at the Hubert H. Humphrey Building, 200 Independence Ave. SW, Washington, DC, and April 12, 2017 from 9:00 am to 11:00 am ET at the Hyatt Place Hotel, 400 E St. SW. Washington, DC. Persons interested in attending any portion of the meeting should contact Adam Cohen at 301/443-0445 or via email at acohen@hrsa.gov by April 7, 2017.

LINKS: Grants.gov, Committee Site

National Institute on Aging; Notice of Meeting

National Institutes of Health (NIH), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

Notice announcing a meeting of the National Advisory Council on Aging to discuss future meeting dates; consider minutes of last meeting, reports from the Task Force on Minority Aging Research, Working Group on Program; Council Speaker; and Program Highlights.

The open portion of the meeting will be held May 17, 2017 from 8:00 am to 12:15 pm ET at National Institutes of Health, Building 31, C Wing 6th Floor Conference Room 10, 9000 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, MD.

LINKS: Federal Register, Institute Site

Continuing Enhanced National Surveillance for Prion Diseases in the United States

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), National Center for Emerging and Zoonotic Infectious Diseases (NCEZID)

Notice seeking applications supporting an active surveillance program for human prion diseases in the United States. Funds support enhanced surveillance and make possible laboratory investigation of newly emerging prion diseases.

Optional letters of intent are due by March 30, 2017. Applications are due by May 24, 2017. Approximately $17.5 million is available to support up to one award.

LINKS: Grants.gov

Human-Animal Interaction (HAI) Research (R21) (R03) (R01)

National Institutes of Health (NIH), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD)

Notice seeking applications researching the impact on HAI on child development and health, the evaluation of animal-assisted intervention, and the effects of animals on public health, including cost effectiveness of involving animals in reducing and preventing disease.

Requested letters of intent are due 30 days prior to application. Applications are due June 27, 2017, March 30, 2018, and March 30, 2019. Funding amount and number of awards are contingent upon availability.

LINKS: Grants.gov (R21), Solicitation (R21), Solicitation (R01)
Integration and Validation of Emerging Technologies to Accelerate Cancer Research (R33)

National Institutes of Health (NIH), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), National Cancer Institute (NCI)

Notice seeking applications supporting research on the advanced development and rigorous validation of new enabling technologies/tools/capabilities with a transformative potential for cancer research and clinical oncology. Focus areas include: Enhanced experimental and analytical capabilities addressing complexities of cancer development; New capabilities advancing precise clinical diagnosis of cancer patients; Novel predictive ex vivo and/or in silico modeling approaches; and New technologies/approaches to improve biospecimen and data quality.

Optional letters of intent are due 30 days before the due date. Applications are due by May 10, 2017. Approximately $5 million is available to support up to 10 awards.

LINKS: Grants.gov, Solicitation

Intensive Longitudinal Analysis of Health Behaviors: Leveraging New Technologies to Understand Health Behaviors (U01/U24)

National Institutes of Health (NIH), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Multiple Institutes

Notice seeking applications supporting research projects (U01) studying factors that influence key health behaviors at the individual level, using intensive longitudinal data collection and analytic methods. Funds also support efforts to assess how study results can be leveraged to introduce innovations into longstanding behavioral theories to advance the field of theory-driven behavior change interventions. Funds also support a Research Coordinating Center (U24) to facilitate and support the Intensive Longitudinal Health Behaviors Initiative, that will coordinate common activities between U01 grantees including communications, meetings, governance, and the development of methods harmonization, data integration, and dissemination.

U01 optional letters of intent are due by September 5, 2017. Applications are due by June 5, 2018 and October 5, 2018. Approximately $2.5 million is available to support up to five awards.

U24 optional letters of intent are due by August 25, 2017. Applications are due on May 25, 2018 and September 25, 2018. Approximately $300,000 is available to support one award.

