ARTS, HUMANITIES AND INTERNATIONAL

U.S. Embassy Santo Domingo Public Affairs Small Grants Program Statement

Department of State (State)

Notice seeking applications to support efforts to promote U.S.-Dominican bilateral relations. Funds support the following priority areas: Entrepreneurship, economic prosperity and/or climate change programs maximizing economic growth; human rights programs; English and English teacher training; democratic governance; and cultural exchanges between the U.S. and Dominican Republic. Applicants must be able to implement their proposed programs in the Dominican Republic.

Applications are due by July 15, 2015. Approximately $40,000 is available per award to support multiple awards.

LINKS: Solicitation, Grants.gov

Guatemala: Rule of Law and Child Sexual Assault

Department of State (State) , International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affair (INL)

Notice seeking to support comprehensive technical assistance for Guatemalan child sexual assault services. Funds support efforts in four related fields: investigation of criminal child sexual assault complaints; prosecution of criminal charges; short-term protection of victims and prevention of re-victimization; and long-term reintegration of victims into Guatemalan society. Applicants must have a presence in Guatemala or partner with a Guatemalan entity.

Statements of interest are required, and due by July 29, 2015.

LINKS: Grants.gov

Libya Development Challenge: Co-create/co-design

United States Agency for International Development (USAID)

Notice seeking applications to support efforts to help Libya utilize its own human, financial, and natural resources for the benefit of its citizens. Funds support efforts to improve Libya's institutions of governance become capable and effective at representing citizens transparently and accountably, while mitigating new and longstanding drivers of conflict and social marginalization. Multiple addenda will be released with specific program goals.

Expressions of interest are required and due by May 28, 2016. Multiple awards are available.

LINKS: Grants.gov

Advisory Committee on International Law

Department of State (State)

Notice announcing open meeting of the Advisory Committee on International Law to discuss a variety of international law topics.

The meeting will be held on Friday, June 26, 2015 from 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. ET at the George Washington University Law School, Michael K. Young Faculty Conference Center, 716 20th Street NW., 5th Floor, Washington, DC.

LINKS: Federal Register

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

Notice seeking applications to develop and implement public diplomacy programs to map out the future of a U.S. and Jamaican partnership. An ideal proposal will detail a concrete program of activities to advance policy discussion in both countries.

Applications are due July 4, 2015. Approximately $60,000 is available to support one award.

LINKS: Grants.gov

Mentoring Program for Encouraging Investigative Journalism in Slovakia

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

Notice seeking applications to support the establishment of a mentorship program for promising journalism students and providing them and their journalist mentors with training in how to conduct in-depth investigations.

Applications are due June 30, 2015. Approximately $50,000 is available to support one award.

LINKS: Solicitation, Grants.gov

FY 2015 Russian Journalist Exchange

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

Notice seeking applications for a cooperative agreement to design and implement a new program to provide up-and-coming Russian journalists with an intensive professional exchange experience in American newsrooms, combined with cultural experiences that allow them to learn more about the United States in general.

Applications are due July 6, 2015. Approximately $150,000 is available.

LINKS: Solicitation, Grants.gov

Literacy and Engagement with Historical Records

Smithsonian Institution (Smithsonian), National Archives and Records Administration

Notice seeking proposals that encourage citizen engagement with historical records, especially those available online, and/or projects that train people on how to enhance digital literacy skills for using historical records. The development of new online tools for literacy and engagement is highly encouraged. Projects might create and develop programs to engage people in basic archival processes. For example, projects may wish to enlist “citizen archivists” in projects to accelerate digitization and online public access to historical records.

Proposals are due October 8, 2015. Approximately $500,000 is available to support six awards over a one to three year period.

LINKS: Solicitation, Grants.gov
Digital Dissemination of Archival Collections

Smithsonian Institution (Smithsonian) , National Archives and Records Administration (NARA)

Notice seeking proposals to make historical records of national significance to the United States broadly available by disseminating digital surrogates on the Internet. Projects may focus on the papers of major figures from American life or cover broad historical movements in politics, military, business, social reform, the arts, and other aspects of the national experience. The historical value of the records and their expected usefulness to broad audiences must justify the costs of the project.

Proposals are due on October 8, 2015. Approximately $500,000 is available to support seven awards. The Commission will not consider proposals that charge for access. Grants are awarded for digitizing documentary source materials. Applications that do not include digitization of analog archival records will be considered ineligible.

