SPOTLIGHTED OPPORTUNITIES FOR UNO
Office of Science Graduate Student Research (SCGSR) program

The Department of Energy’s (DOE) Office of Science is pleased to announce that the Office of Science Graduate Student Research (SCGSR) program is now accepting applications for the 2016 Solicitation 2. Applications are due 5:00pm ET on Monday November 21, 2016.

Starting from 2015 Solicitation 2, the SCGSR program is open to graduate students with Permanent Resident status, in addition to U.S. Citizens, who meet all other eligibility requirements. Detailed information about the program, including eligibility requirements and access to the online application system, can be found at: http://science.energy.gov/wdts/scgsr/.

ARTS, HUMANITIES AND INTERNATIONAL

Communication for Improved Health Outcomes (CIHO)
United States Agency for International Development (USAID), Mozambique USAID-Maputo

Notice seeking applications to expand access and improve the quality of health services in Sofala in the Republic of Mozambique, by improving Mozambique’s capacity to design, implement, and coordinate high-quality Social and behavior change communications (SBCC), allowing health promotion efforts to more effectively reduce morbidity and mortality caused by preventable diseases. Focus areas include: Strengthened evidence base for effective SBCC interventions with target populations in Mozambique; and Improved health communications systems to coordinate and implement SBCC interventions.

Applications are due by September 27, 2016. Approximately $10 million is available to support up to one award.

LINKS: Grants.gov

DRL Global Religious Freedom Programs
Department of State (State), Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor (DRL)

Notice seeking applications supporting projects to promote and protect religious freedom globally. Focus areas include: Malaysia; Indonesia; Vietnam and Laos; Europe; Sri Lanka; Bangladesh; Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan; and Global Parliamentary training.

Applications are due by October 28, 2016. Approximately $3.95 million is available to support eight awards. Funding levels vary by region.

LINKS: Grants.gov, Solicitation

Global CVE and Religious Freedom Consortium
Department of State (State), Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor (DRL)

Notice seeking applications for a consortium to respond to evolving opportunities to prevent/counter violent extremism (CVE) with specific attention to the nexus between religious freedom and violent extremism. Focus areas include: Push back against or mitigate efforts by governments to broadly repress religiously identified individuals, communities, groups or organizations under the guise of counterterrorism or CVE; Work with religious communities to address underlying societal grievances that act as drivers of radicalization; Foster community resilience against radicalization and recruitment; Encourage civic education that fosters tolerance and combats sectarian tensions; and Encourage communal grassroots reconciliation and relationship building among religious communities or organizations, and with government and security forces.

Applications are due by October 31. Approximately $1 million is available to support one consortium of four partners.

LINKS: Grants.gov, Solicitation
Implementation of Programs for the Prevention, Care and Treatment of HIV/AIDS in the Republic of Cote d'Ivoire under the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR)

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

Notice seeking applications supporting efforts to ensure continuity of comprehensive HIV/AIDS services to an existing pool of clients in the Cote d'Ivoire receiving HIV/AIDS care, support, and/or treatment. Funds support efforts expanding access to HIV/AIDS services while building the capacity of national structures and contributing to sustainable service delivery within the health sector in Côte d'Ivoire.

Applications are due by October 25, 2016. Approximately $6.5 million is available to support up to two awards.

LINKS: Grants.gov

Peer-to-Peer Support for ART Adherence, Retention in Care, Linkage to Comprehensive HIV Services and Linkage of PLHIV Families and Contacts to HIV Testing Services in the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia under PEPFAR

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

Notice seeking applications supporting case management activities for persons living with HIV in Ethiopia to ensure the optimal delivery of the full continuum of care services to these clients. Funds support efforts to support alternative service delivery models for stable patients who can receive ongoing antiretroviral treatment through peer support groups with less frequent monitoring at facility level.

Applications are due by October 25, 2016. Approximately $4.8 million is available to support one award.

LINKS: Grants.gov

Program for Testing, Care, Treatment, and Prevention of HIV/AIDS (PROTECT) among Key Populations: Men who have Sex with Men and Commercial Sex Workers in the Republic of Cote d'Ivoire under PEPFAR

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

Notice seeking applications supporting efforts to establish a self-sustainable comprehensive clinical and community Program for Testing, Care, Treatment, and Prevention of HIV/AIDS for men who have sex with men, including transgender persons, commercial sex workers in urban and rural areas, and specific priority populations in Côte d’Ivoire, which will result in the increased adoption of high-impact HIV services and protective behaviors among most at-risk populations in targeted locations over the next five years. Applications are due by October 25, 2016. Approximately $4.5 million is available to support up to one award.

LINKS: Grants.gov

Religious Freedom and Rule of Law

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

Notice seeking applications supporting a consortium to provide expert analysis of global trends in laws and legislation that impact the ability of individuals to exercise the rights to freedom of religion or belief. Focus areas include: Mapping the current state of laws that impact the ability of individuals to exercise the rights to freedom of religion or belief; Conducting in-depth expert analysis on such laws and producing a public report; The ability to provide expert consultation to U.S. or foreign government officials regarding any given country with laws that impacts the ability of individuals to exercise the rights to freedom of religion or belief; and The ability to implement small grants to support grassroots groups seeking to bolster legal reform and create a legal system that protects and promotes religious freedom rather than constricts it.

