

November, 2008

Greetings AHS Faculty and friends of CHAD,

Here is some information about funding opportunities, conferences and training events that may be of interest to you:

Upcoming Conferences and Training Opportunities

1) International Council on Active Aging conference to be held December 4–6, 2008 in San Antonio, Texas

This conference is geared toward health promotion, fitness and wellness professionals who work with older adults. The event is held in conjunction with two other conferences: the Athletic Business conference and the Medical Fitness Association conference. Registration at one conference includes entrance to sessions from all three conferences.

Wojtek Chodzko-Zajko, Andriara Schwingel, Chae-Hee Park, Leticia Malavasi, and Yang Yang of the University of Illinois at Urbana–Champaign will present at this event.

To learn more, or to register, call 866-335-9777 or go to <http://www.icaa.cc/convention.htm>

2) 2nd Annual NIH Conference on the Science of Dissemination and Implementation: Building Research Capacity to Bridge the Gap from Science to Service, January 28 – 29, 2009

The National Institutes of Health invites you to the second annual Conference on the Science of Dissemination and Implementation, *Building Research Capacity to Bridge the Gap from Science to Service*. This year's conference will provide interactive forums for the development and growth of the dissemination and implementation research field, with a particular focus on ways in which research capacity can be enhanced. Researchers working in the field and/or interested in identifying opportunities and obstacles for dissemination and implementation research are encouraged to attend this meeting

The goal of the conference is for the research community to exchange ideas, explore contemporary topics and identify concepts, methods and strategies to build research and organizational capacity for dissemination and implementation science.

The conference will be held January 28-29, 2009 at the Natcher Conference Center on the NIH Campus in Bethesda, Maryland.

The registration deadline for this conference is December 1. For more information or to register go to <http://conferences.thehillgroup.com/obssr/di2008/index.html>

Instrumentation funding available from NSF

The Major Research Instrumentation Program (MRI) serves to increase access to shared scientific and engineering instruments for research and research training in our Nation's institutions of higher education, museums and science centers, and non-profit organizations. The MRI program assists with the acquisition or development of shared research instrumentation that is, in general, too costly and/or not appropriate for support through other NSF programs. For the purposes of the MRI Program, proposals must be for *either* acquisition *or* development. Instruments are expected to be operational for regular research use by the end of the award period.

Full proposals for MRI funding are due January 22, 2009.

For more information go to http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=5260&org=SBE&from=home (note: you can view abstracts of previously funded organizations)

Or contact Randy Phelps in the Office of Integrative Activities rphelps@nsf.gov

New FOAs from NIH

Here are a couple Funding Opportunity Announcements (FOAs) released by the NIH within the last month that may be of interest:

Basic and Preclinical Research on Complementary and Alternative Medicine (CAM) (R01) (PA-09-010) (reissue of PA-07-007)

The National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine (NCCAM), National Institutes of Health (NIH), invites applications for funding of basic, mechanistic, and/or preclinical research in all domains of complementary and alternative medicine (CAM). The NCCAM desires to encourage outstanding CAM and conventional researchers to focus on the opportunities in CAM research, employing relevant cutting-edge and emerging technologies. Scientists of all disciplines are encouraged to apply, particularly those who have expertise in biology, behavioral biology, computational biology, psychology, neuroscience, biochemistry, bioengineering, biomechanics, biophysics, chemistry, endocrinology, genetics, immunology, pharmacology, physiology, physics, and

other relevant fields of inquiry, and who are interested in applying their expertise and powerful contemporary technologies to help advance the science of CAM.

Key Dates

- Earliest date applications may be submitted: January 5, 2009
- Letters of Intent Receipt Date: Not Applicable
- Application Due Dates: Standard dates apply, please see <http://grants1.nih.gov/grants/funding/submissionschedule.htm>
- Expiration Date: January 8, 2012

For more info: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-09-010.html>

Interactions between Physical Activity and Drug Abuse (R01 and R03) RFA-DA-09-013 and RFA-DA-09-014 (new)

The purpose of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is to stimulate preclinical and clinical research, using animal models or human subjects, that examines the neurobiological and behavioral mechanisms that underlie the effects of physical activity and exercise on brain function, behavior and cognition across the lifespan, as well as research designed to improve the translation of existing knowledge of the effects of exercise, physical activity and inactivity into strategies for preventing and treating drug abuse and addiction.

Research proposed for support through this FOA does not necessarily have to include a patient or drug-using population; the proposed line of investigation may focus on any neurobiological, behavioral or cognitive process, that has been demonstrated to be affected by drugs of abuse or involved in drug abuse behavior, as long as there is a clear statement indicating how the research will advance our understanding of drug abuse, or how the proposed studies would lead to studies of the effects of drugs and/or studies in patient or drug using populations.

Key Dates

- Earliest date applications may be submitted: December 28, 2008
- Letters of Intent Receipt Date: December 29, 2008
- Application Due Dates: January 28, 2009
- Expiration Date: January 29, 2009

For more info:

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-DA-09-013.html>

Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Research Centers 2009 (P30) RFA-HD-08-016 (reissue of [RFA-HD-07-012](#))

The *Eunice Kennedy Shriver* National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD) invites applications for Center Core Grants designed to

advance the diagnosis, prevention, treatment, and amelioration of intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD). This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) seeks applications from institutions that meet the qualifications for a program of IDD research as specified at:

http://www.nichd.nih.gov/funding/mechanism/p30_guide.cfm. The grants fund core resources to support interdisciplinary research and research training.

Key Dates

- Letters of Intent Receipt Date: November 21, 2008
- Application Due Dates: December 22, 2008
- Expiration Date: December 23, 2008

For more info:

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-HD-08-016.html>

Funding opportunities from Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation announces new Healthy Kids initiative – calls for proposals to be announced in December

Active Living by Design, in collaboration with the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, is launching Healthy Kids, Healthy Communities (HKHC), a \$44-million, five-year initiative. Healthy Kids, Healthy Communities is a national program that focuses on systems, policies and environmental strategies to support healthy eating and active living, especially among children who are at highest risk for obesity. A call for proposals inviting community partnerships from across the country to apply for funding will be released in December.

For more info go to: <http://www.activelivingbydesign.org/>

Upcoming calls for proposals for Active Living Research Rapid Response grants

RWJF will release their call for proposals - Round 9 in February 2009. They anticipate the 2009 Active Living Research / Healthy Eating Research Rapid-Response call for proposals will be released in March 2009, and the RWJF Active Living Research New Connections Round 2 grants released during the summer of 2009.

For more info go to: <http://www.activelivingresearch.org/>

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

Best regards,

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