CTSI Community Engagement Program (CE) eNews
February 2009

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Send us any information you’d like distributed next month. The deadline for submissions to the March 2009 (CE) eNews is Friday, March 6th.

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1. CE Program News and Announcements

□ CTSI Symposium on Translational Research and Community Engagement
(see attached flyer)
Friday, March 13, 2009 Noon - 4:00 PM
Carr Auditorium
San Francisco General Hospital
CTSI’s Community Engagement Program and the UCSF University Community Partnership Program are pleased to announce a special event featuring visiting professor Dr. Steven Woolf, Director of the Center for Human Needs, Virginia Commonwealth University. Dr. Woolf will present a keynote talk on T2 research which will be followed by presentations and discussion of exemplary projects by UCSF investigators and community partners. This event explores how translational research is accomplished and improved with community-engaged principles and methods. Participants are invited to join Dr. Woolf in a summary discussion of the implications of lessons learned for the future of translational research.

Training News

FOR UCSF INVESTIGATORS
Translating Research to Practice: Effective Research Dissemination Planning for UCSF Investigators
Friday, February 27, 2008
12:30 - 3:30 PM
CHN Headquarters, Floor 2, Room 2001
2789 25th Street, between Utah Street and Potrero Avenue

A smart and feasible dissemination plan is critical to the success of research translation. This training is for senior and junior investigators, their community partners, and members of their research teams who want to ensure that their research has impact. Participants will learn strategies and skills for successful communication of research findings to multiple audiences, including print and broadcast media, policymakers, community members and research partners, and consumers. Co-sponsored by the CTSI Community Engagement Program and Office of Community and Government Relations.

FOR COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS
The CE program has developed and piloted an orientation to research and evaluation: CBOs Engaged in Research and Evaluation – Introduction to Creating Your Own Evidence. Developed in collaboration with San Francisco State’s Health Equity Initiative, these trainings are now available to individual organizations and small groups of agency representatives. Email us to request training or learn more.

Community Clinician Registry News

With the help of UCSF faculty and community partners, CE and the Collaborative Research Network have developed a survey to gather information about community clinicians’ practice environments, their research interests and priorities. We now have over 300 survey responses from clinicians who have
agreed to be included in a clinician registry, the first step toward development of a practice-based research network (PBRN). Read more about the survey and learn how to participate here.

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2. Community Engagement Program Calendar

UPCOMING GROUP CONSULTATIONS

☐ **Wednesday, February 28, 2009**
  SF General Hospital, Building 3, Room 505 (above Carr Auditorium)

  9:00  CE Business  
  CE program faculty, staff and community members

  9:30 – 10:45  Rachel Holloway and Courtney Supple  
  Lifelong Medical Care, Oakland, CA  
  *Developing a CAB-delivered client satisfaction process to support primary care redesign*

  10:50 – 12:00  Elliott Vichinsky, M.D.  
  Medical Director, Hematology/ Oncology Department  
  Children’s Hospital & Research Center at Oakland (CHRCO)  
  Director, Northern California Comprehensive Thalassemia Center  
  *Engaging participants, practitioners and populations to increase and enhance participation in translational Thalassemia research and dissemination in the Bay Area*

☐ **Wednesday, March 25, 2009**
  SF General Hospital, Building 3, Room 505 (above Carr Auditorium)

  9:00  CE Business  
  CE program faculty, staff and community members

  9:30 – 10:45  Mitchell Katz, Director of Health, San Francisco Department of Public Health  
  *A vision for the UCSF CTSI Community Engagement Program from San Francisco’s Director of the Department of Public Health*

  10:50 – 12:00  Discussion and Strategic Planning

☐ **Wednesday, April 22, 2009**
  Both consultation sessions are available
Reminder:

If you’d like to request a consultation, please use one of these links:

- For UCSF researchers: [http://ctsi.ucsf.edu/ce/request/](http://ctsi.ucsf.edu/ce/request/)
- For community members: [http://ctsi.ucsf.edu/ce/request/community.php](http://ctsi.ucsf.edu/ce/request/community.php)

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3. Partnership Snapshot – Recognizing and Meeting the Need to Know

When Pamela DeCarlo of the Center for AIDS Prevention Studies TIE (Technology and Information Exchange) Core joins the CTSI Community Engagement Program and Office of Community and Government Relations on February 27th to deliver a training on dissemination planning, she will bring with her over a decade of experience developing the writing and communication skills of scholars. A writer herself, Pam has dedicated her career to making research findings accessible to community partners, advocates, patients, journalists and others both inside and outside of the academy. A writing coach and an early adopter of internet technology, Pam has always encouraged researchers to refine old ways (good writing) and find new and innovative ways to get the word out about the work they do.

