Congratulations to the Following Awardees!

**Randolph Carter**, Professor, Department of Biostatistics, is PI on a renewal award from the New York State Department of Health for the project entitled *Early Childhood Outcomes (ECO) Data System Development*. Implemented in 2006, the State DOH Early Intervention Program (EIP) data are used to evaluate program performance annually at the State and county levels. Since 2009, it has facilitated HRSA funded research to assess the effects of EIP services on the outcomes of children with Autism Spectrum Disorder.

**R. Lorraine Collins**, Associate Dean for Research and Professor, Department of Community Health and Health Behavior, is PI on a continuation award from the NIDA/NIH of her research entitled, *Use of Exercise to Reduce Young Adult Marijuana Use: There is an App for that*. The study tests an intervention and smart phone app designed to help young adults who regularly use marijuana to reduce their marijuana intake. Dr. Collins is also Co-Investigator on a continuation award from the NIDA/NIH with PI Maria Testa (Research Institute on Addictions) for the project entitled *Proximal Effects of Marijuana in Understanding Intimate Partner Violence*.

**Gregory Homish**, Associate Professor, Department of Community Health and Health Behavior, is Co-Investigator on a continuation award from the NIDA/NIH with PI Rina Das Eiden (Research Institute on Addictions) for the project entitled *Prenatal & Environmental Tobacco Smoke (ETS) Exposure: Effects on Child Regulation*. This research studies the impact of parental substance use on child developmental outcomes. Dr. Homish’s role on the project is to examine how the social network (intimate partner, friends and family) impacts changes in an individual’s substance use over time.

**Michael LaMonte**, Assistant Professor, Department of Epidemiology and Environmental Health, is PI on continuation award from the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center and NHLBI, entitled, *Objective Physical Activity and Cardiovascular Health in Women Aged 80 and Older (OPACH80)*. This research involves a large scale prospective cohort study, ancillary to the national Women’s Health Initiative. The study is to determine how much physical activity, measured objectively using motion sensors (accelerometers), is needed to reduce risk of cardiovascular events among 10,000 women aged 80 and older. Study findings will be used to refine national physical activity recommendations for the elderly population.

**Christine Oddo**, Research Assistant Professor, Center for Assistive Technology (CAT), is PI on a renewal award from the New York State Education Department for the project, *Core Rehabilitation Services (CRS)*. This award is a 5-year project with Adult Career and Continuing Education Services – Vocational Rehabilitation (ACCES-VR). CAT will work with counselors and consumers across the eight counties of Western New York and will provide assistive technology services including conducting Assistive Technology/Rehabilitation Technology evaluations and providing customized assistive technology trainings.

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James Olson, UB Distinguished Professor, Department of Pharmacology and Toxicology and Director of Environmental Health Sciences, Department of Epidemiology and Environment Health, is PI on a renewal award from the University of Iowa on a project entitled, *Vulnerability of the Adolescent Brain to Organophosphorus Pesticides*. The goal of this research is to examine the dose-related response of the adolescent brain to organophosphorus pesticides (OP) pesticides, to determine if repeated exposures produce a progressive deficit and to determine if this deficit is reversible. Matthew Bonner, Associate Professor, Department of Epidemiology and Environmental Health, serves as a Co-Investigator on this award.

Andrew D. Ray, Assistant Professor, Department of Rehabilitation Science, is PI on a NCI/Office of Dietary Supplements/Health Research, Inc., award entitled, *Vitamin D3 and Lung Cancer Risk in Humans*. The study explores the relationship between Vitamin D, lung cancer risk, and inspiratory muscle strength in Vitamin D3 Deficient COPD Patients. It is designed to understand the effects of vitamin D3 supplementation on biomarkers of lung cancer risk, while examining the effects of vitamin D3 supplementation on inspiratory muscle and exercise performance in individuals with COPD. It will also examine the combined effects of vitamin D with exercise on lung tumor growth and cancer related diaphragm muscle weakness using a mouse model of lung cancer.

Xuefeng Ren, Assistant Professor in the Department of Epidemiology and Environmental Health, is PI on a continuation award from the NIEHS/NIH for the project entitled *Human N6AMT1 and Its Regulation of Arsenic Biomethylation and Toxicity*. The primary objective of the study is to characterize and compare the kinetic parameters for arsenic biomethylation by N6AMT1 and AS3MT and investigate their interactive effects on arsenic metabolism and the resulting toxicological responses to arsenic.

