

Greetings AHS Faculty,

I hope you are enjoying your summer. I have compiled some information that may be of interest to you. We are in the process of creating an online newsletter. In the meantime, we will continue to send you these updates via e-mail.

CHAD website revisions underway

We are in the process of updating the CHAD website. The revised site will have more information and resources. We hope to have this up and running by the fall. Stay tuned for more info.

Upcoming grant writing course

The Grant Institute will be conducting their Grants 101: Professional Grant Proposal Writing Workshop August 4 - 6, 2008 at North Dakota State University in Fargo, North Dakota. They will also conduct this course in Milwaukee at Cardinal Stritch University August 13 – 15.

The Grants 101 course is an intensive and detailed introduction to the process, structure, and skill of professional proposal writing. This course is designed for both the beginner looking for a thorough introduction and the intermediate looking for a refresher course that will strengthen their grant acquisition skills.

The cost for the course is \$597.00. For more information call (888) 824-4424, write info@thegrantinstitute.com, or visit their website at www.thegrantinstitute.com

New call for proposals from RWJF

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation recently announced a call for proposals in the area of Childhood Obesity. The following is a brief description:

1) ***Investigating Policies and Environments to Support Active Communities*** (program area: Childhood Obesity).

This funding opportunity is for New Connections grants awarded through the Active Living Research program. The New Connections initiative supports researchers and investigators from historically disadvantaged and underrepresented communities. Both research grants and publication grants will be funded under this CFP. RWJF will award five 12- to 18-month research grants of up to \$50,000 each, and three 12-month publication grants of up to \$12,000 each.

Key dates

- July 30, 2008 (10 a.m. PT)—Optional conference call for potential applicants. Details and registration information are available at <http://activelivingresearch.org/grantsearch/grantopportunities/teleconference>
- August 28, 2008 (1 p.m. PT)—Deadline for receipt of full proposals.

For more info: <http://www.rwjf.org/grants/>

New FOAs from NIH

Here are three interesting Funding Opportunity Announcements (FOA) released by the NIH within the last month:

Geographic and Contextual Influences on Energy Balance-Related Health Behaviors (R01 and R21) This FOA encourages applications for studies that explore how diverse neighborhood and contextual variables, such as density, diversity and design of the built environment and transportation infrastructure, as well as social, economic and policy variables, might influence health behaviors related to energy balance.

Key Dates

- Earliest date applications may be submitted: September 5, 2008
- Application due date: Standard submission dates apply, please see <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/submissionschedule.htm>
- Expiration Date: September 8, 2011

For more info: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-08-192.html> or <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-08-193.html>

Improving Effectiveness of Smoking Cessation Interventions and Programs in Low Income Adult Populations (R01 and R21)

This FOA, issued by the National Cancer Institute (NCI), encourages research grant applications for projects designed to improve outcomes of smoking cessation in low income adult populations within the United States

Key Dates

- Earliest date applications may be submitted: October 24, 2008
- Letters of Intent Receipt Date: October 24, 2008
- Application Due Date: November 24, 2008
- Expiration Date: November 25, 2008

For more info: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-CA-08-022.html> or <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-CA-08-023.html>

Seeding Collaborative Interdisciplinary Team Science in Diabetes, Endocrinology and Metabolic Diseases (R24)

The purpose of the Seeding Collaborative Interdisciplinary Team Science Program is to provide initial support to enable strong new investigative teams to form, and to foster preliminary research activities. A Seeding Collaborative Interdisciplinary Research grant can be used in a variety of ways, with the ultimate goal of establishing a well-integrated, outstanding, and highly functional team, with strong preliminary data in support of the proposed research plan.

Key Dates

- Letter of Intent Receipt Date(s): A LOI is requested 30 days prior to application receipt date
- Application Receipt Date(s): Standard dates apply, please see <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/submissionschedule.htm>
- Expiration Date: September 8, 2011

For more info: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-08-181.html>

Please feel free to contact me if you have questions about any of these items.

Best regards,

-Michele

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