LINKS: Grants.gov (U01), Solicitation (U01)

NIDCR Dental Specialty and PhD Program (DSPP)(K12)

National Institutes of Health (NIH), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

Notice seeking applications that propose to develop outstanding clinician scientists through an integrated program of advanced clinical training in a recognized dental specialty and supervised research training leading to a PhD in biomedical or behavioral science, or in another field applicable to dental, oral and craniofacial research.

Requested letters of intent are due June 3, 2017. Applications are due July 3, 2017. Approximately $1 million is available to support multiple awards. Limited Submission: Only one application per institution is allowed.

LINKS: Grants.gov, Solicitation

Resource-Related Research Projects in the Epidemiology and Prevention of Pediatric Injury (R24)

National Institutes of Health (NIH), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

Notice seeking applications supporting furthering research in the scientific area of epidemiology and/or prevention of childhood injuries. Requested letters of intent are due 30 days prior to the application. Applications are due June 19, 2017, October 23, 2017, June 19, 2018, October 23, 2018, June 19, 2019, and October 23, 2019. Funding amount and number of awards are contingent with availability.

LINKS: Grants.gov, Solicitation
Board of Scientific Counselors Homeland Security Subcommittee; Notification of Public Teleconference and Public Comment

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

Notice announcing a teleconference meeting of the Board of Scientific Counselors Homeland Security Subcommittee to discuss finalizing the draft report on the effective and efficient tools, strategies and methods to characterize and assess exposure and decontamination following a biological contamination incident.

The meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 28, 2017 from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm ET

LINKS: Federal Register

Genomic Medicine Program Advisory Committee; Notice of Meeting

Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)

Notice announcing a meeting of the Genomic Medicine Program Advisory Committee to provide advice and make recommendations on using genetic information to optimize medical care for Veterans and to enhance development of tests and treatments for diseases particularly relevant to Veterans. Agenda items include updates on the progress and planned characterization of the Million Veteran Program (MVP) samples and data access for the MVP, as well as updates from other national research programs such as the Kaiser Permanente.

The meeting will be held May 22, 2017, from 9:00 am to 4:40 pm at the Hilton Garden Inn, Washington, DC, U.S. Capitol, 1225 1st Street NE., Washington, DC.

LINKS: Federal Register

Meeting of the Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Advisory Committee

Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health (OASH)

Notice announcing a webinar meeting of the Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Advisory Committee to provide advice and recommendations on issues related to myalgic encephalomyelitis/chronic fatigue syndrome (ME/CFS). The issues can include factors affecting access and care for persons with ME/CFS; the science and definition of ME/CFS; and broader public health, clinical, research, and educational issues related to ME/CFS.

The meeting will be held on Thursday, June 29, 2017, from 12 pm until 5 pm ET and on Friday, June 30, 2017 from 9 am to 5 pm ET

LINKS: Federal Register

Notice of Diabetes Mellitus Interagency Coordinating Committee Meeting

National Institutes of Health (NIH), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

Notice announcing a meeting of the Diabetes Mellitus Interagency Coordinating Committee (DMICC). The topic for this meeting will be “Opportunities for Research Supported by the Special Statutory Funding Program for Type 1 Diabetes Research.”

The meeting will be held April 26, 2017 from 8:00 am to 5:45 pm and April 27, 2017 from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm ET at 5635 Fishers Ln., Rockville, MD.

LINKS: Federal Register
Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

Notice seeking comments on "Electronic Submission of Medicare Graduate Medical Education (GME) Affiliation Agreements" and "CMS Enterprise Identity Management".

Comments are accepted through May 22, 2017.

LINKS: Federal Register

World Trade Center Health Program; Request for Nominations of Scientific Peer Reviewers of Proposed Additions to the List of WTC-Related Health Conditions

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

Notice soliciting nominations, including self-nominations, for scientific peer reviewers of proposed additions of conditions to the List of World Trade Center-Related Health Conditions (List), who will provide an independent peer review of the scientific and technical evidence that would be the basis for issuing a final rule to add a health condition to the List.

Nominations are due by February 1, 2019.

