The Issue that Keeps Us Awake at Night

The most important resource for the successful future of biomedical research is not buildings, instruments, or new technologies – it’s the scientists doing the work. But by now, it’s no longer news that biomedical researchers are stressed – stressed by a hypercompetitive environment that’s particularly destructive for early- and mid-career investigators. But those are the researchers who, if we don’t lose them, will comprise the next generation of leaders and visionaries. Almost 10 years ago, the National Institutes of Health (NIH) took steps to improve funding opportunities for “early stage investigators”, those who were 10 years or less from their terminal research degree or clinical training. Those steps helped, but many stakeholders have concluded that more is needed.

NIH Fiscal Policies in Effect for Fiscal Year 2018

NIH has issued policy that details FY 2018 funding levels, NRSA stipend levels, how we are prioritizing applications from early stage investigator (ESI) principal investigators, 2018 salary limits, and more.

Working with Human Subjects? New Human Subjects System Replaces NIH’s Inclusion Management System

On June 9, 2018 a new Human Subjects System will replace the Inclusion Management System (IMS) currently used for reporting participant sex/gender, race, and ethnicity information for NIH grants. The new system consolidates human subject information submitted in applications and progress reports and will be used for all human subject-related post-submission updates as of its release.

Implementation Science

The National Cancer Institute (NCI), in collaboration with Cancer Research U.K. (CRUK), will host a “Sandpit” workshop (i.e., ideas lab) on October 28-31, 2018, in Potomac, Maryland.

WORKSHOP BACKGROUND

This intensive residential workshop will bring together a broad, multidisciplinary group of participants to generate new insights on the contextual factors (e.g., social, cultural, and organizational) that influence the implementation and uptake of digital health interventions for cancer prevention. The research ideas generated at the workshop will inform dissemination and implementation efforts, with the ultimate goal of increasing the reach, adoption, and maintained use of digital health tools. On the last day of the workshop, CRUK will invite up to four of the teams formed at the workshop to apply for CRUK seed grants to test the feasibility of their ideas.

APPLICATION DETAILS

Early- and mid-career professionals based in the U.S. or U.K. who are interested in contributing their expertise, transformative ideas, and novel thinking are especially encouraged to apply. However, please note that Ph.D. students are not eligible for this opportunity.

Applications must include the following components:

- a CV
- an 800-word cover letter describing the applicant’s interest in the workshop
- a visual representation (e.g., diagram or mental model) that illustrates a conceptual schema of the applicant’s area of interest, along with a 300-word caption
• a letter of commitment from the applicant’s organization or institution

Application materials must be emailed to Sandpit_Workshop@mail.nih.gov by July 18, 2018 at 5 p.m. EDT / 10 p.m. BST.

NCI will support standard-class travel accommodation costs (in accordance with NIH Travel Policy) for applicants selected to participate and committed to attending the entire Sandpit event.

Additional details about the Sandpit and full application instructions are available at: https://cancercontrol.cancer.gov/brp/docs/2018-CRUK-NCI-Sandpit_Final-Research-Call.pdf.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES

NCI is committed to providing reasonable accommodations for qualified individuals with a disability.

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Video Recording: Screening and referral for social determinants of health meeting

OBSSR hosted the Screening and Referral for Social Determinants of Health: Innovative Health Care Applications and Future Directions meeting on Thursday, May 3, 2018. The presentation sessions were recorded and archived and are now available. Scroll down below the video to click and see a specific session.

Learn More

NCI-FUNDED POST-DOCTORAL TRAINING IN CANCER CONTROL AND PREVENTION

UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA

One National Cancer Institute-funded post-doctoral research positions is available at the University of Arizona Cancer Center in Tucson, AZ. The Program offers a multi-disciplinary mentored environment integrating behavioral to biological science research focused on cancer disparities and understanding and preventing cancer. The traineeship provides preparation for an individual who wishes to pursue an independent academic research career in cancer health disparities that contributes to decreases in cancer morbidity and mortality in underserved populations. The trainee will work with established investigators and will be expected to engage in a research project; develop research proposals; produce two to three publications per year; and work with a multidisciplinary team.

This traineeship is up to two years, renewable each year contingent upon satisfactory performance. Individuals with a doctoral degree in public health, medicine, epidemiology, basic science, community psychology, sociology, or related health science degrees are encouraged to apply. Underrepresented minorities are encouraged to apply. Search remains open until the position is filled. A stipend and health benefits are included.

The positions are available now with applications accepted on a rolling basis. Applications require a curriculum vitae, research concept, personal statement, transcripts, and three letters of recommendation submitted to UACC-CPCtraining@uacc.arizona.edu.

For further information on the program and the application process, please visit our website at
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http://uacc.arizona.edu/academics/cpc-fellowship, or contact:

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Telephone: 520-626-4894 or e-mail: UACC-CPCtraining@uacc.arizona.edu

Funding Opportunities

Department of Health and Human Services
National Institutes of Health

Global Brain and Nervous System Disorders
Research Across the Lifespan (R21 Clinical Trial Optional) https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=306374

Global Brain and Nervous System Disorders
Research Across the Lifespan (R01 Clinical Trials Optional)
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Honors & Awards

Congratulations to Sheila Gephart for being nominated by the Council for the Advancement of Nursing Science for the 2018 Brilliant New Investigator Award!

Congratulations to Kristie Hoch for being appointed to the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists Education Committee for the 2018-2019 year!

Funding & Awards

**5 grants funded since the May newsletter**


Research & Scholarship Updates

Pending Grant Proposals

Proposals submitted since the May newsletter


Articles Submitted


4. Dunn Lopez, K., Gephart, S.M., & Hershberger, P. Using online surveys to enhance rigor and efficiency of structured literature reviews. *Western Journal of Nursing Research.*


8. Pace, T.W.W., Dodds, S.E., Sikorskii, A., Badger, T.A., Segrin, C., Negi, L.T., Harrison, T., Crane, T.E. Cognitively-Based Compassion Training Versus Cancer Health Education to Improve Health-Related Quality of Life in Survivors of Solid Tumor Cancer and Their Informal Caregivers: Study Protocol for a Randomized Controlled Trial. *Trials.*


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