In collaboration with the Community Advisory Board at the Center for AIDS Prevention Studies (CAPS), Pam has helped put into practice the award-winning Recommendations for Research Dissemination, used by community and academic research partners to learn best practices in dissemination and guide collaborative dissemination planning and work. Since 1996, Pam has developed and managed the production and dissemination of the CAPS HIV Prevention Fact Sheets. Available in both Spanish and English and updated regularly, the Fact Sheets are a tried and true resource for anyone seeking the latest information to be gleaned from HIV prevention research.

Looking ahead to the CTSI dissemination planning training, Pam expects participants will gain a great deal from the workshop because it is hands-on and based on real project needs. Appreciating that researchers spend a lot of planning time and resources working on copious regulatory and logistical matters, Pam has noticed that planning for dissemination often falls to the side or is addressed in proposals or projects at the last minute, if at all. Spending time with a dissemination specialist who can help the thoughts and words flow will be helpful to new and experienced investigators alike. Pam expects that making this investment in dissemination planning will help investigators reconnect with why they do this work, where their hearts are, and what matters - - that the research process and findings must be shared to be useful to those who need to know.
4. Workshops, Conferences and Training Opportunities

☐ Community-Based Research: New Ethical Challenges
   Thursday, May 21, 2009
   CARE: Community Alliance for Research and Engagement
   Ethical Principles of Engagement Work Group and the Yale Interdisciplinary Center for Bioethics

   This is a one-day conference at Yale University in New Haven, CT on ethical principles and guidelines for engaging community and university partners in the conduct of community-based research. This provides an opportunity to bring together representatives from the Clinical and Translational Science Award (CTSA) sites, community and university representatives of institutional review boards (IRBs), and community leaders responsible for research review in their agencies.

   Keynote speaker: Jeremy Sugarman, MD, MPH
   Johns Hopkins School of Public Health

   To RSVP and for more information, please contact:
   Laurie Hurshman at 203-432-5299 or Laurie.Hurshman@Yale.edu

☐ Community-Based Cancer Control: A Seminar for American Indian and Alaska Native Community Health Advocates
   March 8-13, 2009
   Portland, Oregon
   Oregon Health & Science University, Center for Healthy Communities
   Mayo Clinic Spirit of E.A.G.L.E.S.
   National Cancer Institute
   Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board

   All communities have unmet health needs. Sometimes it is hard to determine exactly what those needs are, and often it is hard to get programs funded. Researchers can help quantify health needs, but there is frequently a disconnect between what the community wants and what the researcher wants. That’s where a partnership between research and communities can help.

   The goal of this program is to provide community members with the tools to approach researchers, identify research questions, write grants and collaborate on projects that address cancer health disparities. This training seminar is open to tribal community members with an interest in improving cancer prevention, screening, and treatment in his or her community.

   For more information, please contact Jessica Kennedy
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   Phone: (503) 494-1126 Fax: (503) 494-7536
Creating a Research Agenda to Advance Worker Health and Safety in the Nail Salon and Cosmetology Communities
The California Healthy Nail Salon Collaborative
April 27 - 28, 2009
The Oakland Conference Center at The California Endowment
1111 Broadway, 7th Floor
Oakland, California

This is a convening for nail salon workers and owners, environmental, public health and reproductive justice advocates, community and academic researchers, scientists and policymakers. Registration forms will be available in mid-February. Register before April 10, 2009 for a discounted registration rate.

Co-sponsors: Women’s Voices for the Earth (WVE) and the National Asian Pacific American Women's Forum (NAPAWF)

Contact Lisa Fu at nailsaloncollab@gmail.com or (213) 385-5834

Evidence, Public Policy, and Practice
16th National Evidence-Based Practice Conference
April 23-24, 2009
Iowa City, Iowa
Abstracts due November 17, 2008

Jointly sponsored by the University of Iowa Hospitals & Clinics Department of Nursing Services and Patient Care; Research Dissemination and Translation Core of the Gerontological Nursing Interventions Research Center (GNIRC) at the University of Iowa College of Nursing; The University of Iowa John A. Hartford Center of Geriatric Nursing Excellence; and Center for Research in the Implementation of Innovative Strategies in Practice (CRIISP) – a VA HSR&D Center of Excellence