John M. Violanti, Research Professor, Department of Epidemiology and Environmental Health, is PI on a continuation award from the NIOSH entitled, *Stress and Subclinical Cardio-metabolic Disease in Police: A Longitudinal Study*. The research will study how job stress affects police officers health over time and will provide information about specific causes of stress on police. The finding will be used to develop prevention programs for officers. Jean Wactawski-Wende, Interim Dean of the School of Public Health and Health Professions, Professor, Department of Epidemiology and Environmental Health, serves as a Co-Investigator on this award.

**Grant Clinic**

**NIH Notices & Reminders**

Research Performance Progress Reports (RPPR) will be Required for all Type 5 Non-SNAP Progress Reports Effective October 17, 2014, NIH will require the use of the RPPR module to submit progress reports for Streamlined Non-competing Award Process (SNAP), fellowship, and multi-year funded awards. NIH has piloted the use of the RPPR for non-snap type 5 awards since November 2013, and is now expanding the requirement to use the RPPR to all type 5 non-SNAP awards. Note: NIH continues development of the RPPR for final progress reports and for administrative extensions (Type 4s; e.g., SBIR/STTR Fast-Track Phase II application) and will update the community as progress is made. For further information, please see: [http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-14-092.html](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-14-092.html)

NIOSH Announces Updated Policy for Application Submission Effective immediately, for application due dates after May 28, 2014, following an unsuccessful resubmission (A1) application, applicants may submit the same idea as a new (A0) application for the next appropriate due date. Similar to NIH, NIOSH will not assess the similarity of the science in the new (A0) application to any previously reviewed submission when accepting an application for review. Although a new (A0) application does not allow an introduction or responses to the previous reviews, the NIOSH encourages applicants to refine and strengthen all application submissions. For further information, please see: [http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OH-14-006.html](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OH-14-006.html)

Notice of Intent to Publish a Funding Opportunity Announcement for the Epidemiology of Drug Abuse (R01) The National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) intends to reissue PA-11-230 "Epidemiology of Drug Abuse (R01)" after the last AIDS application due date on September 7, 2014. This Notice is being provided to alert potential applicants that there will be less than 30 days between the open date and the due date of the reissuance of the funding opportunity announcement (FOA). Publication of the reissued FOA is expected on September 8, 2014, and the first due date will be October 5, 2014. For further information, please see: [http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-DA-14-013.html#sthash.aEWFfjar5.dpuf](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-DA-14-013.html#sthash.aEWFfjar5.dpuf)
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**Notice of Change in Criteria for Renewal of Domestic Animal Welfare Assurances**

This Notice informs Public Health Service (PHS) awardee institutions of a change in the criteria for renewing the Domestic Animal Welfare Assurance (Domestic Assurance). Previously, Domestic Assurances were renewed, regardless of funding, every four years, provided that the institution submitted a renewal Domestic Assurance document to the NIH Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare (OLAW) prior to the expiration date. Under the new criteria, Domestic Assurances will be renewed only if the institution has current PHS funding. For further information, please see: [http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-14-099.html](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-14-099.html)

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**NIH Funding Opportunities: Requests for Applications (RFA)**

**July Due Dates**

**RFA-LM-14-001 (G08)**

**NLM Information Resource Grants to Reduce Health Disparities**

This FOA solicits resource grant applications for projects that will bring useful, usable health information to health disparity populations and their health care providers. Access to useful, usable, understandable health information is an important factor during health decisions. Proposed projects should exploit the capabilities of computer and information technology and health sciences libraries to bring health-related information to consumers and their health care providers.

**Application Due Date:** July 29, 2014  

**RFA-DA-15-005 (R01)**

**Advancing Exceptional Research on HIV/AIDS and Substance Abuse**

This FOA supports innovative research projects that have the potential to open new areas of HIV/AIDS research and/or lead to new avenues for prevention and treatment of HIV/AIDS among substance abusers. The nexus with substance abuse should be clearly described. This FOA is open to both individual researchers and research teams and is not limited to any one area of research on HIV and substance use.

