# SPHHP Research Activities Newsletter

# In the News

# **Congratulations to the Following Awardees:**



**Gary Giovino**, Professor and Chair of Community Health and Health Behavior, received a continuation award from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for the project entitled *Memorandum of Understanding* with the CDC Foundation for Work on the Expert Consultation on Global Adult Tobacco Survey. Dr. Giovino will provide support to the Centers for Disease Control Foundation on the collection, analysis, and reporting of data from the Global Adult Tobacco Survey and the Global Youth Tobacco Survey.



Jim Lenker, Associate Professor of Rehabilitation Science, received a travel award from UB's Canadian-American Studies Committee to meet with researchers at two Canadian Universities. Dr. Lenker will meet with Dr. Louise Demers (University of Montreal) and Dr. Jeff Jutai (University of Ottawa) to share information on their research programs and also discuss trends in Canadian thinking regarding outcomes research on adults with disabilities who use mobility-related assistive technology devices and/or receive environmental modifications to support independent function in their homes. Dr. Lenker is also a recipient of a UB 2012-2013 Civic Engagement Grant Development Fellowship with Jordana Maisel (Center for Inclusive Design and Environmental Access/School of Architecture and Planning) for the project entitled Assessing the Impact of the Complete Streets Initiatives in Medium-to-Large Municipalities. Complete Streets is an emerging paradigm in urban planning that attempts to balance the needs of pedestrians, bicyclists, public transportation users, and motorists regardless of age, ability, income, ethnicity, or mode of travel.



**Christine Oddo**, Research Assistant Professor, Center for Assistive Technology, received a renewal award from NYS Commission on Quality Care and Advocacy for People with Disabilities for the project entitled *Loan Closet under TRAID*. The program offers assistance programs for persons with disabilities.



**Kirk Personius**, Clinical Associate Professor of Rehabilitation Science, received a new 1-year award from the American Physical Therapy Association for the project entitled *Innervation of Dystrophic Muscle Following Muscle Stem Cell Therapy*. The project will determine whether muscle fibers from mdx/mTR mice transplanted with Muscle stem cells (MuSC) remain innervated or show signs of re-innervation. MuSC transplantation is a leading potential therapy for patients with Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy.



**Bill Scheider**, Research Assistant Professor of Social and Preventive Medicine, is a recipient of a UB's 2012-2013 Civic Engagement Grant Development Fellowship for the project entitled *A Community-University Research Partnership to Reduce Air Pollution and Its Health Effects in NW Erie County.* The project will study sources and distribution of environmental exposures and exposure-health relationships within the communities of northwest Erie County.



**John Violanti**, Research Professor of Social and Preventive Medicine, received a new 1-year award from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for the project entitled *Analysis of Lipid and Metabolic Markers in the BCOPS Study*. The study will analyze blood specimens collected in the previous BCOPS study for lipid and metabolic biomarkers. The results could provide new insights into the association between psychological stress and subclinical cardiovascular disease.

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## **Grant Clinic**

## Research Tools Available to UB Faculty

#### SUNY Scholar Universe - Search Engine for Researchers within the SUNY system

The SUNY Research Foundation's Find a SUNY Scholar is a database of faculty profiles, including key biographical information, research interests, funded grants, selected publications and contact information. With this database, you can (1) view current research activity inside and outside your discipline on topics of interest to you; (2) increase collaboration opportunities by raising your exposure to the research activities taking place across multiple disciplines; (3) find information on researchers' organizational affiliations, research and publishing activities, and funding status; and (4) increase exposure of your research and scholarly activities to worldwide scholars, students, researchers, publishers, and journalists seeking your expertise. http://www.scholaruniverse.com/public/61633/search

#### COS Pivot - A Comprehensive Source of Funding Opportunities Globally

Pivot's database allows researchers to discover the right funding opportunities and effectively collaborate with colleagues worldwide by matching researcher profiles with potential funding sources and collaborators from inside or outside their institution. https://pivot.cos.com/login

Please contact the RAS office if you would like more information on the use of these two search engines.

#### NIH Notices & Reminders

#### AHRQ New Application Due Date and Increased Budget Limit

AHRQ has issued a new due date, as well as a temporary increase in the budget limit for FOA AHRQ Health Services Research Projects (PA-13-045, R01; PA-13-046, R18). The new receipt date is March 28, 2013. Applications submitted for this due date will be allowed to submit projects that contain a budget of up to \$500,000 in total annual costs. For all remaining due dates for these two FOAs, the application due dates will revert back to the standard R01 and R18 due dates and the budgets will revert back to the limit of \$250,000 in total annual costs. For further information, please see NIH Notice: http://grants.nih.gov/grants/quide/notice-files/NOT-HS-13-005.html

# **UB 2013-2014 Civic Engagement and Public Policy Research Initiative**

Civic Engagement Research Fellowships support community-based research proposals that have the potential to evolve into larger studies to advance knowledge and make a difference in the lives of external constituencies. Fellows will receive up to \$3,500 as a research grant.