Applications are due by November 1, 2016. Approximately $600,000 is available to support one award.

LINKS: Grants.gov, Solicitation
Scale-up of Community HIV Testing and Counseling (CHTC), Linkage to Care (LTC), Comprehensive Support for Key Population (KP) Activities and Combination Prevention Project Implementation Activities in Botswana under PEPFAR

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

Notice seeking applications supporting implementation of public health programs in the areas of HIV prevention, care and treatment to advance implementation science activities in Botswana. Funds support efforts to increase access to and utilization of high quality, integrated, confidential, voluntary client-and provider-initiated HIV testing and counseling. Project activities will including HIV testing, counseling, linkage to care, and coordination of various project activities to optimize the full cascade of HIV/AIDS-related services in key geographic areas and within key populations.

Applications are due by October 25, 2016. Approximately $3.5 million is available to support one to two awards.

LINKS: Grants.gov

USAID/Eastern and Southern Caribbean Science, Technology, Innovations, and Partnerships

United States Agency for International Development (USAID)

Notice seeking proposals to co-create, co-design, co-invest, and collaborate in the development, piloting, testing, and scaling of innovative, practical and cost-effective interventions that support USAID Development Objectives that implement projects to: (1) reduce youth involvement in crime and violence; (2) reduce risks and adapt to the impacts of global climate change; and (3) achieve epidemic control of HIV/AIDS throughout the region.

Expressions of Interest due September 30, 2017. Approximately $10 million is available for five awards.

LINKS: Grants.gov

Climate Resilient Enterprise and Innovation Design (CREAID)

United States Agency for International Development (USAID)

Notice seeking expressions of interest to cocreate, codesign, coinvest, and collaborate in the development of a grantmaking challenge fund mechanism focused in the area of climate resilience innovation and enterprise in Bangladesh.

Questions are due September 7, 2016. Expressions of Interests are due October 5, 2016. Approximately $5 to $30 million is available to support one or more awards.

LINKS: Grants.gov

The Literate Village

United States Agency for International Development (USAID), Egypt USAID-Cairo

Notice seeking applications to support a holistic and integrated literacy intervention targeting women, especially mothers, and children in rural and marginalized communities in the governorates of Beheira and Sohag. Depending on the measurable results of programming, and on the availability of funding, USAID/Egypt may also consider extending the intervention initiated in Beheira and Sohag to communities in the governorate of Assiut.

Applications are due October 10, 2016. Approximately $17 million is available to support one award and will have a maximum four-year period of performance (2016-2020).

LINKS: Grants.gov
EDUCATION and ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Advisory Committee on Veterans Business Affairs Meeting Notice

Small Business Administration (SBA), Department of Commerce (Commerce)

Notice announcing a meeting of the Advisory Committee on Veterans Business Affairs to discuss the formation and growth of small business concerns owned and controlled by veterans and service disabled veterans, to focus on strategic planning, and provide updates on past and current events.

The meeting will be held Wednesday, September 14, 2016, from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm ET at the Eisenhower Conference Room B on the concourse level, U.S. Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street SW., Washington, DC

LINKS: Federal Register

Army Education Advisory Subcommittee Meeting Notice

Army (Army), Department of Defense (Defense)

Notice announcing a meeting of the U.S. Army War College Board of Visitors, a subcommittee of the Army Education Advisory Committee to provide the subcommittee with an overview of the U.S. Army War College Academic Campaign Plan and the annual year 17 curriculum, discuss Middle States and JPME II accreditation matters, and address other administrative matters. Agenda items include review and evaluate information related to the continued academic growth, accreditation, and development of the U.S. Army War College. General deliberations leading to provisional findings will be referred to the Army Education Advisory Committee for deliberation by the Committee under the open-meeting rules.

The subcommittee will meet from 8:15 am to 1:45 pm on October 14, 2016 at the U.S. Army War College, 122 Forbes Avenue, Carlisle, PA, Command Conference Room, Root Hall, Carlisle Barracks

LINKS: Federal Register

Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) for Research Initiatives at The Naval Postgraduate School

Navy (Navy), Department of Defense (Defense)

Notice seeking proposals for research initiatives that offer potential for advancement and improvement in the Naval Postgraduate School (NPS) core mission of graduate education and research across a spectrum of science and engineering, business, politics and public/foreign policy, operational and information sciences, and interdisciplinary disciplines that are in-line with the NPS’ graduate education and research mission.

Proposals are due August 31, 2017. Multiple awards anticipated.

LINKS: Grants.gov, Solicitation

National Advisory Council on Migrant Health; Notice of Meeting

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

Notice announcing a meeting of the National Advisory Council on Migrant Health to discuss services and issues related to the health of migratory and seasonal agricultural workers and their families. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss services and issues related to the health of migratory and seasonal agricultural workers and their families and to formulate recommendations for the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services.

The meeting will be held on November 2, 2016, 8:30 am to 5:00 pm, November 3, 2016, 8:30 am to 5:00 pm at the Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces, 705 South Telshor Boulevard, Las Cruces, New Mexico.

LINKS: Federal Register
Notice Inviting Publishers To Submit Tests for a Determination of Suitability for Use in the National Reporting System for Adult Education

Department of Education (Education)

Notice inviting publishers to submit tests for review and approval for use in the National Reporting System for Adult Education (NRS).