LINKS: Solicitation, Grants.gov

South Asia Looking East

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

Notice seeks proposals for a large-scale conference with the theme “South Asia Looking East: New Relationships, New Challenges, New Media.” This conference will capitalize on India’s “Act East” policy and its growth as a global power, along with the United States’ “rebalance” in Asia.

Proposals are due on August 4, 2015. Approximately $250,000 is available to support one award.

LINKS: Grants.gov

Humanities Initiatives at Community Colleges

National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) , Division of Education Programs

Notice seeking proposals to strengthen the teaching and study of the humanities at community colleges in subjects such as history, philosophy, and literature. These grants may be used to enhance existing humanities programs, resources, or courses, or to develop new ones.

Applications are due by August 24, 2015. Awards may be up to $100,000 over one to three years. Four-year institutions are eligible to serve as collaborators, but the project director must be from a two-year institution.

LINKS: Solicitation, Grants.gov

EDUCATION and ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Economic Analysis of the National Need for Technology Infrastructure to Support the Materials Genome Initiative

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

Notice seeking to support a study of the economic impacts of developing advanced materials to support advanced manufacturing efforts. The study must examine the Materials Genome Initiative, and applicants must have expertise in technology assessment, high-tech industry behavioral and structural analyses, microeconomic modeling of complex technology development and commercialization patterns, high-tech industry survey and data collection techniques, and quantitative and qualitative analyses of technology infrastructure gaps that are inhibiting the advancement of technologies. Approximately $400,000 is available to support one award.

LINKS: Grants.gov
Strategic Economic and Community Development

United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Rural Business-Cooperative Service; Rural Housing Service; and Rural Utilities Service

Notice seeking applications to support strategic economic development or community development plans when applying for funds through the underlying programs. This notice provides applicants with eligible projects the opportunity to receive additional priority when competing for one of the underlying program’s year-end pool of funds for Fiscal Year 2015.


LINKS: Federal Register

2015 Hurricane Sandy Conference: Translating Research Into Practice

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

Notice announcing open meeting of the Hurricane Sandy Conference to discuss opportunities to build a community of practice around Hurricane Sandy recovery research and the path forward for translating Hurricane Sandy recovery science research results into practice; highlight Hurricane Sandy recovery science grants as a model for disaster research science preparedness; and demonstrate the benefit of Hurricane Sandy recovery research to the impacted communities.

The conference will be held on August 10, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. ET and on August 11, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. ET at New York University's Kimmel Center for University Life, 60 Washington Square South, New York City, NY 10010. Registration is required for public attendance.

LINKS: Federal Register

Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services

Department of Defense (Defense)

Notice announcing a meeting of the Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services to discuss several reports. The committee will receive briefings on increasing female accessions, USSOCOM studies, the Infantry Officer Course, Personal Protective Gear, gender discrimination, sexual harassment, and sexual assault, the Committee’s installation visits and focus group findings, and pregnancy and postpartum policies.

The meeting will be held from Wednesday, June 17, 2015, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Thursday, June 18, 2015, from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Hilton Alexandria—Mark Center, 5000 Seminary Road, Alexandria, VA.

LINKS: Federal Register

Notice of Public Meeting Concerning the General Services Administration’s Request for Information on Business Due Diligence

GSA (GSA)

Notice announcing a presentation on supply chain security for government purchases and grantmaking to help craft a consensus set of common risk indicators to be used by the Federal acquisition, grant, and oversight communities to support government risk assessments.

The meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 2, 2015 from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., EST at MITRE-1, 7525 Colshire Drive, McLean, VA

LINKS: Federal Register
Accreditation of Mexican Law Enforcement Agencies

Department of State (State), International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs

Notice seeking applications from qualified U.S. or overseas-based independent and non-profit corporations and other qualified organizations for a cooperative agreement to implement a 36-month (3 year) program for the accreditation of Mexican law enforcement agencies, emergency communications centers and police academies to international standards.

Applications are due on July 3, 2015. Approximately $1 million is available to support one award.

LINKS: Grants.gov

Strategic Messaging on Women’s Rights

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

Notice seeking proposals for a Cooperative Agreement (CA) to design, produce and distribute materials for nationwide strategic awareness campaigns aimed at improving Afghan perceptions of women’s rights and contributions to society. The award will cover the implementation of at least two campaigns designed to coincide with the internationally recognized 16 Days of Activism against Gender Violence in November-December 2015, International Day of the Girl Child in October 2015, and International Women’s Day in March 2016.