International Partnership Institute
Reciprocal Partnerships: Transforming Higher Education and Community for the Future
May 18 & 19, 2009
Portland, Oregon
Registration: $200

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Call for Proposals and Registration: [www.pdx.edu/cae/partnership.html](http://www.pdx.edu/cae/partnership.html)
Proposals due: March 9, 2009

Developing and sustaining reciprocal partnerships is the basis for effective campus-community engagement. Yet, despite the W.K. Kellogg Foundation’s (and others’) national call to focus on partnerships a decade ago, this foundational work remains elusive for many campuses and communities. Join community and campus practitioners and scholars to deeply explore engaged teaching, research and service partnerships - their proven mechanisms and strategies for success, persistent challenges, and the scholarship of partnerships.

HOST/SPONSOR: Portland State University (PSU)
Questions: Please contact Patrice Hudson: pjhudson@pdx.edu or 503-725-5642

Learn more about PSU's Partnership Initiative: [http://www.pdx.edu/cae/partnershipinitiative.html](http://www.pdx.edu/cae/partnershipinitiative.html)

- **The Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues (SPSSI) Program**
  - **2009 American Psychological Association Convention**
  - Conference Theme: "Partnering on Social Issues for Social Change"
  - August 6-9, 2009
  - Toronto, Ontario, Canada

  This year's theme focuses on partnering on research for social change. We encourage panels comprising a range of partners, such as academics from other disciplines (e.g., geography, architecture), community members, activists and policy makers. You are invited to define partnering in diverse ways - between researchers and communities, across (sub) disciplines, across cultures, and with activists and practitioners.

- **The American Public Health Association**
  - 137th APHA Annual Meeting & Exposition
  - November 7-11, 2009
  - Philadelphia, PA

  The deadline for 2009 Abstract submissions has been extended to Feb 16-20, 2009. The theme of the meeting is: *Water and Public Health: the 21st Century Challenge*. [http://www.apha.org/meetings/](http://www.apha.org/meetings/)
5. Funding Announcements

Additional funding opportunities for T2 and community engaged-research can be found on the CTSI Virtual Home.

UCSF Resource Allocation Program Offers Fourth Round of Grants

Applications due: Tuesday, March 2, 2009 at 6 p.m. A notice of intent is not required.

The Resource Allocation Program (RAP), a major campus-wide grant program at UCSF for basic, clinical and population scientists, has launched its spring 2009 funding cycle. The goal of RAP is to make applying for intramural funding at UCSF as easy as possible. Catalyzed by the Clinical and Translational Science Institute (CTSI), RAP brings together many different intramural funding programs, including the:

- Health Policy Program of the CTSI—new this cycle
- Strategic Opportunities Support Center of the CTSI
- Research Evaluation and Allocation Committee of the UCSF School of Medicine
- UCSF-Gladstone Institute of Virology and Immunology Center for AIDS Research
- AIDS Research Institute
- Clinical Investigator Research Program of the Helen Diller Family
- Comprehensive Cancer Center
- National Center of Excellence in Women’s Health
- Alzheimer’s Disease Research Center

Under RAP, these programs now have a single application and review process. All UCSF and CTSI associated institutional faculty in any series may apply.

The newest addition to the RAP grant offerings is the Pilot Award in T2 Translational Science, which is funded by the Health Policy Program of the CTSI. Postdoctoral fellows and faculty at junior ranks are encouraged to apply for this award.

RAP continues to move closer to becoming a “one-stop shop” for intramural funding at UCSF. For specific information about these funding opportunities available for pilot studies, translational technologies and novel methods, planning grants, and career development, please visit the RAP website.
Mount Zion Health Fund
Resources for a Healthy Community

Submission deadline: March 20, 2009

Mount Zion Health Fund (MZHF), a supporting foundation of the Jewish Community Endowment Fund, manages approximately 80 trust and special funds, the majority of which were established at Mount Zion Hospital prior to its merger with UCSF in June 1990. Many of these funds are restricted to specific uses at Mount Zion in the areas of patient care, education, and research. The MZHF goal for utilizing these funds is to encourage MZ Campus programs to identify and address unmet needs, and achieve local and national excellence. The funds are to be used to support programs (often for start-up) rather than single patient needs. The MZHF board expects that the request will have value to the MZ Campus and will specifically review that part of the submission. MZ Campus-specific requests are submitted to an oversight subcommittee of the MZHF Board for initial evaluation. The review cycle takes 3-4 months. This is an ongoing process and subsequent deadlines will be announced.