Applications are due October 1, 2016 and April 1, 2017. Details on specific submission instructions in the notice.

LINKS: Federal Register

Request for Applications for the IRS Advisory Committee on Tax Exempt and Government Entities

Department of the Treasury (Treasury)

Notice seeking applications for membership to serve on the Advisory Committee on Tax Exempt and Government Entities.

Applications will be accepted for the following vacancies that will occur in June 2017: Federal, State and Local Governments, Indian Tribal Governments and Employment tax knowledge and experience in one or more areas of employee plans, exempt organizations, Indian tribal governments, tax exempt bonds or federal, state and local governments.

Applications or nominations must be received on or before Monday, September 26, 2016.

LINKS: Federal Register

183rd Meeting of the Advisory Council on Employee Welfare and Pension Benefit Plans; Notice of Meeting

Department of Labor (Labor), Employee Benefits Security Administration

Notice announcing a meeting of the Advisory Council on Employee Welfare and Pension Benefit Plans (also known as the ERISA Advisory Council). The purpose of the open meeting is to discuss reports/recommendations on the issues of: Cybersecurity Considerations for Benefit Plans; and Participant Plan Transfers and Account Consolidation for the Advancement of Lifetime Plan Participation. The meeting will be held September 27 in C5521 Room 4, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC.

LINKS: Agency Site, Federal Register

Army Family Advocacy Program: Research and Prevention

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

Notice seeking applications to 1) determine the effectiveness for child and domestic/partner abuse case treatments for Army Medical Command and 2) develop evidence-based information for prevention of child abuse and domestic/partner abuse for Army Installation Management Command.

Applications are due September 7, 2016. Approximately $403,200 is available.

LINKS: Grants.gov, Solicitation

Clearinghouse for Military Family Readiness

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

Notice seeking applications to support the development, translation, and dissemination of comprehensive, scientifically-based information, implementation support, and programming related to the health and well-being of Military families.

Applications are due September 7, 2016. Approximately $1.7 million is available to support one award.

LINKS: Grants.gov, Solicitation
Department of Defense (DoD) Teen Adventure Camp Program

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

Notice seeking applications to marshal resources of the land-grant institutions and Cooperative Extension system in collaboration with other organizations to develop and deliver opportunities for all military-connected youth to participate in teen (age 14-18) high adventure camp experiences.

Applications are due September 7, 2016. Approximately $700,000 is available. Limited Submission: Only one application per land grant institution for the lead institution

LINKS: Grants.gov, Solicitation

First Meeting of the Drone Advisory Committee (DAC)

Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)

Notice announcing the first Meeting of the Drone Advisory Committee to discuss objectives, the current landscape, issue prioritization, and other issues. The meeting will be held September 16, 2016, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm ET at The Center for Strategic and International Studies, 1616 Rhode Island Ave NW., Washington, DC

LINKS: Agency Site, Federal Register

Funding Down the State and Partnership Grant Slates from Fiscal Year (FY) 2014; Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (GEAR UP)

Department of Education (Education)

Notice announcing plans to use grant slates developed in FY 2014 for the GEAR UP Program to make new grant awards in FY 2016, due to a number of high-quality applications remain on the FY 2014 State and partnership grant slates and limited funding is available for new grant awards in FY 2016. The agency expects to use an estimated $20 million for new awards in FY 2016.

LINKS: Federal Register

Japanese American Confinement Sites Grant Program

Department of the Interior (Interior), National Park Service

Notice seeking applications to preserve historic Japanese American confinement sites and their history, including: private nonprofit organizations; educational institutions; state, local, and tribal governments; and other public entities, for the preservation and interpretation of U.S. confinement sites where Japanese Americans were detained during World War II. Applications are due November 1, 2016. Approximately $2.85 million is available to support up to 20 awards.

LINKS: Grants.gov

Military Spouse Licensure Portability Examination

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

Notice seeking applications supporting efforts to examine each state’s legislation in regards to reducing the burden of occupational licensure as military spouses move across state lines. Funds support efforts to evaluate the effectiveness of various solutions, and provide the DoD with recommendations as to what steps may need to be taken to support military spouses as they move from location to location.

Applications are due by September 8, 2016. Approximately $363,637 is available to support multiple awards.

LINKS: Grants.gov, Solicitation
NAWCA U.S. Small Grants

Department of the Interior (Interior), Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS)

Notice seeking proposals to support public-private partnerships carrying out projects in the United States that further the goals of the North American Wetlands Conservation Act. These projects must involve long-term protection, restoration, enhancement and/or establishment of wetlands and associated uplands habitats for the benefit of all wetlands-associated migratory birds. A 1:1 match is required. Research funding is ineligible.

Proposals are due November 3, 2016. Approximately $3 million is available to support up to 50 awards.

LINKS: Grants.gov

Notification of an Open Meeting of the National Defense University Board of Visitors

Department of Defense (Defense)

Notice announcing a Federal Advisory Committee meeting of the National Defense University Board of Visitors. The agenda includes discussion on accreditation compliance, organizational management, strategic planning, resource management, and other matters of interest to the National Defense University.

The meeting will be held Thursday, September 29, 2016 from 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm and will continue on Friday, September 30, 2016, from 8:30 am to 12:00 pm ET at Marshall Hall, Building 62, Room 155B, the National Defense University, 300 5th Avenue SW., Fort McNair, Washington, DC.