LINKS: Federal Register

**SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, and MATHEMATICS**

Advanced Technology Demonstration topic entitled “Development, Characterization, and Demonstration of a Carbon Nanotube-Based Large-Gage Cable (with terminations)”

Navy (Navy), Department of Defense (Defense), Office of Naval Research (ONR)

Notice seeking applications to develop and demonstrate a prototype power distribution cable utilizing CNT-based conductors to provide a significant reduction in weight and equal or reduced volume relative to equivalent copper and aluminum-based cabling presently used on various platforms. Specifically, an improvement in the metric of mass/conductivity relative to current copper and aluminum-based cabling is desired.

Applications are due July 14, 2017, but late proposals will still be reviewed and considered under this Special Notice until September 30, 2017.

LINKS: FBO

BLM-[WO], Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Support

Department of the Interior (Interior), Bureau of Land Management (BLM)

Notice seeking applications to collaboratively develop and deploy invasive species outreach materials targeted to anglers, hunters, and boaters, to prevent the spread and impact of invasive plants and animals in the western United States through advertisements in state game and boating regulation booklets and sportsmen magazines and the production of invasive species awareness materials to be used at public launches.

Applications are due May 19, 2017. Approximately $1.7 million is available to support three awards.

LINKS: Grants.gov
Cooperative Program for Atmospheric Science Education

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce (Commerce)

Notice seeking applications to establish an institutional award for a Cooperative Program for Atmospheric Science Education. This institutional award will support a long-term partnership with an organization of atmospheric science professionals with the capacity to offer and support (1) sustained professional development at a national scale for K-12 educators and the faculty and staff who educate pre-service teachers and (2) scholarships to undergraduate and graduate students in atmospheric and related ocean and hydrologic sciences who are recruited from or plan to matriculate at accredited 4-year colleges and universities in the United States and its territories.

Applications are due May 17, 2017. Approximately $2.3 million is available to support one award.

LINKS: Grants.gov

Cooperative Training Partnership in Aquatic Toxicology and Ecosystem Research

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Office of Research and Development (ORD)

Notice seeking applications to increase both the effectiveness and number of future environmental scientists and technicians by allowing trainees to collaborate with and be mentored by senior EPA-ORD scientists while working in a fully operational federal research laboratory.

Applications are due May 16, 2017. Approximately $1.2 million is available to support one award.

LINKS: Grants.gov, Solicitation

FY17 Region IV Wetland Program Development Grants

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

Notice seeking applications to develop or refine state/tribal/local government wetland programs. Universities that are agencies of a state government are eligible, but must include documentation demonstrating that they are chartered as part of a state government in the proposal submission.

Applications are due May 1, 2017. Approximately $1.8 million is available to support 6 to 10 awards.

LINKS: Grants.gov

Hunter

DARPA (DARPA), Department of Defense (Defense)

Notice seeking proposals to develop an innovative concept for the delivery of advanced undersea payloads from extra-large unmanned underwater vehicles (XLUUVs). The Hunter Program is a 45-month program executed in three phases. Phase 1 will design and build the payload delivery device to fit inside a Government-provided payload module. Phases 2 and 3 will support integration of the payload delivery device into the XLUUV and perform testing.

Questions are due April 3, 2017. Proposals are due May 9, 2017. Multiple awards are anticipated.

LINKS: FBO
ROSES 2017: Advanced Component Technology

National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), Earth Science Technology Office (ESTO)

Notice seeking proposals for technology development activities leading to new component and subsystem-level space-based and airborne measurement techniques. The goals of the ACT program are to research, develop, and demonstrate component-and subsystem-level technology development that enable new Earth observation measurements, and reduce the risk, cost, size, volume, mass, and development time of earth observing instruments.

Requested notices of intent are due April 19, 2017. Proposals are due June 19, 2017. Approximately $4.6 million is available to support 12 to 14 awards.