**Application Due Date:** July 31, 2014  

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August Due Dates

RFA-HS-14-010 (R21) Disseminating and Implementing Evidence from Patient-Centered Outcomes Research in Clinical Practice Using Mobile Health Technology
The purposes of this FOA are to develop and evaluate the effectiveness of novel approaches that use mHealth tools to enable the timely incorporation and appropriate use of patient-centered outcomes research evidence in clinical practice. MHealth tools include, but are not limited to wireless devices, sensors, software, and cellular phones that are intended to be worn, carried, or accessed by health care providers, patients, and/or caregivers.

Application Due Date: August 4, 2014

RFA-MD-14-004 (R01) NIMHD Social, Behavioral, Health Services, and Policy Research on Minority Health and Health Disparities
The purpose of this FOA is to solicit innovative social, behavioral, health services, and policy research that can directly and demonstrably contribute to the elimination of health disparities. Projects may involve primary data collection or secondary analysis of existing datasets. Projects that examine understudied health conditions; examine the effectiveness of interventions, services, or policies for multiple health disparity populations; and/or directly measure the impact of project activities on levels of health disparities are particularly encouraged.

Application Due Date: August 28, 2014

RFA-MD-14-005 (R01) NIMHD Basic and Applied Biomedical Research on Minority Health and Health Disparities
The purpose of this FOA is to solicit innovative basic and applied research on fundamental biological mechanisms involved in disease conditions that disproportionately affect health disparity populations and therapies or interventions that can directly or demonstrably contribute to reducing or eliminating health disparities. Projects investigating disease/condition etiology, physiology, genetic risk factors, molecular pathways, gene-environment interactions, pharmacogenomics and personalized medicine in health disparity populations are particularly encouraged.

Application Due Date: August 28, 2014

October Due Dates

RFA-GM-15-002 (R24) Pharmacogenomics Knowledge Base
This FOA offers support for a high impact pharmacogenomics knowledge base as a research resource available to the entire scientific community. There is an existing Pharmacogenomics Knowledge Base, PharmGKB, and it is the intention of NIGMS to continue one knowledge base. Advance consultation with Scientific/Research staff to ensure that a proposed resource fits well with this opportunity is highly encouraged.

Application Due Date: October 7, 2014

RFA-AG-15-006 (U01) Clinical Trial on the Effects of Interventions Aiming to Reduce Chronic Inflammation in Older Adults: Pilot Phase
The purpose of this FOA is to conduct a pilot study (or studies) and/or secondary analyses to collect information needed to develop and implement a successful intervention study on effects of reducing low-grade chronic inflammation on mobility limitations in older adults.

Application Receipt Date(s): October 08, 2014

November Due Dates

RFA-MH-15-110 (U01) Longitudinal Assessment of Post-traumatic Syndromes
This FOA encourages cooperative research project grant applications for a multi-site, longitudinal research platform to 1) characterize post-traumatic trajectories based on dimensions of observable behavior, neurobiological changes, and other measures that may serve as markers of risk among adult trauma patients initially seen in emergency rooms and other acute trauma settings, 2) examine processes or mechanisms whereby post-trauma mental illness develops and is maintained, 3) develop algorithms to be used in the acute post-trauma time period to predict different trajectories, and 4) develop/refine measures of promising targets for future prevention and early treatment studies.

Application Due Date: November 6, 2014

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December Due Dates

RFA-AA-15-002 (P60)
**Comprehensive Alcohol Research Centers**
This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) invites applications for Comprehensive Alcohol Research Centers using the P60 mechanism that must include an information dissemination core to initiate and expand community education, related to the overall goal of the center. The overall purpose of the NIAAA Alcohol Research Center program is to provide leadership in conducting and fostering interdisciplinary, collaborative research on a wide variety of topics relevant to the Institute’s mission. These topics include, but are not limited to: the nature, etiology, genetics, diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of alcohol use disorders and their biomedical, psychosocial, and economic consequences across the lifespan. Centers also are regional or national resources that contribute to the development of new research methods, technologies and approaches that sustain innovative goal-directed research.

**Application Receipt Date:** December 03, 2014

February Due Dates

RFA-DC-14-001 (R21/R33)
**NIDCD Research On Hearing Health Care**
This FOA invites applications to support research and/or infrastructure needs leading to more accessible and affordable hearing health care (HHC). The proposed research aims should lead to the delivery of better healthcare access and outcomes and be directed to solutions that are effective, affordable and deliverable to those who need them.