LINKS: Federal Register

HEALTH and MENTAL HEALTH

Collaborative Initiative on Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (CIFASD) Outreach/Dissemination Resource (U24), (U01), (U24)

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

Notice seeking applications to support the Outreach/Dissemination Resource of the already funded “Collaborative Initiative on Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders” (CIFASD). Several companion funding opportunities are available: Collaborative Initiative on Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (CIFASD) Research Project (U01); Collaborative Initiative on Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (CIFASD) Administrative Resource (U24); Collaborative Initiative on Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (CIFASD) Dysmorphology Research Resource (U24); and Collaborative Initiative on Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (CIFASD) Informatics Research Resource (U24).

Requested letter of intent are due by October 29, 2016. Applications are due November 29, 2016.

LINKS: Grants.gov (U24), Solicitation (U24)

Maximizing the Scientific Value of the NHLBI Biorepository: Scientific Opportunities for Exploratory Research (R21)

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

Notice seeking applications for exploratory research relevant to the NHLBI mission using the existing biospecimen collections that are stored in the NHLBI Biorepository, thereby maximizing the scientific value of the stored collections and providing researchers with an opportunity to generate preliminary data for subsequent research proposals.

Requested letter of intent due 30 days prior to application deadline. Applications due February 17, 2017; October 17, 2017; February 15, 2018; October 17, 2018; February 15, 2019; October 17, 2019,

LINKS: Grants.gov, Solicitation
National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics: Meeting

Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

Notice announcing a meeting of the National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics (NCVHS). Agenda items include a workshop: Using Sub-county Data to Promote Multi-sector Approaches for Community Health and Well-being: Identifying Gaps and Opportunities to help NCVHS advance recommendations to HHS. Focus areas include: Enhance public/private collaboration to increase availability of sub-county level data; improve HHS data collection to focus on sub-county data; and better align federal small area data generation initiatives.

The meeting will be held on September 27th-29th from 8:15 am to 5:00 pm. Meetings will be held at the Marriott Courtyard Washington, 1325 2nd Street NE., Washington, DC and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Hubert H. Humphrey Building, Room 705-A, 200 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC

LINKS: Federal Register

National Institute of Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering; Notice of Meeting

National Institutes of Health (NIH), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), National Institute of Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering

Notice announcing a meeting of the National Advisory Council for Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering to hear a Report from the Institute Director, other Institute Staff and scientific presentation. The meeting will be held September 15, 2016 from 8:30 am to 12:00 pm at the William F. Bolger Center, Franklin Building, Classroom 15/16, 9600 Newbridge Drive, Potomac, MD.

LINKS: Federal Register, Agency Site

NCI Small Grants Program for Cancer Research (NCI Omnibus R03)

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

Notice seeking applications supporting small research projects on cancer that can be carried out in a short period of time with limited resources, such as pilot and feasibility studies; secondary analysis of existing data; small, self-contained research projects; development of research methodology; and development of new research technology.

Applications are due by February 28, 2017; June 27, 2017; October 26, 2017; February 27, 2018; June 29, 2018; October 26, 2018; February 26, 2019; June 28, 2019; and October 25, 2019. Approximately $50,000 per award is available to support multiple awards.

LINKS: Grants.gov, Solicitation

NLM Grants for Scholarly Works in Biomedicine and Health (G13)

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

Notice seeking applications supporting the preparation of book-length manuscripts and other works of academic and/or public health policy value to U.S. health professionals, public health officials, biomedical researchers and historians of the health sciences. Focus areas include: Works focusing on the history or philosophy of medicine, public health and the life sciences, the development of medical research and health services, bioethics, and studies on the interrelationship of medicine and society; Works focusing on the history or philosophy of biomedical informatics, computational biology, health information sciences, health communications, or health sciences librarianship; and Analytical and comprehensive critical reviews which identify the present status of research and practice in various health-related fields, addressing advances which have been made, problems requiring examination, and emerging trends. Optional letters of intent are due 30 days before the chosen due date. Applications are due February 24, 2017 and February 23, 2018. Approximately $150,000 is available to support up to three awards.

LINKS: Grants.gov, Solicitation
NLM Information Resource Grants to Reduce Health Disparities (G08)

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

Notice seeking applications for projects that will bring useful, usable health information to health disparity populations and their health care providers. Proposed projects should exploit the capabilities of computer and information technology and health sciences libraries to bring health-related information to consumers and their health care providers.

Requested letters of intent are due by November 16, 2016. Applications are due December 16, 2016.

LINKS: Solicitation, Grants.gov

Solicitation of Nominations for Appointment to the Veterans Rural Health Advisory Committee

Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)

Notice seeking qualified candidates to be considered for appointment to the Veterans Rural Health Advisory Committee, which advises on ways to improve and enhance access to VA healthcare services for enrolled Veterans residing in rural areas and the identification of barriers to providing services. Nominee must have experience working on Veterans' policy issues at the local, state or regional level; and have an understanding of how the rural healthcare delivery system operates.

Nominations are due by December 15, 2016.

LINKS: Federal Register

Veterans' Advisory Committee on Rehabilitation; Notice of Meeting

Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)

Notice announcing a meeting of the Veterans' Advisory Committee on Rehabilitation to provide advice to the Secretary on the rehabilitation needs of Veterans with disabilities and on the administration of VA's rehabilitation programs. Agenda items include: updated briefings on various VA programs designed to enhance the rehabilitative potential of disabled Veterans. Members will also begin consideration of potential recommendations to be included in the Committee's next annual report.

