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Upcoming Funding Events/News

Kansas NSF Established Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (EPSCoR)

First Awards in Microbiome Research – A Research Program for Tenure Track Faculty Early in their Careers

Submission Deadlines: Letter of Intent, November 8, 2017; Full Proposal, January 23, 2018

Kansas NSF EPSCoR helps Kansas build its research capacity and competitiveness in science and technology. The First Award program helps early career faculty become competitive for funding from the research directorates at the National Science Foundation by: 1) encouraging early career faculty to submit proposals to the NSF (or other federal funding agency) as soon as possible after their first faculty appointment, and 2) by accelerating the pace of their research and the quality of their subsequent proposals. First Awards are intended to be single-investigator awards to support the PI's research program at their institution. The inclusion of Co-PIs, other senior personnel and subawards to other institutions is prohibited.

Eligible to apply is any individual tenure track faculty member who is currently untenured at the assistant professor rank at Kansas State University, University of Kansas, Wichita State University, Emporia State University, Fort Hays State University, Pittsburg State University or Washburn University who:

- is within the first three years of his/her faculty appointment;
- has not previously received a First Award or similar funding from another EPSCoR or EPSCoR-like (Centers of Biomedical Research Excellence, COBRE) program in Kansas;
- is not currently nor has previously been a lead Principal Investigator of a research grant funded by a federal agency.

Please note, it is required that the PI's teaching load be limited to a maximum of 2+2 courses per academic year, i.e., two courses per semester, for the duration of the award. A statement in the required letter from the PI's Chair or other appropriate administrator confirming that the PI's teaching load will not exceed that maximum is also required as part of this proposal.

In addition, one of the following conditions must apply:

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- The PI has a pending proposal or is planning to submit a proposal to the NSF (or other federal funding agency) for the proposed research submitted to this program. If in the planning stages, the proposed research must be submitted to a federal funding agency by July 31, 2019.
- The PI has had the proposed research declined by the NSF (or other federal funding agency) and is planning to re-submit the proposed research by July 31, 2019.

Only projects with research in areas that are related to the current Kansas NSF EPSCoR focus of microbiomes as broadly construed to be in aquatic, plant and/or soil systems (<http://www.nsfepscor.ku.edu>) are eligible for First Awards. Award Amount An individual Principal Investigator may submit a total project budget of up to \$100,000 in direct costs for up to 15 months to be expended between April 1, 2018 and June 30, 2019. It is expected that Kansas NSF EPSCoR will fund three to six First Awards depending upon the size of the requests. For more information about how to apply, please see the [RFP](#).

National Science Foundation (NSF)

Changes to NSF BIO Directorate Submission Process

Effective in January 2018, the NSF BIO Directorate will implement a "no-deadline," full-proposal mechanism for receiving and reviewing proposals submitted to core programs in the Division of Environmental Biology (DEB), the Division of Integrative Organismal Systems (IOS), the Division of Molecular and Cellular Biosciences (MCB), and to the programs in the Research Resources Cluster of the Division of Biological Infrastructure (DBI).

The core programs in DEB and IOS are discontinuing use of the preliminary proposal mechanism in 2018.

There will be no call for preliminary proposals in January 2018.

Awards will be made, with FY 2018 funds, for full proposals that were invited for submission based on the review of preliminary proposals submitted in January, 2017 to DEB (solicitations [NSF 17-512](#) and [NSF 17-513](#)) and to IOS ([NSF 17-508](#)). FY 2018 funds will also be used to make awards for full proposals submitted to MCB for the November 20, 2017 deadline ([NSF 17-589](#)) and to DBI for the August 14, 2017, September 8, 2017, and December 8, 2017 deadlines ([NSF 15-577](#), [NSF 15-582](#), and [NSF 16-506](#) respectively).

Thereafter, these solicitations will be archived and will no longer accept proposals.

All four divisions will release new solicitations to replace these in the middle of calendar year 2018, inviting proposals to be funded with FY 2019 funds.

There will be no deadlines for submissions to any of the new solicitations.

For more details, the full Dear Colleague letter is available at

https://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2018/nsf18011/nsf18011.jsp?WT.mc_id=USNSF_25&WT.mc_ev=click

FAQs are available at

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National Institutes of Health (NIH)

Request for Information (RFI)

Organization and Administration of NIGMS Undergraduate and Pre-Doctoral Diversity Programs

NIGMS is seeking input from key extramural community stakeholders, including students, undergraduate faculty, biomedical graduate faculty, scientific societies, and academic institutions, as well as from the public, on the organization of NIGMS undergraduate and pre-doctoral diversity programs. Information is sought for each of the areas identified below and for any other topics that may inform the potential issue/reissue of new and/or existing FOAs.

Topics that could be addressed include, but are not limited to, the following areas:

- 1) The potential challenges and opportunities created by changing NIGMS R25 programs to NRSA training (T) grant activity codes, and strategies for overcoming any potential challenges.
- 2) The potential advantages or disadvantages of having a single, unified NIGMS-funded undergraduate or pre-doctoral diversity program vs. multiple NIGMS-funded diversity programs at a given institution.
- 3) Strategies that could be used to build effective intra- and inter-institutional networks that minimize unnecessary duplication, leverage existing resources, and create synergies to more efficiently and effectively promote the development of a well-trained and diverse biomedical research workforce.
- 4) Any other comments or recommendations regarding NIGMS programs that support the training of students from UR groups.