**Application Due Date:** February 24, 2015

March Due Dates

RFA-DK-14-022 (DP3)
**Improving Diabetes Management in Young Children with Type 1 Diabetes**
The purpose of this FOA is to support research to develop, refine, and pilot test innovative strategies to improve diabetes management in young children with type 1 diabetes (5 years old and under). At the end of the funding period, there should be a well-developed and well-characterized intervention that has been demonstrated to be safe, feasible to implement, acceptable in the target population, and, if promising, ready to be tested in a larger efficacy trial.

**Application Due Date:** March 18, 2015

Multiple Due Dates

RFA-DA-15-004 (DP1)
**NIDA Avant-Garde Award Program for HIV/AIDS and Drug Use Research**
The NIDA Avant-Garde award supports innovative, basic research that may lead to improved preventive interventions or therapies; creative, new strategies to prevent disease transmission; novel approaches to improve disease outcomes; and creative approaches to eradicating HIV or improving the lives of those living with HIV. The proposed research should be substantially different from those already being pursued by the investigator or others.

**Application Due Dates:** July 29, 2014; July 29, 2015; July 29, 2016

RFA-HG-14-004 (T32)
**Predoctoral Training in Biomedical Big Data Science**
Applications are being solicited for graduate training programs in Big Data Science, for the expressed purpose of training the next generation of scientists who will develop computational and quantitative approaches and tools needed by the biomedical research community to work with Big Data in the biomedical sciences.

**Application Due Dates:** July 28, 2014; July 27, 2015

RFA-MH-15-340 (R01)
**Confirmatory Efficacy Clinical Trials of Non-Pharmacological Interventions for Mental Disorders**
The purpose of this FOA is to support confirmatory efficacy testing of non-pharmacological therapeutic and preventive interventions for mental disorders in adults and children through an experimental therapeutics approach. Intervention studies include, but are not limited to behavioral, cognitive, and interpersonal approaches, or a combination thereof.

**Application Due Dates:** July 30, 2014, October 17, 2014, February 18, 2015
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RFA-DA-15-006 (DP2)
**Avenir Award Program for Genetics or Epigenetics of Substance Abuse**
The Genetic Avenir Award program supports early stage investigators proposing highly innovative studies that open new areas of research for the genetics or epigenetics of addiction. The award will support those in an early stage of their career who may lack the preliminary data required for an R01 grant, but who propose high impact research and who show promise of being tomorrow's leaders in the field of genetics or epigenetics of substance abuse.
**Application Due Dates:** August 18, 2014; August 18, 2015; August 18, 2016

RFA-DA-15-007 (DP2)
**Avenir Award Program for Research on Substance Abuse and HIV/AIDS**
The Avenir Award Program for Research on Substance Abuse and HIV/AIDS will support creative individuals who wish to pursue innovative research at the nexus of substance abuse and HIV/AIDS. The Program supports research approaches for substance using populations with or at risk for HIV/AIDS that may lead to improved preventive interventions, improved therapies and/or long term retention in care, and ultimately, eradication of HIV.
**Application Due Dates:** November 12, 2014; November 12, 2015; November 14, 2016

RFA-DK-14-002 (P30)
**Nutrition Obesity Research Centers (NORCs)**
This FOA invites applications that propose to establish core centers that are part of an integrated and existing program of nutrition and/or obesity research. The NORC program is designed to support and enhance the national research effort in nutrition and obesity. NORCs support three primary research-related activities: Research Core services, a Pilot and Feasibility (P and F) program, and an Enrichment program. **Only one application per institution is allowed. If interested in applying, please contact Ken Tramposch at ovpr.limitedsubmission@research.buffalo.edu.**
**Application Due Dates:** November 25, 2014; June 18, 2015

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**NIH Funding Opportunities: Program Announcement Reviewed by an Institute (PAR)**

PAR-14-220 (U01)
**NIH StrokeNet Clinical Trials and Biomarker Studies for Stroke Treatment, Recovery, and Prevention**
This FOA encourages applications for multi-site exploratory and confirmatory clinical trials focused on promising interventions, as well as biomarker-or outcome measure validation studies that are immediately preparatory to trials in stroke prevention, treatment, and recovery.
**Application Due Date(s):** July 15, 2014; subsequently, beginning with October 5, 2014, standard due dates apply