Application Due Date: March 7, 2013

http://www.buffalo.edu/content/dam/www/ub2020/photos/academic\_strengths/pdf/CE%20Research%20Fellowships%20CFP% 202013-14.pdf

Community Scholar-in-Residence Fellowship nominations are invited from UB faculty members to support a one month visit to UB for a community research partner during 2013-2014. The program will enable a community research partner, from outside academia, to spend time at UB working collaboratively with faculty partners on community-based research, education, and grant activities. One fellowship of \$3,000 will be awarded each year. Application Due Date: March 7, 2013

http://www.buffalo.edu/content/dam/www/ub2020/photos/academic\_strengths/pdf/CommScholars-in-ResRFP2013-14.pdf



# **NIH Funding Opportunities: Requests for Applications (RFA)**

#### **June Due Dates**

RFA-CA-12-015 (R01) and RFA-CA-12-016 (R21)

## Research Answers to NCI's Provocative Questions - Group A

The purpose of this FOA issued by the NCI is to support research projects designed to use sound and innovative research strategies to solve specific problems and paradoxes in cancer research identified by the NCI Provocative Questions (PQs) initiative. PQs in Group A challenge investigators to seek answers to specific unsolved problems generally related to investigation of changes in behavior and various exposure risks, mechanistic links between cancer risk factors and biological events associated with cancer development, and how we might identify and better understand prevention mechanisms.

Application Due Dates: June 20, 2013

http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-CA-12-015.html http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-CA-12-016.html

RFA-CA-12-017 (R01) and RFA-CA-12-018 (R21)

#### Research Answers to NCI's Provocative Questions - Group B

The purpose of this FOA issued by the NCI is to support research projects designed to use sound and innovative research strategies to solve specific problems and paradoxes in cancer research identified by the NCI Provocative Questions initiative. Provocative Questions in this group challenge investigators to seek answers to specific unsolved problems generally related to mechanisms of tumor development or recurrence.

Application Due Dates: June 20, 2013

http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-CA-12-017.html http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-CA-12-018.html

RFA-CA-12-019 (R01) and RFA-CA-12-020 (R21)

#### Research Answers to NCI's Provocative Questions - Group C

The purpose of this FOA issued by the NCI is to support research projects designed to use sound and innovative research strategies to solve specific problems and paradoxes in cancer research identified by the NCI Provocative Questions initiative. Provocative Questions in this group challenge investigators to seek answers to specific unsolved problems generally related to the development or refinement of methods to detect or diagnose tumors and highlight our still nascent knowledge of the stages of tumor development as they relate to determining which tumors are most likely to lead to more aggressive states.

Application Due Dates: June 20, 2013

http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-CA-12-019.html http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-CA-12-020.html

RFA-CA-12-021 (R01) and RFA-CA-12-022 (R21)

#### Research Answers to NCI's Provocative Questions - Group D

The purpose of this FOA issued by the NCI is to support research projects designed to use sound and innovative research strategies to solve specific problems and paradoxes in cancer research identified by the NCI Provocative Questions initiative. Provocative Questions in this group challenge investigators to seek answers to specific unsolved problems generally related to the development and use of new therapeutic agents and how we can learn from both the successes and failures of clinical treatment.

Application Due Dates: June 20, 2013

http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-CA-12-021.html http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-CA-12-022.html

## NIH Funding Opportunities: Program Announcement Reviewed by an Institute (PAR)

PAR-11-020 (R01)

#### **Technologies for Healthy Independent Living**

This FOA encourages applications for research and development of technologies that monitor health or deliver care in real-time, accessible, effective, and minimally obtrusive way. These systems are expected to integrate, process, analyze, communicate, and present data so that the individuals are engaged and empowered in their own healthcare with reduced burden to care providers.

Application Due Date(s): May 17, 2013; September 19, 2013

Expiration Date: September 20, 2013

http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-11-020.html

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PAR-12-039 (R03)

#### **Small Grants Program for Cancer Epidemiology**

The goal of this FOA is to provide support for pilot projects, testing of new techniques, secondary analyses of existing data, development and validation of measurement methods, and development of innovative projects for more comprehensive research in cancer etiology and epidemiology.

Application Due Date(s): March 19, 2013; July 23, 2013; November 19, 2013; March 18, 2014; July 22, 2014;

November 18, 2014

Expiration Date: November 19, 2014

http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-12-039.html

PAR-13-074 (R03)

#### Small Grants for New Investigators to Promote Diversity in Health-Related Research

The purpose of this FOA is to provide support for New Investigators from backgrounds nationally underrepresented in biomedical research to conduct small research projects in the scientific mission areas of the NIDKK, NIMH and ODS, with the purpose of providing the preliminary data to support a R01-equivalent application.

Application Due Date(s): June 16, 2013; June 16, 2014; June 16, 2015

Expiration Date: September 8, 2015

http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-13-074.html

PAR-13-080 (R01)

#### Accelerating the Pace of Drug Abuse Research Using Existing Data

The purpose of this FOA is to invite applications proposing the innovative analysis of existing social science, behavioral, administrative, and neuroimaging data to study the etiology and epidemiology of drug using behaviors and related disorders, associated HIV risk behaviors, prevention of drug use and HIV, and health service utilization.

