

GRANTS AND FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Among the many funding opportunities available for medical researchers and other healthcare professionals, several may be of particular interest to those who work in ethnic minority health and the readership of our journal. For additional information, readers are encouraged to contact the lead agency to confirm application process and deadlines. At press time, each of these was funded for 2006, and many will be renewed in coming years.

RESEARCH AND TRAINING IN COMPLEMENTARY AND ALTERNATIVE MEDICINE (93.212)

Objectives

- Coordinate and facilitate the investigation of alternative medical practices through peer-reviewed grant solicitations
- Interface with the center's National Advisory Council
- Conduct technology assessment conferences for the purpose of establishing areas of clinical and pre-clinical research that need to be further developed within alternative medicine
- Maintain a comprehensive bibliographic data base in conjunction with the National Library of Medicine
- Develop and continue contacts with international programs in complementary and alternative medicine (CAM)
- Establish an intra- and extramural clinical research fellowship program focusing on broad areas of clinical, scientific, and administrative training in CAM. The major purpose of all of these programs is to foster collaborations between practitioners of CAM and individuals knowledgeable in biomedical research.

Eligibility

University, college, hospital, public agency, nonprofit research institution, or for-profit organization that submits an application and receives a grant or cooperative agreement for support of research by a named principal investigator.

Credentials/Documentation

For-profit organizations costs are determined by in accordance with 48 CFR, Subpart 31.2 of the Federal Acquisition Regulations. Costs will be determined in accordance with HHS Regulations 45 CFR 74, Subpart Q.

Deadlines

February 1, June 1, October 1.

Obligations

FY04 \$85,891,000, FY05 est \$87,639,000, FY06 est \$87,501,000.

Range and Average

\$125,000 to \$3,000,000; \$317,000.

Examples of Funded Projects

- Use of a meditative approach to help reduce stress and better manage emotions in people with early-stage HIV.

National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine

Authorization: Public Health Service Act, Sections 222 and 404E; Public Law 103-43, 42 USC 217a and 283g, as amended; Public Law 92-463, as amended.

- Whether certain traditional Chinese medicines and an electrical acupuncture technique can be used to prevent addiction relapse and craving for alcohol and drugs of abuse.
- Potential use of antioxidant CAM therapies for asthma.
- Use of mushroom extracts to enhance the immune response to tumors and the healing power of placebo, particularly strategies to maximize placebo benefits, improve clinical trial design, and gain insight into mechanisms underlying mind-body medicine.
- Effects of osteopathic manipulation on the musculoskeletal system, lymphatic fluid flow, and reduction of pain from back and neck strain.

Criteria for Selecting Proposals

- Scientific merit and general significance of the proposed study and its objectives.
- Technical adequacy of the experimental design and approach.
- Competency of the proposed investigator or

group to successfully pursue the project.

- Adequacy of the available and proposed facilities and resources.
- Necessity of the budget components requested in relation to the proposed project.
- Relevance and importance to the announced program objective.
- Interfacing of conventional researchers and technology with unconventional/alternative clinicians for the purpose of providing clinical and scientific collaborations when and where appropriate.

Headquarters office: Division of Extramural Research, Training and Review, National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine, National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services, 6707 Democracy Blvd. Suite 401, Bethesda, MD 20892-5475, USA; phone: 301.496.4792; fax: 301.402.4741.

For more information: <http://nccam.nih.gov>.

SPIRITUALITY AND PSYCHIATRY PRIZE

Royal College of Psychiatrists

Objectives

- To understand further the issue of spirituality as it relates to psychiatry, to enhance practices as psychiatrists and improve the quality of care delivered to patients and caregivers.

Eligibility

Members and affiliates of the Royal College of Psychiatrists are eligible to enter.

Description

The Spirituality and Psychiatry Special Interest Group have established this prize to be awarded annually to the best entry or joint best entries on relevant subject matter. The award aims to promote interest, to harness and disseminate reliable information on the subject, and to motivate psychiatrists to build up evidence in the area of spirituality as it relates to patients and practice.

Application

Submissions should be sent to the secretary of the Spirituality and Psychiatry Special Interest Group at the college address. Entries must be no longer than 5000 words and should be submitted in hardcopy and on floppy disk where possible. Please see their website for further information.

Deadline

October 1.

Obligation

£250.