The meeting will be held on Friday, September 16, 2016 in Room 4E400 at the Department of Veterans Affairs' Board of Veterans' Appeals Conference Room, 425 I Street NW., Washington, DC from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm ET.

LINKS: Federal Register

Advisory Committee to the Director (ACD), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

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

Notice announcing the open meeting of the Advisory Committee to the Director. The Advisory Committee to the Director will receive updates from the State, Tribal, Local and Territorial Subcommittee; the Health Disparities Subcommittee; the Global Workgroup; and the Public Health—Health Care Collaboration Workgroup, as well as an update from the CDC Director.

The meeting will be held October 20, 2016 from 8:30 am to 3:00 pm ET. This meeting will be available by teleconference. Please dial 888/324-9970 and enter code 32077657.

LINKS: Federal Register
Exploratory Clinical Trials and Studies of Natural Products in NCCIH High Priority Research Topics (R33)

National Institutes of Health (NIH), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), National Center for Complementary and Integrative Health (NCCIH)

Notice seeking applications to support pilot testing of natural products (i.e., botanicals, dietary supplements, and probiotics), which have a strong scientific premise to justify further clinical testing. Under this FOA, trials must be designed so that results, whether positive or negative, will provide information of high scientific utility and will support decisions about further development or testing of the natural product.

Optional letters of intent are due 30 days prior to the application due date. Applications are due December 2, 2016.

LINKS: Solicitation (R33), Grants.gov (R33)

Microbiology Devices Panel of the Medical Devices Advisory Committee; Notice of Meeting; Establishment of a Public Docket; Request for Comments

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

Notice announcing a public advisory committee meeting of the Microbiology Devices Panel of the Medical Devices Advisory Committee to provide advice and recommendations to the Agency on FDA's regulatory issues.

The meeting will be held October 5, 2016, from 8 am to 6 pm at the Gaithersburg Holiday Inn, Ballroom, Two Montgomery Village Ave., Gaithersburg, MD.

LINKS: Federal Register

National Advisory Committee on Rural Health and Human Services

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, which provides counsel and recommendations to the Secretary with respect to the delivery, research, development, and administration of health and human services in rural areas. Agenda items include examining the issue of social determinants of health in rural areas and site visits.

The meeting will be held on September 14, 2016, 8:30 am-5:00 pm MT; September 15, 2016, 8:30 am-5:15 pm MT; and September 16, 2016, 8:30 am-11:00 am MT at the Albuquerque Marriott, 2101 Louisiana Boulevard NE., Albuquerque, New Mexico.

LINKS: Agency Site, Federal Register

National Center for Complementary & Integrative Health; Notice of Meeting

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

Notice announcing a meeting of the National Advisory Council for Complementary and Integrative Health to hear a report from the Institute Director and other staff.

The meeting will be held October 14, 2016 from 10:15 am to 3:30 pm at National Institutes of Health, Building 31, Conference Room 10, 31 Center Drive, Bethesda, MD.

LINKS: Agency Site, Federal Register
National Institute of Mental Health; Notice of Meeting

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

Notice announcing a meeting of the National Advisory Mental Health Council to hear a presentation of the NIMH Director's Report and discussion of NIMH program and policy issues.

The meeting will be held on September 20, 2016 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm ET, at National Institutes of Health, Neuroscience Center, 6001 Executive Boulevard, Rockville, MD.

LINKS: Federal Register

National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders Draft 2017-2021 Strategic Plan

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

Notices seeking public comment on the draft 2017-2021 National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders (NIDCD) Strategic Plan, which serves as a guide to the NIDCD in prioritizing its research investment, illustrates the current state-of-the-science, and highlights recent advances in the communication sciences.

Comments are accepted through September 30, 2016.

LINKS: Agency Site, Federal Register

Notice of Diabetes Mellitus Interagency Coordinating Committee Meeting

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

Notice announcing the open meeting of the Diabetes Mellitus Interagency Coordinating Committee (DMICC). The DMICC, chaired by the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK), comprises members of the Department of Health and Human Services and other federal agencies that support diabetes-related activities, facilitates cooperation, communication, and collaboration on diabetes among government entities.

The meeting will be held September 12, 2016 from 1:00 pm to 4:30 pm ET at the Democracy 2 Building at 6707 Democracy Blvd., Bethesda, MD, in Conference Room 7050.

LINKS: Federal Register, Agency Site

Request for Nominations of Candidates to Serve on the Advisory Committee on Breast Cancer in Young Women (ACBCYW)

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

Notice soliciting nominations for membership on the ACBCYW. The Committee provides advice and guidance to the Secretary, HHS; the Assistant Secretary for Health; and the Director, CDC, regarding the formative research, development, implementation and evaluation of evidence-based activities designed to prevent breast cancer (particularly among those at heightened risk) and promote the early detection and support of young women who develop the disease. The advice provided by the Committee will assist in ensuring scientific quality, timeliness, utility, and dissemination of credible appropriate messages and resource materials.

Nomination materials are due October 7, 2016.