Application Due Date(s): Standard dates apply

Expiration Date: January 8, 2016

http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-13-080.html

PAR-13-104 (R25)

#### **NIH Summer Research Experience Programs**

The objectives of the Program are to provide high quality research experiences for high school and college students and for science teachers during the summer academic break. The NIH expects such programs will: 1) help attract young students to careers in science; 2) provide opportunities for college students to gain valuable research experience to help prepare them for graduate school; and 3) enhance the skills of science teachers and enable them to more effectively communicate the nature of the scientific process to their students.

Application Due Date(s): April 2, 2013; April 2, 2014; April 2, 2015

Expiration Date: May 22, 2015

http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-13-104.html

# **NIH Funding Opportunities: Program Announcements (PA)**

PA-13-077 (R01); PA-13-078 (R34); PA-13-079 (R03) Behavioral & Integrative Treatment Development

**Program** 

Application Due Date(s): Standard dates apply

Expiration Date: January 8, 2016

http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-13-077.html http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-13-078.html http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-13-079.html

PA-13-100 (R01); PA-13-098 (R21); PA-13-099 (R03) School Nutrition and Physical Activity Policies, Obesogenic Behaviors and Weight Outcomes Application Due Date(s): Standard dates apply

Expiration Date: May 8, 2016

http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-13-100.html http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/PA-files/PA-13-098.html http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/PA-files/PA-13-099.html PA-13-102 (R01); PA-13-103 (R21)

Disorders of Human Communication: Effectiveness,

Outcomes and Health Services Research Application Due Date(s): Standard dates apply

Expiration Date: May 8, 2016

http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-13-102.html http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/PA-files/PA-13-103.html

PA-13-110 (R01)

**Obesity Policy Evaluation Research** 

Application Due Date(s): Standard dates apply

Expiration Date: May 8, 2016

http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-13-110.html

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#### **Expiring Soon**

PA-10-236 (R01); PA-10-237 (R21)

Health Promotion Among Racial and Ethnic Minority

Males

Application Due Date(s): Standard dates apply

Expiration Date: September 8, 2013

http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-10-236.html http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-10-237.html

PA-10-239 (R01); PA-10-241 (R21); PA-10-240 (R03) **Nutrition and Alcohol-Related Health Outcomes** Application Due Date(s): Standard dates apply

Expiration Date: September 8, 2013

http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-10-239.html http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-10-241.html http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-10-240.html

# **Funding Opportunities: Foundations**

## **Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo**

#### J. Warren Perry and Charles Donald Perry Memorial Fund - Upcoming Due Date

Recognizing that funding for new ideas and projects is difficult to obtain, this fund was established to provide funding for innovative ideas by a select group of not-for-profit organizations. **SPHHP is one of the organizations eligible for this grant and is allowed to submit one application from our school.** It is anticipated that the funding announcement will be released within the next few weeks with a due date of late March/early April. Additional information, when received, will be sent via email to the research list serve. Those interested in applying should contact the RAS office.

## **Health Effects Institute**

#### Walter A. Rosenblith New Investigator Award

This award supports junior level investigators, at the Assistant Professor level with two to six years of research experience after obtaining the highest degree, interested in the health effects of pollution. Awards will be up to \$150,000 per year with a maximum of \$450,000 for three years in total costs. It is expected that the investigator will devote between 25-50% of his or her time throughout this project. Although not required, applicants are strongly encouraged to submit a one-page Letter of Intent or contact HEI to discuss eligibility and topic of intended proposal.

Application Due Date: Letter of Intent May 1, 2013

Application June 4, 2013

http://www.healtheffects.org/RFA/RFA-Booklets/RFAWinter2013.pdf

#### **Robert Wood Johnson Foundation**

#### Healthy Eating Research: Building Evidence to Prevent Childhood Obesity

This call for proposals is for two types of awards which support research on environmental and policy strategies with strong potential to promote healthy eating among children to prevent childhood obesity, especially among lower-income and racial and ethnic populations at highest risk for obesity. Round 8 Grants will award up to \$170,000 for a maximum funding period of 18 months. RWJF New Connections Grants will fund early-career investigators (within 10 years of receiving their doctorate or terminal degree) from historically disadvantaged and underrepresented communities. New Connection Grants will award up to \$100,000 for a maximum funding period of 12- to 18-months.

Application Due Date(s):Round 8:Concept PapersApril 24, 2013; June 26, 2013

Invited Application July 10, 2013; September 11, 2013

New Connections: Concept Papers March 27, 2013

Invited Application June 26, 2013

http://pweb1.rwif.org/files/applications/cfp/cfp HER2013.pdf



"Some people are always grumbling

because roses have thorns; I am

thankful that the thorns have roses" -

Alphonse Karr (French Critic,

Journalist and Novelist [11/24/1808-

9/29/18901)