Headquarters office: Royal College of Psychiatrists, 17 Belgrave Square, London SW1X 8PG, United Kingdom; phone: 020.7235.2351.

For more information: <http://www.rcpsych.ac.uk/traindev/postgrad/prizes05.pdf>.

CANCER CONTROL (93.399)

National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services

Authorization: Public Health Service Act, as amended, Sections 301 and 412, Public Law 78-410; 42 USC 241; Public Law 100-607; 42 USC 285a-1; Public Law 99-500.

Objectives

- To reduce cancer incidence, morbidity, and mortality through an orderly sequence from research on interventions and their impact in defined populations to the broad, systematic application of the research results through dissemination and diffusion strategies.

Eligibility

University, college, hospital, public agency, nonprofit research institution or for-profit organization that submits an application and receives a grant or cooperative agreement for support of research by a named principal investigator.

Credentials/Documentation

Costs will be determined in accordance with OMB Circular No. A-87 for state and local governments. For-profit organizations' costs are determined in accordance with 48 CFR, Subpart 31.2 of the Federal Acquisition Regulations.

Deadlines

February 1, June 1, October 1.

Obligations

FY04 \$219,964,000, FY05 est \$216,197,000, FY06 est \$216,197,000.

Range and Average

\$15,000 to \$14,905,141; \$1,078,141.

Examples of Funded Projects

- Diet, weight, and physical activity research.

- Transdisciplinary research on energetics and cancer.
- Study of tamoxifen and raloxifene for the prevention of breast cancer.
- Chemoprevention of skin cancer by celecoxib.
- Early detection—prostate, lung, colon, ovarian cancer trial.
- Selenium and vitamin E cancer prevention trial for prostate cancer.

Criteria for Selecting Proposals

- Scientific merit and general significance of the proposed study and its objectives.
- Technical adequacy of the experimental design and approach.
- Competency of the proposed investigator or

group to successfully pursue the project.

- Adequacy of the available and proposed facilities and resources.
- Necessity of the budget components requested in relation to the proposed project.
- Relevance and importance to the announced program objective.

Headquarters office: Leo F. Buscher, Jr, Grants Management Officer, National Cancer Institute, National Institutes of Health, Public Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services, EPS-234, Rockville, Maryland, 20892, USA; phone: 301.496.7753.

For more information: <http://cancer.gov>.

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EXTRAMURAL RESEARCH PROGRAMS IN NEUROSCIENCES AND NEUROLOGIC DISORDERS (93.853)

Objectives

- Support extramural research within the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NINDS).

Eligibility

Public, private, nonprofit, or for-profit institution is eligible to apply.

Credentials/Documentation

Research grants are awarded to an institution in the name of an individual investigator. Persons qualified to carry out research related to the extramural programs described above may apply for funds to support their investigations.

Deadlines

February 1, June 1, October 1.

Obligations

FY04 \$1,317,606,000, FY05 est \$1,348,338,000, FY06 est \$1,354,250,000.

Range and Average

\$50,700 to \$7,381,883;
\$386,000.

Examples of Funded Projects

- Research on neurologic disorders such as cerebral palsy; disorders of aging including Parkinson, Huntington, and Alzheimer diseases and the dementias; and muscular, neuromuscular and demyelinating disorders.
- Neuroendocrine studies, neural aspect of learning and behavior.
- Studies on nervous system tumors and infectious dis-

National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services

Authorization: Public Health Service Act, Sections 301, 405, 408, 457, 458, 459, and 487, Public Law 78-410, as amended, 42 USC 241; 42 USC 284; 42 USC 284c; 42 USC 285j; 42 USC 285j-7; 42 USC 285L-2; Small Business Research and Development Enhancement Act of 1992, Public Law 102-564.

eases of the central nervous system.

Criteria for Selecting Proposals

- Scientific merit and general significance of the proposed study and its objectives.
- Technical adequacy of the experimental design and approach.
- Competency of the proposed investigator or group to successfully pursue the project.
- Adequacy of the available and proposed facilities and resources.
- Necessity of the budget components requested in relation to the proposed project.

- Relevance and importance to the announced program objective.

Headquarters office: Mike Loewe, Grants Management Officer, National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NINDS), Division of Extramural Research (DER), National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services, Neuroscience Center, Suite 3258, 6001 Executive Boulevard, Bethesda, MD 20892, USA; phone: 301.496.9231.

For more information: <http://www.ninds.nih.gov>.