Proposals are due on July 20, 2015. Approximately $400,000 is available to support one award.

LINKS: Grants.gov

President’s Board of Advisors on Historically Black Colleges and Universities

Department of Education (Education)

Notice announcing a meeting of the President’s Board of Advisors on Historically Black Colleges and Universities. The purpose of the meeting is to advise the President and the Secretary in the following areas: improving the identity, visibility, and distinctive capabilities and overall competitiveness of HBCUs; engaging the philanthropic, business, government, military, homeland-security, and education communities in a national dialogue regarding new HBCU programs and initiatives; improving the ability of HBCUs to remain fiscally secure institutions that can assist the nation in reaching its goal of having the highest proportion of college graduates by 2020; elevating the public awareness of HBCUs; and encouraging public-private investments in HBCUs.

The meeting will be held on June 23, 2015, from 9 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. C.S.T. at the Bennie G. Thompson Academic and Civil Rights Research Center, 500 West County Line Road, Tougaloo, MS.

LINKS: Federal Register

Broad Agency Announcement Increasing Protection for Vulnerable Groups in Haiti

United States Agency for International Development (USAID), Office of Democracy, Human Rights, and Governance

Notice seeking proposals to co-create, co-design, co-invest, and collaborate in the research, development, piloting, testing, and scaling of innovative, practical, and cost-effective interventions to address increasing protection for vulnerable groups in Haiti. Scientific and research-motivated approaches are especially encouraged. The BAA will remain open for a period of one year. Expressions of interest will be accepted on an ongoing basis. Concept papers will be accepted by invitation only. Eligibility is unrestricted.

LINKS: Grants.gov
U.S. Mission to the European Union Funding Opportunity

Department of State (State), U.S. Mission to the European Union

Notice seeking applications for projects aimed at increasing understanding of U.S. foreign policy and economic priorities related to the EU; supporting U.S. goals of advancing economic growth in both regions and worldwide; and furthering U.S.-EU understanding and cooperation on shared cultural, political, and economic values, particularly democracy, rule of law, and human rights. Applications are due by July 10, 2015. Approximately $180,000 is available to support several awards ranging from $10,000 to $60,000 each. Colleges and universities are eligible to apply.

LINKS: Solicitation, Grants.gov

Native American-Serving Nontribal Institutions (NASNTI) Program CFDA Number 84.031X

Department of Education (Education), Office of Postsecondary Education

Notice seeking applications from eligible institutions of higher education that have an undergraduate enrollment of at least 10 percent Native American students to assist, to plan, develop, undertake, and carry out activities to improve and expand their capacity to serve Native American and low-income individuals. Applications are due by July 6, 2015. Approximately $3.1 million is available to support eight awards. See solicitation for specific eligibility requirements.

LINKS: Federal Register, Grants.gov

HEALTH and MENTAL HEALTH

Simplification of Linkage to and Delivery of Antiretroviral Therapy in USAID/PEPFAR Supported Programs

United States Agency for International Development (USAID)

Notice seeking to support new delivery methods for Anti-Retroviral Therapy that are sustainable, simpler, and less expensive than current methods, in order to support the President’s Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief. Funds support alternative delivery modes, scale-up procedures, logistical support innovations, linkages to other HIV diagnosis and treatment services, and new treatment approaches.

Expressions of interest are required by June 22, 2015. Selected applicants will be invited to join the co-design process which will consist of a co-creation workshop(s) in Washington, DC, where USAID, partners, and selected groups will gather to collaboratively develop the program(s). There is no guarantee that participation in the co-creation workshop will lead to an award from USAID.

LINKS: FBO, Grants.gov

Community Preventive Services Task Force (Task Force)

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

Notice announcing open meeting of the Task Force to consider the findings of systematic reviews and issue findings and recommendations. Task Force recommendations provide information about evidence-based options that decision makers and stakeholders can consider when determining what best meets the specific needs, preferences, available resources, and constraints of their jurisdictions and constituents.

The meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 17, 2015 from 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. ET and Thursday, June 18, 2015 from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. ET at the CDC Edward R. Roybal Campus, Tom Harkin Global Communications Center (Building 19), and 1600 Clifton Road NE., Atlanta, GA. All meeting attendees must RSVP by 6/4/2015.