Applicants are asked to use a specific request form to enable the subcommittee to use similar data elements as selection criteria for submitted proposals. Grants are for one year, and typically paid in two installments at six month intervals. A detailed budget is required (budgets over $30,000 will be difficult to fund). With the background above, and noting that meeting the needs of underserved populations is prioritized, Mount Zion Health Fund monies are available to support projects in eight areas, including:

- Education to promote innovative hospital practices.
- General research. MZHF has restricted funds for research under the auspices of Women's Health, Osher Center, and Cancer Center, and review of research proposals is facilitated by heads of these centers. Do not submit research proposals through this process - to submit a research proposal please contact:
  - Women's Health Center Research - Deborah Grady, MD - Deborah.Grady@ucsf.edu
  - Osher Center for Integrated Medicine Research - Susan Folkman, PhD - folkman@ocim.ucsf.edu
  - Cancer Center Research - Amy Barach, Programs Manager - aabarach@cc.ucsf.edu

For further information, please contact:
Carrie Louie: carrie.louie@ucsfinedctr.org
(415) 885-7451
Web: www.mzhf.org
Robert Wood Johnson Foundation
Healthy Eating Research 2009 Call for Proposals – Round 4
Proposal Deadline: February 24, 2009

Studies conducted in real-world settings are preferred. Experimental studies or laboratory simulations must show promise for generalization to real-world settings, especially in low-income and racial/ethnic minority populations. Researchers should seek input from relevant stakeholders—such as policymakers, school or community leaders, parents and children—to develop feasible and policy-relevant project goals and outcomes. Proposals should describe the input received from these stakeholders in designing the study and research questions, and the strategies that will be used to communicate research results. Applicants should include at least one representative of the community or stakeholder group targeted (e.g., community leader, policy-maker) as a regular adviser.

New RFP on the Use of Research Evidence
Understanding the Acquisition, Interpretation, and Use of Research Evidence in Policy and Practice
William T. Grant Foundation
Letters of inquiry due May 12, 2009
Applications from selected applicants due October 6, 2009
Funding decisions will be made at the Board of Trustees meeting in June 2010, and awards will be made available shortly thereafter.


This could be an opportunity for youth-serving community organizations to partner with researchers.

The William T. Grant Foundation has a longstanding interest in supporting research that can inform policy and practice. Our particular focus is on policies and practices that affect youth ages 8 to 25 in the United States. In this area, there are significant gaps between research and policy, and between research and practice. Researchers express frustration that policymakers and practitioners do not use or misuse research findings. Policymakers and practitioners suggest that research is often not relevant to their work or is not easily accessible or understood. Many researchers, research funders, and intermediary organizations have sought to address these gaps by encouraging the production of more rigorous research evidence, better research syntheses, and improved approaches to disseminating research evidence. Policymakers have also tried to improve the connection between research and practice by mandating the use of research findings through law or regulation.
We encourage interdisciplinary projects, and welcome applications from researchers in various fields and disciplines such as anthropology, communication studies, economics, education, family studies, human development, organizational studies, political science, prevention research, psychology, public administration, public policy, public health, social work, and sociology.

For more information, visit the Foundation's website: www.wtgrantfoundation.org

☐ **Community Participation in Research (R01)**
National Institutes of Health (NIH)
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
Office of Behavioral and Social Sciences Research (OBSSR)

Application Receipt Date: June 5th (cycle II), October 5th (cycle III)

This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) solicits R01 grant applications that propose intervention research on health promotion, disease prevention, and health disparities that communities and researchers jointly conduct.

For the purposes of this FOA, intervention research is quasi-experimental research projects that seek to influence preventive behaviors, treatment adherences, complementary behaviors, and related attitudes and beliefs. Natural experiments also may fall under the interventions rubric. Examples include, and are not limited to promotion of physical activity-friendly neighborhoods; tobacco, alcohol and drug abuse prevention among youth; a community-led action plan for cancer, hypertension and cardiovascular disease prevention and control in minority populations; establishing safer work practices among agricultural workers in rural areas; nutrition and reducing childhood obesity; HIV/AIDS and STD prevalence among young adults; promoting infant mental health; and reducing health disparities.

See: [PA-08-074](#)

☐ **Community Participation Research Targeting the Medically Underserved (R01)**
National Institutes of Health (NIH)
Office of Behavioral and Social Sciences Research (OBSSR)

Application Receipt Date: June 5th (cycle II), October 5th (cycle III)

The ultimate goal of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is to solicit Research Project Grant (R01) applications that propose research on health promotion, disease prevention, and health disparities that is jointly conducted by communities and researchers and targets medically underserved areas (MUAs) and medically underserved populations (MUPs) as defined by the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA).