LINKS: Grants.gov, Solicitation

ROSES 2017: Making Earth System Data Records for Use in Research Environments

National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), Earth Science Division (ESD)

Notice seeking applications for projects providing Earth science higher level data products and services driven by NASA’s Earth science goals. Making Earth System Data Records for Use in Research Environments (MEaSUREs) may include infusion or deployment of applicable science tools that contribute to data product quality improvement, consistency, merging or fusion, or understanding. An Earth System Data Record (ESDR) is defined as a unified and coherent set of observations of a given parameter of the Earth system, which is optimized to meet specific requirements in addressing science questions.


LINKS: Grants.gov, Solicitation

NASA Advisory Council; Science Committee

National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)

Notice announcing a meeting of the Science Committee of the NASA Advisory Council. The purpose of the meeting is to solicit, from the scientific community and other persons, scientific and technical information relevant to program planning.

The meeting will be held Wednesday, April 12, 2017, 9:30 am - 5:00 pm; and Thursday, April 13, 2017, 8:30 am - 1:00 pm at NASA Headquarters, MIC-5A (Room 5H41-A), 300 E Street SW, Washington DC.

LINKS: Federal Register

2017 Nuclear Deterrence Operations (NDO) Innovations Summit

Department of Defense (Defense)

Notice seeking innovative science and technology (S&T) ideas which will enable or transform the Air Force NLCC/NC3 enterprise in the 2035+ timeframe. These forward-looking ideas will enhance the Air Force’s ability to organize, train, and equip for missions in the future.

White papers are due by April 27, 2017 to AFGSC.STWorkflow@us.af.mil.

LINKS: FBO
Application of Nanowatt Wakeup Sensors in Wireless Sensor Networks Request for Information (RFI)

DARPA (DARPA), Department of Defense (Defense)

Notice seeking information on the exploitation of the Near Zero Power RF and Sensor Operations (N-ZERO) technology in national security and civilian applications. This DARPA program seeks to transform the energy efficiency of unattended wireless sensors through elimination or substantial reduction of the stand-by power consumed by sensors while they await a signature of interest.

Submissions are due April 21, 2017.

LINKS: FBO

Foundations for Generalizable Representation and Automated Extraction of Knowledge Request for Information (RFI)

DARPA (DARPA), Department of Defense (Defense)

Notice seeking information on methods for representation and extraction of knowledge in scientific data analysis and modeling to support computational reasoning over diverse sources of evidence. Scientific discoveries rely on piecing together evidence from many sources— including mathematical, computational, experimental, and observational—spanning multiple modalities and scales. Because of the diversity of the data types and reasoning involved, this fusion generally only occurs in the brains of researchers, resulting in fragmented understanding and leading to a significant bottleneck to new discoveries. New representations and algorithms for connecting such heterogeneous forms of scientific information would greatly accelerate the research process.

Submissions are due April 14, 2017.

LINKS: FBO

FY 2017 Rapid Innovation Fund (541711)

Department of Defense (Defense)

Notice seeking white papers from qualified small business entities on innovative technologies that resolve operational challenges or save costs into acquisition programs, and specifically mature prototypes for final development, testing, evaluation, and integration.

White papers are due May 19, 2017.

LINKS: FBO

FY 2017 Rapid Innovation Fund (541712)

Department of Defense (Defense)

Notice seeking white papers on innovative technologies that resolve operational challenges or save costs into acquisition programs, and specifically mature prototypes for final development, testing, evaluation, and integration.

White papers are due May 19, 2017.

LINKS: FBO
Request for Information (RFI) for Cyber Electronic Warfare Techniques Against Electromagnetic Communications & Computer Networks

Army (Army), Department of Defense (Defense), Army Contracting Command

Notice seeking industry feedback on expertise on cyber electronic warfare capabilities. More specifically, information is sought on existing technical capabilities for, and expertise to complete research and development of, cyber electronic warfare techniques and capabilities against traditional electromagnetic communications and computer networks, non-traditional electromagnetic communication networks, and non-traditional electromagnetic non-communications networks.