PAR-14-238 (P01, P50, U19, R01, R21, R34, R37, U01)
**Administrative Supplements for Minority Health and Mental Health Disparities Research (Admin Supp)**
The purpose of this FOA is to support Administrative Supplements to active NIMH grants to address mental health disparities among racial and ethnic groups in the United States. Specifically, supplements should clarify distinct mechanisms underlying differences in risk, resilience, morbidity, and optimal delivery of interventions for mental disorders among diverse racial and ethnic groups.
**Application Receipt/Submission Date(s):** August 01, 2014

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**PAR-14-230 (R21/R33) ; PAR-14-231 (R33)**

**Exploratory Studies of Smoking Cessation Interventions for People with Schizophrenia**

The purpose of this FOA is to provide support for grant applications to generate and conduct preliminary tests of targeted smoking cessation treatments for individuals with schizophrenia and/or smokers with schizophrenia who have co-occurring alcohol and/or substance abuse disorders. This FOA encourages Phased Innovation (R21/R33) applications that focus on early-stage, treatment generation and pilot clinical trials that are consistent with an experimental therapeutic approach. This approach requires the identification of a theory-derived target based on putative mechanisms of nicotine addiction in individuals with schizophrenia, and clear hypotheses about how an intervention directed at changing the target can lead to clinical benefits.

**Application Due Dates:** August 15, 2014; December 16, 2014; April 15, 2015; August 17, 2015; December 15, 2015; April 15, 2016; August 16, 2016; December 15, 2016; April 17, 2017.


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**PAR-14-260 (R01)**

**Interventions for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention in Native American Populations**

The purpose of this FOA is to develop, adapt, and test the effectiveness of health promotion and disease prevention interventions in Native American (NA) populations. The long-term goal of this FOA is to reduce mortality and morbidity in NA communities. For the purposes of this FOA Native Americans include the following populations: Alaska Native, American Indian, and Native Hawaiian.

**Application Due Dates:** May 12, 2015, May 12, 2016, May 12, 2017

AIDS Application Due Date(s) August 24, 2015, August 24, 2016, August 24, 2017


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**PAR-14-262 (R01)**

**Long-Term Outcomes of Bariatric Surgery Using Large Datasets**

This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) will support applications that address the long-term (five-year minimum) clinical outcomes of bariatric surgery using large datasets within healthcare delivery organizations. Clinical outcomes of interest to NIDDK include obesity, body composition and obesity-related complications within the NIDDK mission such as diabetes, metabolic liver disease, kidney and urological diseases. NIDA is interested in supporting those applications that examine the trajectories of substance use and associated high-risk behaviors among persons who have received bariatric surgery. The funds will also provide support for a prospective element to the grant to acquire additional clinical measures or add elements to the current database to acquire outcomes described above.

**Application Due Date:** October 03, 2014, June 03, 2015


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**PAR-14-264 (R01)**

**Global “Omics” Approaches Targeting Adverse Pregnancy and Neonatal Outcomes Utilizing Existing Cohorts**

The purpose of this FOA is to invite applications utilizing state of the science "Omics" technologies (such as genomics epigenomics, proteomics, and metabolomics), coupled to powerful bioinformatics tools, to target important pregnancy and neonatal health problems by using existing cohorts.

**Application Due Dates:** October 7, 2014, October 7, 2015, October 7, 2016


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**PAR-14-229 (U13); PAR-OH-14-246 (R13)**

**NIOSH Support for Conferences and Scientific Meetings**

The purpose of the NIOSH Conference and Scientific Meeting Cooperative Program (U13) is to support high quality and impact scientific conferences/meetings that are relevant to NIOSH’s scientific mission, program priorities, and to the public health. A conference/scientific meeting is defined as a gathering, symposium, seminar, scientific meeting, workshop or any other organized and formal meeting where persons assemble or meet virtually to coordinate, exchange, and disseminate information or to explore or clarify a defined subject, problem, or area of knowledge.