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This FOA will use the R01 grant mechanism to encourage studies that specifically target medically underserved areas as well as underserved and underrepresented populations. This focus will allow studies to assess the nature and scope of health problems in underserved communities, formulate hypotheses about the relationship of community dynamics and health problems as they relate to underrepresented populations, design targeted interventions aimed at addressing health disparities in specified communities and specific populations, and track the efficacy of outreach efforts that result from CBPR research in the community. The FOA will ensure that the health issues of underserved communities and populations are addressed using CBPR research strategies. See: PAR-08-075

Community Participation Research Targeting the Medically Underserved (R21)
National Institutes of Health (NIH)
Office of Behavioral and Social Sciences Research (OBSSR)
Next Letter of Intent Receipt Date: April 15, 2009
Next Application Receipt Date: May 15, 2009

The ultimate goal of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is to solicit Exploratory/Developmental (R21) grant applications that propose research on health promotion, disease prevention, and health disparities that is jointly conducted by communities and researchers and targets medically underserved areas (MUAs) and medically underserved populations (MUPs) as defined by the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA).

This FOA will use the R21 grant mechanism to encourage studies that specifically target medically underserved areas as well as underserved and underrepresented populations. This focus will allow studies to assess the nature and scope of health problems in underserved communities, formulate hypotheses about the relationship of community dynamics and health problems as they relate to underrepresented populations, design targeted interventions aimed at addressing health disparities in specified communities and specific populations, and track the efficacy of outreach efforts that result from CBPR research in the community. The FOA will ensure that the health issues of underserved communities and populations are addressed using CBPR research strategies. See: PAR-08-076

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Community-Based Participatory Research at NIMH (R01)
National Institutes of Health (NIH)
National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH/NIH)

Letters of Intent Receipt Date: 30 days prior to application submission date
Application Receipt Date: June 5th (cycle II), October 5th (cycle III)

Although the NIMH has a long history of concern and action related to health disparities and racial/ethnic populations (as well as other underrepresented groups such as women, children, disabled), this funding opportunity announcement (FOA) represents the first concerted and targeted effort to utilize the community-based participatory research (CBPR) approach and methods in addressing various content areas across the NIMH mission including basic behavioral sciences, preventive and treatment interventions, and services and clinical epidemiology. The CBPR approach/methods is defined as scientific inquiry conducted in communities with full partnership status for both community and academic researchers.

The ultimate goal of the research partnerships is to make available evidence-based care for those in need of mental health and HIV/AIDS treatment. However, to make that goal possible, NIMH expects the partnerships to be:

- sustainable, even after NIMH infrastructure funding has ended;
- synergistic, leading to mutual learning for both researchers and community providers;
- productive, with additional mental health and HIV/AIDS research grant applications submitted;
- receptive to providing information to others seeking to form partnerships;
- and based in theoretical and/or conceptual models of action research, human behavior, and/or organizational/systems behavior so that the mechanisms or process underlying successful partnerships can be understood and tested in other settings.

See: [PAR-07-133](#)

Community-Based Participatory Research at NIMH (R21)
National Institutes of Health (NIH)
National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH/NIH)

Letters of Intent Receipt Date: 30 days prior to application submission date
Application Submission Dates: February 16 (cycle I), June 16 (cycle II), October 16 (cycle III)

The ultimate goal of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is to support research partnerships between community-based, clinical/services settings and research institutions to reduce the burden of mental illness,
behavioral disorders and HIV/AIDS through research on mind, brain, and behavior.

Each exploratory/planning grant should also present a description of the anticipated longer-term goals of the collaboration as it develops into an application for submission of a follow-up R01. For the R01 application a well-developed collaboration building on the previous R21 collaborations should be demonstrated. See: PAR-07-004

- NIH-Supported Centers for Population Health and Health Disparities (P50)
  - National Institutes of Health (NIH)
  - National Cancer Institute (NCI)
  - National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NHLBI)
  - Office of Behavioral and Social Sciences Research (OBSSR)

Letters of Intent Receipt Date: April 29, 2009
Application Receipt Date: May 29, 2009