LINKS: Federal Register
Patient-Focused Drug Development for Alpha-1 Antitrypsin Deficiency

Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

Notice announcing open meeting of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to provide FDA with patients’ perspectives on the impact on daily life of Alpha-1 Antitrypsin Deficiency. FDA also is seeking patients’ perspectives on the available therapies for this disorder.

The meeting will be held on September 29, 2015, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the FDA White Oak Campus, 10903 New Hampshire Ave., Building 31 Conference Center, the Great Room (rm. 1503), Silver Spring, MD. Registration to attend the meeting must be received by September 15, 2015.

LINKS: Federal Register

Joint Meeting of the Drug Safety and Risk Management Advisory Committee and the Anesthetic and Analgesic Drug Products Advisory Committee

Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

Notice announcing a meeting of the Drug Safety and Risk Management Advisory Committee and the Anesthetic and Analgesic Drug Products Advisory Committee to discuss post-marketing studies evaluating the misuse and/or abuse of reformulated OXYCONTIN.

The meeting will be held on July 7, 2015, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and July 8, 2015, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the White Oak Campus, 10903 New Hampshire Ave., Building 31 Conference Center, the Great Room (Rm. 1503), Silver Spring, MD

LINKS: Federal Register.

NIH Transformative Research Awards (R01)

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

Notice seeking applications to support individual scientists or groups of scientists proposing groundbreaking, exceptionally innovative, original and/or unconventional research with the potential to create new scientific paradigms, establish entirely new and improved clinical approaches, or develop transformative technologies. Little or no preliminary data are expected. Projects must clearly demonstrate the potential to produce a major impact in a broad area of biomedical or behavioral research.

Letters of intent are optional and due September 9, 2015. Applications are due October 9, 2015. Approximately $15 million is available.

LINKS: Solicitation, Grants.gov

Advancing Person-Centered, Trauma-Informed Supportive Services for Holocaust Survivors

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

Notice seeking applications to support advancement of innovations in the delivery of person-centered, trauma-informed supportive services to Holocaust survivors living in the U.S.; and improvement of the nation’s overall capacity to deliver person-centered, trauma-informed health and human services for this population.

Letters of intent are required and due June 10, 2015. Applications are due July 31, 2015. Approximately $2.467 million is available to support one award.

LINKS: Solicitation, Grants.gov
Limited Competition: NIMHD Endowment Program

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

Notice seeking applications to build capacity and research infrastructure and to facilitate minority health and health disparities research at eligible institutions, but not to directly support the research projects itself.

Letters of intent are requested by August 4, 2015. Applications are due on September 4, 2015. Approximately $7 million in FY 2016 is available to support three to four awards. The maximum project period is five years. Eligible applicants must have a current HRSA Centers of Excellence awards or NIMHD Centers of Excellence awards. Limited Submission: Only one application per institution

LINKS: Solicitation, Grants.gov

PHS 2015-02 Omnibus Solicitation of the NIH, CDC, FDA and ACF

Administration for Children and Families (ACF), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Food and Drug Administration (FDA), National Institutes of Health (NIH), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

Notice seeking applications from eligible United States small business concerns (SBCs) to submit Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) grant applications. United States SBCs that have the research capabilities and technological expertise to contribute to the R and D mission(s) of the NIH, CDC, FDA or ACF awarding components identified in this FOA are encouraged to submit SBIR grant applications in response to identified topics (see PHS 2015-2 SBIR/STTR Program Descriptions and Research Topics for NIH, CDC, FDA and ACF).

Applications are due on September 5; January 5; October 5. Program expires on April 6, 2016. Total funding support (direct costs, indirect costs, fee) normally may not exceed $150,000 for Phase I awards and $1 million for Phase II awards. With appropriate justification from the applicant, Congress will allow awards to exceed these amounts by up to 50% ($225,000 for Phase I and $1,500,000 for Phase II).

LINKS: Solicitation, Grants.gov

PHS 2015-02 Omnibus Solicitation NIH STTR [R41/R42]

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

Notice seeking applications from eligible United States small business concerns (SBCs) to submit Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) grant applications. United States SBCs that have the research capabilities and technological expertise to contribute to the R and D mission(s) of the NIH awarding components identified in this FOA are encouraged to submit STTR grant applications in response to identified topics.

Applications are due September 5; January 5; April 5. Program expires on April 6, 2016. Applications cannot normally exceed $150,000 for Phase I awards and $1,000,000 for Phase II awards. With appropriate justification from the applicant, Congress will allow awards to exceed these amounts by up to 50% ($225,000 for Phase I and $1,500,000 for Phase II).