Submissions are due March 31, 2017.

LINKS: FBO

2018 Department of Defense Multidisciplinary Research Program of the University Research Initiative (MURI) - ARMY SUBMISSION

Army (Army), Department of Defense (Defense)

Notice seeking applications supporting high risk basic research with far reaching consequences to the fields of science, economic growth, and revolutionary new military technologies. Topics for the army include: Integrated Quantum Sensing and Control for High Fidelity Qubit Operations; Novel solid-state materials and color centers for quantum science and engineering; Controlling Protein Function Using Dynamic Chemical Switches to Modulate Structure; Consolidation of Novel Materials and Macrostructures from a Dusty Plasma; Embodied Learning and Control; Coevolution of Neural, Cognitive, & Social Networks: Mind-Body-Community Connections; Network Games; and Modeling Interdependence among Natural Systems and Human Population Dynamics.

Optional white papers are due by July 17, 2017. Applications are due by November 1, 2017. Approximately $170 million is available to support multiple awards.

LINKS: Grants.gov

BLM Idaho Native Seed Collection and Plant Materials Production

Department of the Interior (Interior), Bureau of Land Management (BLM)

Notice seeking applications to assist BLM Idaho State Botanist with strategic seed collections that complement the standard Seeds of Success program by matching botanists familiar with seed collection and native plant propagation to increase collection quality, efficiency, and consistency.

Applications are due May 22, 2017. Approximately $19,500 is available to support one award.

LINKS: Grants.gov


National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)

Notice seeking applications supporting NASA Stand Alone Missions of Opportunity Notice (SALMON-3) projects. Salomon-3 has numerous separate and independent solicitations.

See each Program Element Appendices (PEA) for application due date, proposed funding, and number of awards available.

LINKS: FBO, Solicitation
ROSES 2017: Fire Impacts on Regional Emissions and Chemistry

National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)

Notice seeking proposals for participation in an airborne campaign to be conducted in the continental U.S. during July, August, and into mid-September of 2019 to improve our understanding of the transport of and chemical transformations in biomass burning plumes and their impact on air quality. A single comprehensively instrumented research aircraft is required to accomplish this research.

Proposals are due June 16, 2017. Approximately $3.5 million is available to support 15 awards.

LINKS: Grants.gov, Solicitation

Strategic Technologies

DARPA (DARPA), Department of Defense (Defense), Strategic Technologies Office (STO)

Notice seeking applications supporting innovative ideas and disruptive technologies that provide the U.S. military significant capability improvement to dominate across all scales of conflict intensity. Focus areas include: Situation Understanding, Multi-Domain Maneuver, Hybrid Effects, System of Systems, Maritime Systems, System of SystemEnhanced Small Units, and Foundational Strategic Technologies and Systems.

Applications are accepted any time until March 21, 2018. Multiple awards are anticipated.

LINKS: Grants.gov, Solicitation, FBO

Advisory Committee for Biological Sciences; Notice of Meeting

Directorate for Biological Sciences (BIO), National Science Foundation (NSF)

Notice announcing a meeting of the Advisory Committee for Biological Sciences. The purpose is to provide advice, recommendations, and oversight concerning major program emphases, directions, and goals for the research-related activities of the divisions that make up BIO.

The meeting will be held April 25, 2017; 8:30 am-5:00 pm, April 26, 2017; 8:30 am-12:00 pm at the National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Room 1235, Arlington, VA. Please contact Rachel Evans at rlevans@nsf.gov to obtain a visitor badge.

LINKS: Federal Register

Advisory Committee for Engineering; Notice of Meeting

Directorate for Engineering (ENG), National Science Foundation (NSF)

Notice announcing a meeting of the Advisory Committee for Engineering. The purpose is to provide advice, recommendations and counsel on major goals and policies pertaining to engineering programs and activities.

The meeting will be held April 18, 2017; 12:15 pm to 5:30 pm April 19, 2017; 8:30 am to 12:50 pm at the National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Room 1235, Arlington, Virginia.