Integration of multiple levels of analysis, as previously described, may warrant the refinement of existing methodological approaches or the development of novel methodological approaches in the conduct of center’s research projects. Methodological research is supported by this FOA to the extent that it is requisite to the achievement of specific aims outlined in CPHHD applications. Research at various levels of analysis could be facilitated by advances in methodology in areas such as the following:

- Development of methods to improve the assessment of physical, social, psychological, behavioral, and cultural environmental exposures.
- Development of innovative and effective ways to integrate qualitative and quantitative research methods needed to investigate the complex, multi-layered nature of psychosocial, behavioral, and cultural influences on health and functioning.
- Development of the most useful contextual measures of socioeconomic status (SES) at the level of neighborhoods or census tracts, how these measures relate to individual SES, and how this relationship varies for different disease outcomes.
- Development of design, implementation, and analysis strategies for multi-component interventions that include adaptive tuning of duration or intensity to achieve optimal effects.
- Development of standardized approaches to assessing the collective health of communities.
- Community-level intervention studies among disadvantaged populations that combine individual and community approaches to healthy lifestyles by
integrating psychosocial interventions with traditional management of cardiovascular disease risk factors.

- Design and implementation of community-based participatory prevention strategies to promote aggregate-level health by changing social and community environments (e.g., regulation of smoking in public places, institutional policies).
- Research that identifies sources of health strengths and resilience, as well as health risks, among individuals, families, and communities of low SES and racial and ethnic minority groups.


- **Academic-Community Partnership Conference Series (U13)**
  National Institutes of Health (NIH)
  Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD)

  Next Letters of Intent Receipt Date: March 1, 2009
  Next Application Due Date: March 31, 2009
  This announcement solicits NICHD Cooperative Agreement Conference (U13) applications to conduct health disparities-related meetings, workshops, and symposia. The objectives of these meetings will be to establish academic-community partnerships, identify community-research priorities, and develop long-term collaborative agendas. Areas of focus for these partnerships may include one or more of the following community-health issues: infant mortality; sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS); violence prevention; techniques for outreach and information dissemination; childhood, adolescent, and/or adult obesity; health literacy; uterine fibroid tumors; and pediatric and maternal HIV/AIDS prevention.

  See: [PAR-09-092](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-CA-09-001.html)

- **Centers (P50) and Exploratory Grants for Centers (P20) for Excellence in Ethical, Legal and Social Implications (ELSI) Research (CEERs)**
  National Institutes of Health (NIH)
  National Human Genome Research Institute (NHGRI)

  Letters of Intent Receipt Date: April 14, 2009
  Application Receipt Date: May 14, 2009

  The National Human Genome Research Institute (NHGRI) is soliciting grant applications for the support of Centers (P50) and Exploratory Centers (P20) of Excellence in ELSI Research (CEERs). The CEER program is designed to develop and support transdisciplinary research teams that have the expertise and flexibility to anticipate, conduct research on, and respond rapidly to a range of...
ELSI issues related to emerging genome technologies and the growing proliferation of genomic information. CEERs are intended to provide an opportunity to cross disciplinary boundaries and create new research opportunities between and among investigators such as those in the basic genomic and social sciences, clinical and health policy research, ethics, law, the humanities, and various stakeholder communities. Further, CEERs will foster collaborations among people from diverse racial, ethnic, and demographic backgrounds, by engaging members of multiple communities in the planning and conduct of their research, policy, and training activities.

See: RFA-HG-09-003

**Congressionally Directed Medical Research Program**
**U.S. Department of Defense**
**Breast Cancer Research Program**
**Innovator Award**

Pre-application Submission Deadline: March 12, 2009
Invitation to Submit Proposal: April 24, 2009
Application Submission Deadline: June 17, 2009
Scientific Peer Review: July 2009
Programmatic Review: September 2009

The Innovator Award supports *visionary individuals* who have demonstrated creativity, innovative work, and leadership in any field including, but not limited to, breast cancer. These individuals will have the most potential for future ground-breaking achievements in breast cancer. The Innovator Award will provide these individuals with the funding and freedom to pursue their most novel, visionary, high-risk ideas that could ultimately lead to the eradication of breast cancer. The Individuals may be from diverse organizations including, but not limited to, academic institutions, advocacy groups, government agencies, the private sector, the media, and/or professional societies. Since the intent of the Innovator Award mechanism is to recognize creative and innovative individuals rather than projects, the central feature of the award is the innovative contribution that the recipient can make to the eradication of breast cancer. The primary criteria for making these awards will be an individual’s past record of creativity, their promise for continued innovation in future work, and an indication of how this award will create and further innovative strategies to solve the breast cancer problem. *Experience in breast cancer research is not required*; however, the application must focus on breast cancer, and it is expected that the recipient will commit a minimum of 50% of his/her full-time professional effort to breast cancer research during the tenure of this award.