**Application Due Dates:** Standard dates apply


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PAR-14-254 (R21); PAR-14-255 (R01)

**Multidisciplinary Studies of HIV and Viral Hepatitis Co-Infection**

The purpose of this FOA is to fill gaps in our understanding of a) the pathogenic interactions between HIV and hepatitis viruses, b) co-morbidities associated with HIV/hepatitis virus co-infection, and c) the effectiveness of interferon-free direct-acting antiviral drug regimens to treat HIV/HCV co-infection. This FOA is informed by priority areas in the 2011 HHS Action Plan, Combating the Silent Epidemic of Viral Hepatitis: Action Plan for the Prevention, Care and Treatment of Viral Hepatitis.

**Application Due Dates:** Standard AIDS dates apply

PAR-14-247 (R01); PAR-14-248 (R21)

**Basic Research on HIV Persistence**

This FOA invites Research Project Grant applications for hypothesis-driven basic research to increase our understanding of persistent HIV-1 infection in patients under highly active anti-retroviral therapy (HAART). The emphasis of this initiative is on the development of new ideas and approaches in HIV-1 persistence including model and assay development that may directly inform future studies on the design of therapeutic strategies to achieve long term remission without treatment or a complete eradication of residual virus and complete cure for HIV infection and AIDS

**Application Due Dates:** Standard AIDS dates apply

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**NIH Funding Opportunities: Program Announcements (PA)**

PA-14-219 (R44)

Renewal Awards of SBIR Phase IIB Grants for Brain and Behavior Tools

Application Due Date(s): Standard dates apply  
**Expiration Date:** May 8, 2017

PA-14-224 (R01); PA-14-223 (R21); PA-14-222 (R34)

Long-Term Retention in Care for U.S. Substance Using Populations

Application Due Date(s): Standard AIDS dates apply  
**Expiration Date:** May 8, 2017

PA-14-243 (R21); PA-14-244 (R01)

Research on Chronic Overlapping Pain Conditions

Application Due Date(s): Standard dates apply  
**Expiration Date:** September 8, 2017
http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-14-244.html

PA-14-236 (R01); PA-14-235 (R21)

Advancing Research in Voice Disorders

Application Due Date(s): September 8, 2017  
**Expiration Date:** September 8, 2017
The Kresge Foundation is accepting applications for its Community Health Partnership and Healthy Environments programs:

The Community Health Partnership Program funds applications that focus on one of two main areas: 1) building a better primary-care safety net and 2) innovative approaches to improve community health. The first area seeks projects that build upon community health centers’ leadership in addressing the upstream determinants of health and aims to strengthen these organizations. The second area supports projects that serve vulnerable populations by advancing prevention, improving access and integrating primary community and clinical care.

The Healthy Environment Program funds applications that focus on one of three main areas: 1) safe and healthy housing work seeks applications that take a comprehensive approach to abating hazards, accelerate policy and system changes, providing community education and building community engagement; 2) transportation and the built environment initiative seeks applications that address the health effects of freight transport, especially on vulnerable communities and workers or re-examines aspects of the built environment that create barriers to physical activity and affect air and water quality and public safety; and 3) healthy food initiative funds research efforts that seek to improve food-system policies and practices, especially those that provide better access to fruits, vegetables, and other healthful foods and reduce the emphasis on products without nutritional benefits.

Application Process: Part 1 is the preliminary application – if the activity fits one of the Foundation’s strategic priorities and its budget, the Foundation will request additional information (Part 2 of the application process). Transportation and Built Environment and Healthy Food Applicants awarded multi-year grants should be prepared to secure matching support (equivalent to half of the Kresge contribution) after the first year.

Application Due Date: Applications are accepted on a rolling basis. http://kresge.org/programs/health

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

The Public Health Services and System Research program is seeking applications for projects designed to strengthen the evidence base for what works in public healthcare administration, financing, and delivery of care, as well as the rapid translation of this evidence to maximize positive downstream impacts on population health. Studies should focus on multidisciplinary research that examines a health system’s operations, financing, and delivery of and quality of public health services, as well as their impact on population health. Up to nine awards of up to $350,000 each for a maximum of 24 months will be available.

Application Due Date: July 23, 2014 (3p.m. ET)

“The only way to make sense out of change is to plunge into it, move with it, and join the dance.” -Alan Wilson Watts, (1/6/1915 – 11/16/1973) was a British-born philosopher, writer, and speaker.