How to Submit a Response

Responses to this RFI will be accepted through October 31, 2017. All comments will be anonymous and must be submitted via a web form at https://www.research.net/r/UPT_Diversity_Programs.

For more information, see <https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-GM-17-017.html>

How to Find the right CSR Study Section for your NIH application

The new online [Assisted Referral Tool \(ART\)](#) will make a potential match between the science in your application and an appropriate CSR study section(s). After you enter your application summary or specific aims, ART will show you both strong and potential matches, and provide you with direct links to descriptions of those study sections and their rosters of reviewers.

Your query is confidential. No input text from your application or the fingerprint generated during the search will be retained after your query is completed.

ART replaces the old “browse and wonder” method of finding a study section, where investigators have to manually look through study section descriptions and sometimes make a best guess as to where their application might fit. ART makes fact-based recommendations by matching a fingerprint of your application information with a database of applications actually reviewed in each study section. User feedback has been very positive, including comments such as “ART was easy to use, worked well, and returned results quickly” and “the tool appears to be accurate and robust.”

Requests for study section or Institute assignments should be submitted on the optional PHS Assignment Review Request form, which is found with the other optional forms in each application packet. CSR endeavors to honor requests whenever possible, dependent upon funding opportunity announcement participation and locus of review agreements within NIH and other PHS agencies.

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Current Top Searches on PIVOT

National Science Foundation (NSF)

Cyberlearning and Future Learning Technologies (Cyberlearning)

Deadline: January 8, 2018

https://pivot.cos.com/funding_opps/126640

National Science Foundation (NSF) and Intel Labs University Collaboration Office

NSF/Intel Partnership on Foundational Microarchitecture Research

Deadline: January 12, 2018

https://pivot.cos.com/funding_opps/176725

National Institutes of Health (NIH)

Repurposing Target-Based Pharmaceutical Libraries for Discovery of Therapeutics against Eukaryotic Pathogens (R21/R33)

Deadline: January 12, 2018

https://pivot.cos.com/funding_opps/176815

National Science Foundation (NSF)

Materials Engineering and Processing (MEP)

Deadlines: January 24, 2018; September 17, 2018

https://pivot.cos.com/funding_opps/144969

Highlighted Funding Opportunities

Spencer Foundation

Conference Grants

Deadline: December 1, 2017

https://pivot.cos.com/funding_opps/162804

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Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ)

AHRQ-sponsored National Research Service Award (NRSA) Individual Postdoctoral Fellowship (F32)

Deadlines: December 8, 2017; April 8, 2018

https://pivot.cos.com/funding_opps/119671

National Institutes of Health (NIH)

Blueprint Diversity Specialized Predoctoral to Postdoctoral Advancement in Neuroscience (D-SPAN) Award (F99/K00)

Deadline: December 13, 2017

https://pivot.cos.com/funding_opps/170497

National Science Foundation (NSF)

Scalable Parallelism in the Extreme (SPX)

Deadline: January 9, 2018

https://pivot.cos.com/funding_opps/169580

Volvo Environment Prize Foundation

Volvo Environment Prize

Deadline: January 10, 2018

https://pivot.cos.com/funding_opps/82275

Howard Hughes Medical Institute (HHMI)

Hanna H. Gray Fellows Program

Deadline: February 15, 2018

https://pivot.cos.com/funding_opps/169637

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New Faculty/New Investigator

Simons Foundation

Simons Foundation Autism Research Initiative (SFARI) Pilot Awards

Deadlines: Letter of Intent, December 1, 2017; Full Proposal, February 26, 2018

https://pivot.cos.com/funding_opps/161070

American Society for Mass Spectrometry (ASMS)

Research Awards

Deadline: November 30, 2017

https://pivot.cos.com/funding_opps/26627

American Federation for Aging Research (AFAR)

AFAR Research Grants for Junior Faculty

Deadline: December 15, 2017

https://pivot.cos.com/funding_opps/9945

American Pain Society (APS)

Rita Allen Foundation Award in Pain

Deadline: December 6, 2017

https://pivot.cos.com/funding_opps/151813

McKnight Endowment Fund for Neuroscience

McKnight Scholar Awards

Deadline: January 8, 2018

https://pivot.cos.com/funding_opps/2327

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Limited Submissions

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National Institutes of Health (NIH)

Collaborative Program Grant for Multidisciplinary Teams (RM1)

Internal NOI Deadline: October 20, 2017

Sponsor Deadline: January 25, 2018

https://pivot.cos.com/funding_opps/177010

Camille and Henry Dreyfus Foundation

Camille Dreyfus Teacher-Scholar Award Program

Internal NOI Deadline: October 26, 2017

Sponsor Deadline: February 8, 2018

https://pivot.cos.com/funding_opps/2649

Brain Research Foundation

Fay/Frank Seed Grant Program

Internal Pre-Proposal Deadline: October 30, 2017

Sponsor Deadline: January 8, 2018

https://pivot.cos.com/funding_opps/140521

Additional Limited Submissions

The internal deadline has passed for the following opportunities.

If interested in submitting, please contact kureslimitedsubs@ku.edu as soon as possible.

New York Academy of Sciences (NYAS)

Blavatnik National Awards

Sponsor Deadline: Nomination, November 15, 2017

https://pivot.cos.com/funding_opps/148243

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National Institutes of Health (NIH)

Centers of Excellence for Total Worker Health

Sponsor Deadline: November 30, 2017

http://pivot.cos.com/funding_opps/161388