Individuals must be nominated to be considered for this award mechanism; self-nominations will not be accepted. Do not submit an Innovator Award application unless you receive a letter of invitation.
6. Publications of Interest


Legislators and their scientific beneficiaries express growing concerns that the fruits of their investment in health research are not reaching the public, policy makers, and practitioners with evidence-based practices. Practitioners and the public lament the lack of relevance and fit of evidence that reaches them and barriers to their implementation of it. Much has been written about this gap in medicine, much less in public health. We review the concepts that have guided or misguided public health in their attempts to bridge science and practice through dissemination and implementation. Beginning with diffusion theory, which inspired much of public health’s work on dissemination, we compare diffusion, dissemination, and implementation with related notions that have served other fields in bridging science and practice. Finally, we suggest ways to blend diffusion with other theory and evidence in guiding a more decentralized approach to dissemination and implementation in public health, including changes in the ways we produce the science itself.


Call for Contributions

**Manifestation: Journal of Community-Engaged Research and Learning Partnerships**

Volume 2, Number 1, 2009
Funding Community Partnerships
Submission: May 1, 2009
Publication: August 1, 2009

The Editorial Board is pleased to announce the second call for contributions to *Manifestation: Journal of Community-Engaged Research and Learning Partnerships*. *Manifestation* (ISSN 1913-651X) is an open-access, electronic, peer-reviewed journal dedicated to the conversations about how to most beneficially support and engage in community-based research, community-
campus partnerships, service-learning, action research, and other inclusive methods and practices that build and empower our communities. This issue of Manifestation is a call for contributions on the practice, art, governance, management, and spirit that creates mechanisms and understanding of how to bring together the necessary resources to support community-engaged research and learning partnerships. We are not only seeking “success stories” but also for examples of challenges and conflict that represent the lessons learned from the struggle to engage broadly.

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☐ Call for Papers on Participatory Health Research

Nursing Inquiry: Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Policy and Healthcare  
Deadline: 1 October 2009

A special upcoming issue of Nursing Inquiry will be devoted to participatory health research. Submissions are invited that address conceptual, methodological, and pragmatic dimensions of participatory forms of health research. The goal of this special issue is to advance a better understanding of participatory health research across different disciplines and audiences (e.g. educators, students, health practitioners, policy makers, and researchers).

Nursing Inquiry is an international peer-reviewed journal. All submissions should be made online at http://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/nin. For author guidelines and information on online submission, please see above journal website or contact nijournal.nursing@utoronto.ca. For inquiries on the special issue on participatory health research, please contact guest editor. The closing date for submissions is 1 October 2009. The intended publication date for the special issue is Fall 2010.

☐ Progress in Community Health Partnerships: Research, Education, and Action

A national, peer-reviewed journal whose mission is to identify and publicize model programs that use community partnerships to improve public health, to promote progress in the methods of research and education involving community health partnerships, and to stimulate action that will improve the health of people and communities. The first scholarly journal dedicated to Community-Based Participatory Research (CBPR), Progress in Community Health Partnerships (PCHP) is a must for public health professionals and the libraries that serve them.

http://www.press.jhu.edu/journals/progress_in_community_health_partnerships
The Obesity Culture: Strategies for Change Public Health and University-Community Partnerships. Francis E Johnston and Ira Harkavy (publication date 31 March 2009)

Johnston and Harkavy propose that university-community partnerships are uniquely poised to break down the culture of obesity. Such partnerships benefit all: community, schools, university. There are research opportunities. There is student learning and motivation. Better community health.

http://www.enfielddistribution.net/theobesityculturestrategiesforchange.aspx

7. Other Resources and Opportunities

Community-Engaged Scholarship/Community Based Participatory Research Spring Series with Dr. Nina Wallerstein

San Francisco State University is pleased to announce a special spring series that will address how to move community-engaged efforts into publication, grants, and other forms of generalizable knowledge. Objectives include:
Creating opportunities for faculty dialogue and mutual learning about CES/CBPR
Showcasing existing CES/CBPR partnerships
Supporting faculty skill-building in CES/CBPR

Please save the following dates. All sessions held from 3:30 pm - 5:00pm:

Thursday, Feb. 19, ADM 460
From Immigrant Stories to Collaborative Action: A Case Study in Community Wellness, Culture, and Transnational Identity
Gail Weinstein, English & Maricel Santos, English