LINKS: Federal Register, Agency Site
Request for Nominations of Candidates to Serve on the Advisory Committee to the Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (ACD, CDC)-Health Disparities Subcommittee (HDS)

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

Notice seeking nominations to the Advisory Committee to the Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention -Health Disparities Subcommittee, which provides interdisciplinary perspectives and subject matter expertise to the goal of reducing health disparities including research, program and policy analyses, and other developmental activities. Nominees must be experts in fields related to health policy, public health, global health, preparedness, preventive medicine, the faith-based and community-based sector, and allied fields.

Applications are due by September 30, 2016.

LINKS: Federal Register

The Sentinel Post-Licensure Rapid Immunization Safety Monitoring Program; Public Workshop

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

Notice announcing a public workshop entitled “The Sentinel Post-Licensure Rapid Immunization Safety Monitoring (PRISM) Program.” The purpose of the workshop is to describe the Sentinel Initiative and PRISM program, illustrate how PRISM is used by FDA for regulatory responsibilities (including how it has been integrated into FDA’s regulatory review process and case examples), and discuss the future direction of PRISM in terms of expansion and further integration into the regulatory review process.

The public workshop will be held December 7, 2016, from 8:30 am to 5 pm at the National Institutes of Health, 8600 Rockville Pike, Lister Hill Center Auditorium, Building 38A, Bethesda, MD.

LINKS: Agency Site

Tribal Consultation Meetings

Administration for Children and Families (ACF), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

Notice announcing a 1-day Tribal Consultation Session to be held between the Administration for Children and Families, the leadership of Tribal Governments operating Head Start programs. The purpose of these Consultation Sessions is to discuss ways to better meet the needs of American Indian and Alaska Native children and their families, taking into consideration funding allocations, distribution formulas, and other issues affecting the delivery of Head Start services in their geographic locations.

The meeting will be held October 19, 2016, from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm local time at ThrivAlaska Head Start Center at 1949 Gilliam Way, Fairbanks, Alaska.

LINKS: Federal Register

TriService Nursing Research Program

Department of Defense (Defense), Uniformed Services Univ. of the Health Sciences

Notice seeking applications supporting current and former military nurse scientists conduct scientific research studies and evidence-based practice projects in the field of military nursing. Eligible applicants are limited to Active Duty, Reserve, or retired military nurses from the United States Army, Navy, or Air Force, or National Guard Nurse Corps Officers. Focus areas include: Graduate Research or Evidence-Based Practice Award; Novice Research or Evidence-Based Practice Award; Evidence Based Practice Guideline Development Award; Evidence Based Practice Implementation Award; Investigator-Initiated Research Award; Exploratory Research Award; and Career Development Award. Applications are due by October 12, 2016. Approximately $4.5 million is available to support 20 awards between the seven award categories. Award limits vary by award type.

LINKS: Grants.gov, Agency Site
SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, and MATHEMATICS

A--DHS RFI Backscatter Systems

Department of Homeland Security (Homeland Security), Department of the Interior (Interior)

Notice seeking information on parties having an interest in and the resources to support research and development of innovative, flexible Mobile Reflective Imaging Non-Intrusive Inspection (NII) Systems.

Responses are due September 30, 2016.

LINKS: FBO

ADVANCE: Increasing the Participation and Advancement of Women in Academic Science and Engineering Careers

National Science Foundation (NSF), Multiple directorates

Notice seeking applications supporting efforts to develop systemic approaches to increase the representation and advancement of women in academic STEM; develop innovative and sustainable ways to promote gender equity that involve both men and women in the STEM academic workforce; and contribute to the research knowledge base on gender equity and the intersection of gender and other identities in STEM academic careers. Funds support three tracks: Institutional Transformation; Adaptation; and Partnership.

Required letters of intent for the Partnership track are due December 14, 2016, and then on the Second Wednesday in December, Every Other Year Thereafter. Required letters of intent for the Adaptation track are due August 09, 2017 and then the Second Wednesday in August, Every Other Year Thereafter. Required pre-proposals for the Institutional Transformation track are due April 12, 2017 and then the Second Wednesday in April, Every Other Year Thereafter.

LINKS: Grants.gov, Solicitation

Advisory Committee for the Sustained National Climate Assessment (SNCA)

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

Notice announcing a meeting of the Advisory Committee for the Sustained National Climate Assessment (SNCA) to receive their mandate and a report on US Global Change Research Programs.

Meeting will be held September 13, 2016, from 12:30 pm to 5:00 pm ET and September 14, 2016, from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm ET, and September 15, 2016, from 8:00 am to Noon ET at Department of Commerce, Herbert C. Hoover Building, Room 48019, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC. Registration by September 6, 2016 is required at: http://sncaadvisorycommittee.noaa.gov/Meetings.aspx

LINKS: Federal Register, Agency Site

Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards; Notice of Meeting

NRC (Nuclear Regulatory Commission)

Notice announcing several meetings of the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards to discuss reactor licenses and committee reports.

The meetings will be held from September 8th-10th at the Conference Room T2-B1, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland.

LINKS: Solicitation
DoD SBIR 16.3 and the STTR 16.C Prerelease

Department of Defense (Defense)

Notice announcing a prerelease of the DoD SBIR 16.3 and the STTR 16.C Broad Agency Announcements. The Army, Navy, Air Force, DARPA, DHP, DLA, MDA, and USSOCOM invite small businesses to propose innovative solutions to topics in this Announcement. For STTR 16.C, DARPA, DHP, and MDA invite small businesses and research institutions to jointly propose cooperative research and development efforts in response to topics in this Announcement.