LINKS: Solicitation, Grants.gov

DoD Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy Translational Leverage Award

Army (Army), Department of Defense (Defense), U.S. Army Medical Research Acquisition Activity (USMRAA)

Notice seeks applications to support leveraging existing human-based resources in translational research to address high-impact research ideas or unmet needs in at least one FY15 DMDRP Focus Area. Applications are due on October 21, 2015. Approximately $400,000 is available to support one award.

LINKS: Grants.gov
DoD Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy Therapeutic Idea Award

Army (Army), Department of Defense (Defense), U.S. Army Medical Research Acquisition Activity

Notice seeking applications to promote new ideas that are still in the early stages of development with the potential to yield high-impact data and new avenues of investigation for novel therapeutics for Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy treatment.

Applications are due on October 21, 2015. Approximately $480,000 is available to support one award.

LINKS: Grants.gov

DoD Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy Investigator-Initiated Research

Army (Army), Department of Defense (Defense), U.S. Army Medical Research Acquisition Activity (USMRAA)

Notice seeking applications for the DMDRP Investigator-Initiated Research Award (IIRA) that will support translational research to accelerate the movement of promising ideas in DMD into clinical applications. Translational research may be defined as an integration of basic science and clinical observations with the specific goal of developing new therapies.

Applications are due on October 21, 2015. Approximately $2 million is available to support two awards.

LINKS: Grants.gov

Tools and Services for Designing Methodologically Rigorous Animal Studies (R41/R42)

National Institutes of Health (NIH), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA)

Notice seeking applications from qualified small business concerns (SBCs) to research and develop the tools and/or services to assist life science investigators in designing in vivo animal experiment to ensure its methodological rigor.

Letters of intent are requested by July 5, 2015. Applications are due August 5, 2015. Approximately $1.3 million in FY 2016 is available to support one to two Phase I awards and one Phase II award in FY 2017. Colleges and universities are eligible to partner with businesses on STTR grants.

LINKS: Solicitation, Grants.gov

High Quality Human and Non-Human Primate Genome Sequences (U24)

National Institutes of Health (NIH), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), National Human Genome Research Institute (NHGRI)

Notice seeking applications to fund efforts that will produce as a community resource very high quality reference genome sequence assemblies in the next three years for human (25-50 assemblies) and select non-human primates (10-12), as a complement to and improvement on existing assemblies.

Letters of intent are requested by July 25, 2015. Applications are due August 25, 2015. Approximately $2 million is available to support up to two awards.

LINKS: Solicitation, Grants.gov
Tools and Services for Designing Methodologically Rigorous Animal Studies (R43/R44)

National Institutes of Health (NIH), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA)

Notice seeks applications from qualified small business concerns (SBCs) to research and develop the tools or services to assist life science investigators in designing in vivo animal experiment to specifically ensure its methodological rigor.

Letters of intent are requested by July 5, 2015. Applications are due on August 5, 2015. Approximately $1.3 million in FY 2016 is available to support one to two Phase I awards and one Fast Track award in FY 2017. Colleges and universities are eligible to serve as partners on SBIR grants.

LINKS: Solicitation, Grants.gov

DoD FY15 Spinal Cord Injury Clinical Trial Award

Army (Army), Department of Defense (Defense), U.S. Army Medical Research Acquisition Activity (USMRAA)

Notice seeking applications supporting human subjects research with the potential to have a major impact on the treatment or management of SCI and its consequences in military Service members, Veterans, or other individuals. Funding from this award mechanism must support a clinical trial and may not be used for preclinical research studies.

Pre-Applications are required by July 13, 2015. Applications are due October 14, 2015. Approximately $9.6 million is available to support three awards.

LINKS: Grants.gov

Behavioral Epigenomics of Aging in Twin Studies (U24)

National Institutes of Health (NIH), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), National Institute on Aging (NIA)

Notice seeking applications to accelerate progress in behavioral genomics and aging via the establishment of a twin-epigenomic network that will facilitate collaboration between existing twin studies of aging, including work on the harmonization of phenotypes and (epi)genotype collection procedures as well as the development of statistical methods for the analysis and meta-analysis of data sets including genomic, epigenomic, gene expression, and behavioral phenotypic data.

Letters of intent are requested by December 14, 2015. Applications are due January 14, 2016. Approximately up to $450,000 in FY 2016 is available to support one award.