LINKS: Federal Register
National and Governmental Advisory Committees

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

Notice announcing a public meeting of the National Advisory Committee and the Governmental Advisory Committee to provide advice on the draft CEC 2017-18 Operational Plan and to discuss other trade and environment issues in North America.

The meeting will be held at the U.S. EPA, Conference Room 2138, located in the William Jefferson Clinton South Building, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW., Washington, DC on Tuesday, March 28, 2017 from 9:00 am to 5:30 pm, ET and Wednesday, March 29, 2017 from 9:00 am until 3:00 pm ET

LINKS: Federal Register

Notification of a Public Teleconference of the Chartered Science Advisory Board (SAB)

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

Notice announcing a public teleconference to discuss the draft SAB Review of Lake Erie Nutrient Load Reduction Models and Targets (February, 2017) and conduct a quality review.

The teleconference will be held Thursday, March 30, 2017, from 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm ET

LINKS: Federal Register

U.S. Integrated Ocean Observing System (IOOS®) Advisory Committee

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce (Commerce)

Notice announcing a meeting of the U.S. Integrated Ocean Observing System Advisory Committee. Topic areas include: Administration, operation, management, and maintenance of the System; Expansion and periodic modernization and upgrade of technology components of the System; Identification of end-user communities, their needs for information provided by the System, and the System’s effectiveness in dissemination information to end-user communities and to the general public; and any other purpose identified by the Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere or the Interagency Ocean Observation Committee.

The meeting will be held Wednesday, April 19, 2017, from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm in the Conference Room, 11th Floor, Consortium for Ocean Leadership, 1201 New York Avenue NW., Washington, DC. The meeting will be held on Thursday, April 20, 2017, from 8:30 am to 3:00 pm in the Conference Room, 4th Floor, Consortium for Ocean Leadership, 1201 New York Avenue NW., Washington, DC

LINKS: Federal Register

Advanced Characterization of Materials (ACOM)

Department of Defense (Defense)

Notice seeking information about expertise in the industrial base in materials characterization, primarily in the areas of electron and ion optical characterization, X-Ray scattering, and X-Ray imaging techniques.

Responses are due April 5, 2017. Approximately $22 may be available.

LINKS: FBO
National Cybersecurity Center of Excellence (NCCoE) Capabilities Assessment for Securing Manufacturing Industrial Control Systems for the Manufacturing Sector

National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), Department of Commerce (Commerce)

Notice seeking letters of interest in the initial step for the National Cybersecurity Center of Excellence (NCCoE) in collaborating with technology companies to address cybersecurity challenges identified under the Manufacturing sector program.

Letters of interest are due April 24, 2017. Letters of interest will be accepted on a first come, first served basis.

LINKS: Federal Register

Pesticide Program Dialogue Committee; Request for Nominations to the Pesticide Program Dialogue Committee

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

Notice seeking nominations from a diverse range of qualified candidates to be considered for appointment to the Pesticide Program Dialogue Committee (PPDC). The PPDC is chartered to provide advice and recommendations on a broad range of issues concerning pesticide regulatory development and reform initiatives, evolving public policy and program implementation issues, and science issues associated with evaluating and reducing risks from pesticide use. Nominees will be selected to represent Environmental/public interest and animal rights groups; farm worker organizations; pesticide industry and trade associations; pesticide user, grower, and commodity groups; federal/state/local and tribal governments; academia; and public health organizations.

Applications are due by April 21, 2017.

LINKS: Federal Register

RFI Tactical Forensic Event 17 Collection and Triage

Department of Defense (Defense), U.S. Special Operations Command

Notice seeking information to identify potential methodologies for inclusion in the evaluation of next generation capabilities for the collection and transport by the Special Operations Force (SOF) Operator of bulk and trace materials collected on the objective.

Responses are due April 10, 2017. The event will be held June 12-23, 2017 at Fort Bragg, NC.

LINKS: FBO