During the pre-release period, applicants may contact the topic authors directly to ask technical questions about specific solicitation topics (contact information is listed with the topic). The DoD will begin accepting proposals on September 26, 2016, and will close to proposals on October 26, 2016 at 6:00 am ET.

LINKS: Agency Site

Electricity Advisory Committee

Department of Energy (Energy)

Notice announcing a meeting of the Electricity Advisory Committee to, among other activities, receive an update on the programs and initiatives of the DOE's Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability; a presentation on the paper “Future Cost-Comparative Electricity Systems and Their Impact on U.S. CO2 Emissions”; and to hear panel discussions on opportunities presented by high-voltage direct current (HVDC) transmission and on grid impacts of the high penetration of plug-in electric vehicles, and an open discussion of industry topics relevant to DOE.

The meeting will be held September 28, 2016, from Noon to 5:50 pm ET, and September 29, 2016, from 8:00 am to 12:30 pm ET at the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, 4301 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA.

LINKS: Federal Register

I2O Office-wide BAA

DARPA (DARPA), Department of Defense (Defense)

Notice seeking applications to develop game-changing information science and technology through basic and applied research in the areas of: cyber, analytics, and symbiosis. I2O may also consider submissions outside these areas if the proposal involves the development of novel software-based capabilities having promise to provide decisive information advantage for the U.S. and its allies.

Requested abstracts are due by June 30, 2017. Proposals are due August 25, 2017. Multiple awards are anticipated.

LINKS: Grants.gov

Mathematical Biology

Directorate for Mathematical & Physical Sciences (MPS), National Science Foundation (NSF), Division of Mathematical Sciences

Notice seeking applications supporting research in areas of applied and computational mathematics with relevance to the biological sciences. Successful proposals are mathematically innovative and address challenging problems of interest to members of the biological community.

Applications are accepted annually from November 1 to November 15. Multiple awards are anticipated.

LINKS: Grants.gov, Solicitation
National Infrastructure Advisory Council

Department of Homeland Security (Homeland Security)

Notice announcing a meeting of the National Infrastructure Advisory Council to conduct regular business and receive presentations on future focus study topics.

The meeting will be held September 16, 2016, from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm ET at 1310 North Courthouse Road, Suite 300, Arlington, VA.

LINKS: Federal Register, Agency Site

Project on Advanced Systems and Concepts for Countering Weapons of Mass Destruction (PASCC)

Department of Defense (Defense)

Notice seeking white papers on expanding knowledge related to countering weapons of mass destruction (WMD) and weapons of mass effect (WME). Focus areas include: Proliferation of WMD/WME; Future technologies of mass effect; WMD/WME delivery systems; Management and prevention mechanisms/regimes; and Multi-domain threats to strategic stability and hybrid warfare.

White papers are due by September 9, 2016. Approximately $4 million is available to support multiple awards.

LINKS: FBO

Science Advisory Committee on Chemicals; Establishment of a Federal Advisory Committee; Request for Nominations

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

Notice announcing the establishment of the Science Advisory Committee on Chemicals, to provide independent advice and expert consultation, on the scientific and technical aspects of risk assessments, methodologies, and pollution prevention measures or approaches supporting implementation of the Frank R. Lautenberg Chemical Safety for the 21st Century Act. The EPA invites the public to nominate experts to be considered for the Science Advisory Committee on Chemicals.

Nominations must be received by October 11, 2016.

LINKS: Federal Register

Solar System Exploration Research Virtual Institute - Cycle 2

National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)

Notice seeking applications for multi-institutional team-based proposals for research as participating members of the Solar System Exploration Research Virtual Institute (SSERVI). Proposals must clearly articulate an innovative, broadly based research program addressing basic and/or applied research fundamental to understanding the nature of the Moon, Near Earth Asteroids (NEAs), the Martian moons Phobos and Deimos, and the near space environments of these target bodies, to enable eventual human exploration of these destinations.

Step-1 proposals due September 23, 2016. Approximately $8.7 million is available for three awards.

LINKS: Grants.gov, Solicitation
Advisory Committee for Cyberinfrastructure; Notice of Meeting

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

Notice announcing a meeting of the Advisory Committee for Cyberinfrastructure to advise NSF.

The meeting will be held on Oct 11, 2016; 9:00 a.m.-5:15 p.m.; Oct 12, 2016; 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. from National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Stafford I—Room 1235, Arlington, VA.

LINKS: Federal Register.

Annual Invitation for Public Nominations by U.S. Citizens for Service on NASA Federal Advisory Committees

National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)

Notice announcing its annual invitation for public nominations for service on NASA Federal advisory committees. Open committees include: Aerospace Safety Advisory Panel; Applied Sciences Advisory Committee; International Space Station (ISS) Advisory Committee; International Space Station (ISS) National Laboratory Advisory Committee; NASA Advisory Council; and National Space-Based Positioning, Navigation and Timing (PNT) Advisory Board.

The deadline for NASA receipt of all public nominations is September 30, 2016.