LINKS: Solicitation, Grants.gov

DoD FY15 Spinal Cord Injury Translational Research Award

Army (Army), Department of Defense (Defense), U.S. Army Medical Research Acquisition Activity (USMRAA)

Notice seeking applications to support translational research that will accelerate the movement of promising ideas in spinal cord injury research into clinical applications.

Pre-Applications are required by July 13, 2015. Applications are due October 14, 2015. Approximately $6.8 million is available to support three awards.

LINKS: Grants.gov
DoD FY15 Spinal Cord Injury Qualitative Research Award

Army (Army), Department of Defense (Defense), U.S. Army Medical Research Acquisition Activity (USMRAA)

Notice seeking applications to support qualitative research studies that will help researchers and clinicians better understand the experiences of individuals with SCI and thereby identify the most effective paths for adjusting to disability and/or improving overall quality of life, health, and functional status after SCI.

Pre-Applications are required by July 13, 2015. Applications are due October 14, 2015. Approximately $3.2 million is available to support four awards.

LINKS: Grants.gov

DoD FY15 Spinal Cord Injury Investigator-Initiated Research Award

Army (Army), Department of Defense (Defense), U.S. Army Medical Research Acquisition Activity (USMRAA)

Notice seeking applications to support studies that have the potential to make an important contribution to SCI research, patient care, and/or quality of life.

Pre-Applications are required by July 13, 2015. Applications are due October 14, 2015. Approximately $7.2 million is available to support nine awards.

LINKS: Grants.gov

Maximizing Investigators' Research Award for New and Early Stage Investigators (R35)

National Institutes of Health (NIH), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), National Institute of General Medical Sciences (NIGMS)

Notice seeking applications for a pilot program, the Maximizing Investigators' Research Award (MIRA), to provide support for all of the research in an investigator's laboratory that falls within the mission of NIGMS, with the goal of increasing the efficiency and efficacy of NIGMS funding. This opportunity targets Early-Stage and New Investigators.

Letters of intent are requested by August 9, 2015. Applications are due by September 9, 2015. Eligibility is limited to applicants at the assistant professor or equivalent rank who can devote at least 51 percent of their effort to research. Postdoctoral fellows, including those on K99 awards, who have not established an independent laboratory are not eligible.

Limited Submission: One application per investigator.

LINKS: Solicitation, Grants.gov, MIRA Information

NHGRI Genome Sequencing Program Analysis Centers (U01)

National Institutes of Health (NIH), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), National Human Genome Research Institute (NHGRI)

Notice seeking applications for centers that will undertake novel, investigator-initiated analyses that cut across the individual projects and grants that are the primary data producing constituents of the overall GSP; and work together with the other GSP components on cross-program analyses.

Letters of intent are requested by July 25, 2015. Applications are due by August 25, 2015. Approximately $3 million is available to support up to four awards. Limited Submission: One application per institution.

LINKS: Solicitation, Grants.gov
**Asthma and Allergic Diseases Cooperative Research Centers (U19)**

National Institutes of Health (NIH), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Disease (NIAID)

Notice seeking applications from single institutions or consortia of institutions for centers that will integrate clinical and basic research to conduct studies on the mechanisms underlying the onset and progression of diseases such as asthma, rhinitis (allergic and non-allergic), chronic rhinosinusitis, atopic dermatitis, food allergy, and drug allergy.

Letters of intent are requested by September 2, 2015. Applications are due by October 2, 2015.

Limited Submission: One application per institution.

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

**Precise Robust Inertial Guidance for Munitions: Advanced Inertial Micro Sensors (PRIGM:AIMS)**

Department of Defense (Defense), DARPA (DARPA), Microsystems Technology Office

Notice seeking applications to support the development of novel technologies for high-performance miniature inertial sensors. Funds support efforts to address the challenge of precise navigation of guided munitions in the absence of external navigation aids, such as GPS, including inertial sensors that enable precision navigation of gun-launched spin-stabilized munitions, as well as the navigation of highly dynamic, long-range munitions.

Abstracts are optional, and due by July 1, 2015. Applications are due by September 10, 2015. Approximately $45 million is available to support multiple awards.

**Nuclear Science and Engineering Nonproliferation Research Consortium**

Department of Energy (Energy), National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA)

Notice seeking applications to support a consortium of IHEs to build expertise in nuclear security and nonproliferation, through research, the creation of early-career, post-doctoral, undergraduate, and graduate fellowships relating to nuclear science and engineering, and improvement of university infrastructures to facilitate nuclear research. Applications must include at least one other university and one DOE National Laboratory as consortium members. Applications are due by August 19, 2015. Approximately $25 million is available to support one award.