Wednesday, Mar. 4, HSS 306
Skill-Building Session: CES/CBPR Grants & Research Development

Tuesday, Mar. 17, HSS 306
Case Study Session with Juliana Van Olphen, Health Education

Tuesday, Mar. 31, HSS 306
Skill-Building Session: Publishing CES/CBPR Research

Wednesday, April 15, HSS 306
Case Study Session with Jim Quesada, Anthropology

Wednesday, May 6, HSS 306
CES/CBPR Conclusion & Next Steps
Award-winning scholar Nina Wallerstein, DrPH, is widely recognized as a leading scholar in community-based participatory research. She is a Visiting Professor from the University of New Mexico in SF State's Department of Health Education, and has close to three decades of experience working collaboratively with tribal, rural, and urban Latino communities.

This series is Co-Sponsored by: Office of Research & Sponsored Programs, Department of Health Education, College of Health & Human Services, Research Infrastructure for Minority Institutions (RIMI), Institute for Community & Civic Engagement, Health Equity Initiative, Public Research Institute, Cesar Chavez Institute.

☐ The Office for Human Research Protections (OHRP) is making some recommendations that should help PBRNs (practice-based research networks). As I understand it, they are suggesting that AMC (academic research center) IRBs (institutional review boards) only take responsibility for approval of the research protocols and that the practices take responsibility for carrying it out properly. This would relieve the AMC IRBs of liability if something goes wrong in the practice because of protocol violation. These recommendations have not yet been formally approved, however.

The website is
http://www.hhs.gov/ohrp/humansubjects/guidance/engage08.html
Hope this is helpful to those of you who are having trouble getting your IRBs to assume responsibility for your practice sites.

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☐ On behalf of the Leadership Team of the University-Community Partnership for Social Action Research Network (UCP-SARnet), I invite you to visit our new reorganized and upgraded portal. Recently our community became a member of the Global Governance Innovations Network (IGLOO.org). We also joined the Global Alliance for Community-Engaged Research.

At this point we invite faculty who teach community related courses to consider utilizing our portal as an instructional tool, allowing students to creatively participate in building this library and to publish their projects, articles and reports on the portal. We can provide detailed guidelines for any instructor interested in connecting students with our global community. Our network is partnering with the Centre for Community Based Research in Kitchener (Canada) in anticipation of the Community-University Expo 2011.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the network, please contact us directly from our homepage. Please share this information with faculty, students
and community activists who you think could benefit from participation in the projects described on our site.

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**CE Services**

The CTSI Community Engagement Program provides core consultation, training and networking services. Our work is closely coordinated with our partner, Kaiser Permanente of Northern California, and our affiliates, the University Community Partnership Program, Community Partnership Resource Center, and UCSF’s Practice-Based Research Networks.

- **Consultation**

  We offer individual and group consultations by CE faculty and community experts for community-engaged research projects that are looking for input on community research methods, partnership strategies, dissemination, evaluation goals, advisory board development, or any issue that will further a current or prospective translational research project. Our CE Navigators triage each request, decide whether it would best be met in an individual or group consultation format, and make consultation arrangements.

  **Group consultations** take place on the **4th Wednesday morning of every month**. Look for regular announcements about our monthly group consultation meetings. To request a consultation, **please complete an online consultation request form**. Note: the online request process requires a quick login / account set-up procedure, and then you can fill out your electronic request.

- **Training**

  Our **trainings** serve both UCSF and community audiences and focus on community-university collaborative research or developing translational research skills. Over the next several months look for announcements about our trainings!

CE Services, cont....
- **Registry**

The CE Community Clinician Registry Survey has been distributed electronically to members of the Collaborative Research Network, as well as volunteer faculty of the Schools of Medicine, Nursing, Dentistry and Pharmacy. We now have over 225 responses from those cohorts. Community clinicians interested in filling out the survey and becoming part of this network can [complete the survey here](mailto:Bandaras@fcm.ucsf.edu) or contact Sachini Bandara (Bandaras@fcm.ucsf.edu) or Michael Potter at (PotterM@fcm.ucsf.edu).

- **Linkage**

If you work at UCSF or in a community clinic, community agency, or other community health effort and are looking for a partner for a UCSF-community research project, contact the Community Engagement Program. Our Navigator will help you to identify a potential partner through our linkage service. To request a linkage, [please complete an online consultation request](mailto:Bandaras@fcm.ucsf.edu).

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