LINKS: Agency Site, Federal Register

Arctic Research Opportunities

National Science Foundation (NSF), Directorate for Geosciences

Notice seeking research proposals that advance a fundamental, process, and systems-level understanding of the Arctic's rapidly changing natural environment and social and cultural systems, and, where appropriate, to improve our capacity to project future change. Proposals are accepted anytime. Approximately $40 million is available to support 75 awards.

LINKS: Grants.gov, Solicitation

Ceramics

National Science Foundation (NSF)

Notice seeking proposals to support fundamental scientific research in ceramics (e.g., oxides, carbides, nitrides and borides), glass-ceramics, inorganic glasses, ceramic-based composites and inorganic carbon-based materials. Projects should be centered on experiments; inclusion of computational and theory components are encouraged. The objective of the program is to increase fundamental understanding and to develop predictive capabilities for relating synthesis, processing, and microstructure of these materials to their properties and ultimate performance in various environments and applications. Proposals are accepted anytime. Approximately $10 million is available.

LINKS: Grants.gov, Solicitation

Condensed Matter and Materials Theory

National Science Foundation (NSF)

Notice seeking proposals to fundamental research that advances the conceptual understanding of hard and soft materials, and materials-related phenomena; the development of associated analytical, computational, and data-centric techniques; as well as predictive materials-specific theory, simulation, and modeling for materials research. Proposals are accepted anytime. Approximately $15 million is available.

LINKS: Grants.gov, Solicitation
FY2017 Scientific Infrastructure Support for CINR Funding Opportunity Announcement

Department of Energy (Energy)

Notice seeking applications to support crosscutting nuclear energy research and development (R&D) and associated infrastructure support activities to develop innovative technologies that offer the promise of dramatically improved performance for advanced reactors and fuel cycle concepts while maximizing the impact of DOE resources.

Responses are due November 23, 2016. Approximately $5 million is available to support up to 15 awards.

LINKS: Grants.gov

Geophysics

National Science Foundation (NSF)

Notice seeking proposals to support basic research in the physics of the solid earth to explore its composition, structure, and processes from the Earth's surface to its' deepest interior. Laboratory, field, theoretical, and computational studies are supported.

Proposals are due December 9, 2016. Approximately $15.9 million is available to support up to 80 awards.

LINKS: Grants.gov, Solicitation

Notice of Public Meeting to Summarize Public Input Received on the Design of a Consent-Based Siting Process for Spent Nuclear Fuel and High-Level Radioactive Waste Storage and Disposal Facilities

Department of Energy (Energy)

Notice announcing a meeting to summarize the comments received and discuss next steps in designing a consent-based siting process that will be a part of an integrated waste management system to transport, store, and dispose of spent nuclear fuel and high-level radioactive waste.

The meeting will take place on Thursday September 15, 2016 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. ET at the Embassy Suites by Hilton Washington DC Convention Center, 900 10th St NW., Washington, DC.

LINKS: Agency Site, Federal Register

President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology

Department of Energy (Energy)

Notice announcing a meeting of the President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology to discuss its studies on forensics, biodefense, and water science and technology. They will also hear from speakers who will remark on agriculture preparedness and soil sciences and others who will speak on data and justice.

The meeting will be held September 30, 2016, from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm ET at the National Academy of Sciences, 2101 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC.

LINKS: Agency Site, Federal Register
Request for Nominations of Experts To Augment the Science Advisory Board Ecological Processes and Effects Committee To Provide Advice on Methods for Deriving Water Quality Criteria for the Protection of Aquatic Life

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

Notice requesting nominations of scientific experts to augment the SAB Ecological Processes and Effects Committee (EPEC) for review of a draft EPA document entitled “Scope and Approach for Revising USEPA's Guidelines for Deriving National Water Quality Criteria to Protect Aquatic Life”. The SAB is a chartered Federal Advisory Committee that provides independent scientific and technical peer review, advice, consultation, and recommendations to the EPA Administrator on the technical basis for EPA actions.

Nominations should be submitted by September 20, 2016.

LINKS: Federal Register, Agency Site

Research and Development for Next Generation Neutrinoless Double Beta Decay Technology (R&D NextGen NLDBD-TD)

Department of Energy (Energy), Office of Science

Notice seeking applications for research and development that will allow existing technology candidates to demonstrate down-selection criteria for the next generation of neutrinoless double beta decay measurements.

Required pre-applications are due September 19, 2016. Applications are due October 28, 2016. Approximately $2 million is available.

LINKS: Grants.gov, Solicitation

ROSES 2016: Ocean Salinity Science Team

National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)

Notice seeking proposals to provide the scientific underpinning for production of the best possible satellite-derived ocean salinity data sets and to demonstrate the Earth science and applications arising from analyses of the ocean surface salinity data. The team assures that data made available are of the highest quality and validated for scientific exploitation. It also conducts ocean science investigations that are possible only through exploitation of remotely sensed sea surface salinity.

Required notices of intent are due September 30, 2016. Proposals are due October 28, 2016.

LINKS: Grants.gov, Solicitation

ROSES 2016: Sea Level Change Science Team

National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)

Notice seeking proposals to integrate research results, data sets, and model output to improve the accuracy and spatial resolution of sea level change estimates, and communicate these results in a simplified manner to the scientific community and the general public.

Required notices of intent are due October 14, 2016. Proposals are due November 15, 2016.

LINKS: Grants.gov, Solicitation