**Political Science Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grants**

National Science Foundation (NSF), Directorate for Social, Behavioral & Economic Sciences (SBE); Division of Social and Economic Sciences (SES)

Notice seeking proposals to support scientific research that advances knowledge and understanding of citizenship, government, and politics. Funds support research in American government and politics, comparative government and politics, international relations, political behavior, political economy, and political institutions, among other topics.

Proposals are due on August 28, 2015, and then annually on June 15. Approximately $700,000 is available to support 30 to 40 awards.
Spectrum Warfare Evaluation and Assessment Technology Engineering Research (SWEATER)

Air Force (Air Force), Department of Defense (Defense)

Notice seeking to support an on-site contractor to perform research and exploratory and advanced development in the areas of Radio Frequency, Electronic Attack, and Electronic Protection for ground based radar and airborne threats.

Applications are due by July 14, 2015 at 2 p.m. Dayton Ohio local time. Approximately $40 million is available to support multiple awards.

LINKS: FBO

Proposer’s Day Notice for Crowdsourcing Evidence, Argumentation, Thinking and Evaluation (CREATE) Program

IARPA (IARPA), Director of National Intelligence (Director of National Intelligence)

Notice announcing a Proposers’ Day Conference for the Crowdsourcing Evidence, Argumentation, Thinking and Evaluation (CREATE) Program in anticipation of a new solicitation. CREATE will develop and test methods to help dispersed groups of individuals identify and evaluate the structure and content of arguments in relation to alternative hypotheses. Intelligence analysts, along with professionals in other fields, assess competing hypotheses in light of multiple considerations, including reasons, evidence and assumptions.

The Proposer’s Day will be held on June 30, 2015 from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM EDT in the Washington DC metropolitan area.

LINKS: FBO

Research on Innovative Approaches to Fusion Energy Sciences

Department of Energy (Energy), Office of Science (SC); Office of Fusion Energy Sciences (FES)

Notice seeking applications to support research on innovative approaches to fusion energy on the spherical tokamak, advanced tokamak, and stellarator concepts. Such research on small to medium scale facilities can explore specific aspects of these concepts, thereby enhancing the understanding of magnetically confined plasmas.

Pre-applications are required and due June 29, 2015. Applications are due August 3, 2015. Approximately $6.2 million is available.

LINKS: Grants.gov

Agriculture Risk Management Education Partnerships (ARME)

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

Notice seeking proposals to provide U.S. agricultural producers and their families, as appropriate, with the knowledge, skills, and tools needed to make informed risk management decisions that enhance profitability of their operations.

Applications are due on July 6, 2015. Approximately $4.4 million is available to support multiple institutions.

LINKS: Solicitation, Grants.gov
Use of the NASA Physical Sciences Informatics System – Appendix A

National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)

Presolicitation notice seeks ground-based research proposals that present a compelling case on how the experimental data from the PSI system will be used to promote the advancement of further research. Proposers must show a clear path from the scientific data obtained from the PSI system to the proposed investigation. In addition, the project must address an important problem in the proposed area of research and advance scientific knowledge or technology.

Full solicitation should be available on June 10, 2015.

LINKS: Solicitation, Grants.gov

Secure and Trustworthy Cyberspace (SaTC)

National Science Foundation (NSF) , Multiple Directorates

Notice seeking proposals that address cybersecurity from a Trustworthy Computing Systems (TWC) perspective and/or a Social, Behavioral and Economic Sciences (SBE) perspective; the Secure, Trustworthy, Assured and Resilient Semiconductors and Systems (STARSS) perspective; or the Transition to Practice (TTP) perspective.

MEDIUM Projects proposals are due September 10, 2015 to September 16, 2015. LARGE Project proposals are due September 18, 2015 to September 24, 2015. SMALL Projects proposals are due November 4, 2015 to November 18, 2015. Approximately $68.3 million is available to support 85 awards.

LINKS: Solicitation, Grants.gov

Information and Intelligent Systems (IIS): Core Programs

National Science Foundation (NSF) , Directorate for Computer and Information Science and Engineering (CISE)

Notice seeking proposals supporting research and education projects that develop new knowledge in three core programs: The Cyber-Human Systems (CHS) program; The Information Integration and Informatics (III) program; and The Robust Intelligence (RI) program.

MEDIUM Project proposals are due September 10, 2015 to September 16, 2015. LARGE Project proposals are due September 18, 2015 to September 24, 2015. SMALL Project proposals are due November 4, 2015 to November 18, 2015. Approximately $100 million is available to support 150 to 200 awards.

LINKS: Solicitation, Grants.gov

Computing and Communication Foundations (CCF): Core Programs

National Science Foundation (NSF) , Directorate for Computer and Information Science and Engineering (CISE)

Notice seeking proposals supporting research and education projects that develop new knowledge in three core programs: The Algorithmic Foundations (AF) program; The Communications and Information Foundations (CIF) program; and The Software and Hardware Foundations (SHF) program.

MEDIUM Project proposals are due September 10, 2015 to September 16, 2015. LARGE Project proposals are due September 18, 2015 to September 24, 2015. SMALL Project proposals are due November 4, 2015 to November 18, 2015. Approximately $100 million is available to support 170 to 200 awards.

LINKS: Solicitation, Grants.gov
Computer and Network Systems (CNS): Core Programs

National Science Foundation (NSF) , Directorate for Computer and Information Science and Engineering (CISE)

Notice seeking proposals supporting research and education projects that develop new knowledge in two core programs: Computer Systems Research (CSR) program; and Networking Technology and Systems (NeTS) program.

MEDIUM Project proposals are due September 10, 2015 to September 16, 2015. LARGE Project proposals are due September 18, 2015 to September 24, 2015. SMALL Project proposals are due November 4, 2015 to November 18, 2015. Approximately $60 million is available to support 100 to 150 awards.

LINKS: Solicitation, Grants.gov

Undergraduate Hawaii STEM Internship Initiative

Air Force (Air Force), Department of Defense (Defense) , Air Force Office of Scientific Research (AFOSR)

Notice seeking proposals to create and execute a Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) undergraduate internship-based program focused on the state of Hawaii. The program should emphasize outreach to underrepresented minorities in general and native Hawaiians in particular.

Proposals are due July 17, 2015. Approximately up to $150,000 per year is available.

LINKS: Grants.gov, FBO

Measurement Science and Engineering (MSE) Research Grant Programs

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

Notice seeking applications requesting support within multiple NIST Laboratory grant programs, including the Material Measurement Laboratory (MML) Grant Program and the Physical Measurement Laboratory (PML) Grant Program.

All NIST MSE Research Grant Programs, except the Fire Research Grant Program (whose deadline is June 12, 2015), will be considered on a continuing/rolling basis.

LINKS: Grants.gov

FY 2016 New Entrant Notice Of Funding Availability

Department of Transportation (Transportation) , Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

Notice seeking applications to reduce the number and severity of crashes, injuries, and fatalities involving commercial motor vehicles by reviewing new interstate motor carriers to ensure that they have effective safety management programs.

Applications are due by August 24, 2015. Eligibility is open to state transportation agencies; partnering opportunities may exist for colleges and universities. Approximately $32 million is available to support 51 awards.

Limited Submission: One award per state is expected; coordinate with designated state agency to become involved.

LINKS: Solicitation, Grants.gov
Nominations to the Marine Fisheries Advisory Committee

Department of Commerce (Commerce), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS)

Nominations are being sought for appointment by the Secretary of Commerce to fill vacancy openings on the Marine Fisheries Advisory Committee (MAFAC or Committee) pending late October 2015.

Nominations are due by July 20, 2015.

LINKS: Federal Register

Nuclear Energy Advisory Committee Meeting

Department of Energy (Energy)

Notice of Advisory Meeting of the Nuclear Energy Committee to provide advice on complex scientific, technical, and policy issues that arise in the planning, managing, and implementation of DOE’s civilian nuclear energy research programs.

The public meeting will be held on Friday, June 26, 2015 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. ET at the Westin Crystal City, 1800 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA.

LINKS: Federal Register

Advancing Digitization of Biodiversity Collections

National Science Foundation (NSF)

Notice seeking applications to enhance and expand the national resource of digital data documenting existing vouchered biological and paleontological collections and to advance scientific knowledge by improving access to digitized information (including images) residing in vouchered scientific collections across the U.S.

Proposals are due by October 9, 2015. Approximately $10 million is available to support up to 12 awards. Limited Submission:
One proposal per institution as lead, and one proposal per principal investigator.

LINKS: Solicitation, Grants.gov