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TRIPLL News

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From the Translational Research Institute on Pain in Later Life.

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News

\$2 Million National Institute on Aging Grant Funds Pain Management for NYC Seniors

December 3, 2009

The National Institute on Aging (NIA) has awarded Weill Cornell Medical College a \$2 million grant over the next five years to fund an Edward R. Roybal Center for Research on Applied Gerontology, one of 12 such centers nationally. The grant will create the Cornell-Columbia Translational Research Institute on Pain in Later Life (TRIPLL), a multi-institutional and interdisciplinary collaboration focused on implementing innovative strategies for improving pain management among older adults. http://weill.cornell.edu/news/releases/wcmc/wcmc_2009/12_03_09.shtml

TRIPLL Kick-off Researcher Conference: Researchers from across Disciplines Collaborate on Strategic Planning

November 13, 2009

On November 13th, 2009 sixty researchers from across disciplines and universities met at the Cornell Club in New York City. Investigators from Weill Cornell Medical College, Cornell Ithaca, Columbia University, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer

Center and the Hospital for Special Surgery attended to network with other pain researchers and to learn more about the newly funded Translational Research Institute on Pain in Later Life (TRIPLL). Dr. Anthony Ong presented on the TRIPLL pilot program, which will fund three pilot projects a year for the next five years. Mayday Fund Executive Director Christina Spellman also presented on strategies for working with private foundations. The presentations were followed by a speed networking activity. Finally, the participants brainstormed and gave TRIPLL feedback on the types of support and programs that TRIPLL could provide researchers to help them meet their research goals. The event was extremely successful, and TRIPLL plans to hold similar conferences and meetings in the future.

Click the following link to view the recommendations generated at the conference: [TRIPLL Recommendations](#)

TRIPLL Work in Progress Seminar: Update

The TRIPLL Work in Progress Seminar held its 3rd monthly meeting on Wednesday, January 20th 2010. The WIP seminar is primarily devoted to reviewing and critiquing grant proposals prior to submission. The presenters have included researchers from Weill Cornell Medical College, Cornell Ithaca, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center and Columbia University. The WIP sites are connected across the institutions through audio-visual technology. The WIP group has problem-solved a variety of grant proposals and projects, including a biomedical engineering ultrasound project for treatment of osteoarthritis of the knee and a survey of programs in senior centers that may offer benefit to older people with pain. The WIP looks forward to helping researchers achieve more successful grant applications and paper submissions.

To sign up for WIP-specific emails, please contact Samantha Parker at sap2013@med.cornell.edu

Upcoming Events

Weill Cornell Medical College

Tri-Institutional Biomedical Computing Programs: Tutorial-Workshop: Public Repositories

As part of Tri-Institutional collaboration, the Tri-Institutional Biomedical Computing Programs of Cornell Weill Medical College, Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center and Rockefeller University will be hosting a hands-on computer workshop titled:

[One full workshop consists of four two-hour sessions]

Tuesday, February 2, 2010 1:30pm - 3:30pm

Wednesday, February 3, 2010 1:30pm - 3:30pm

Tuesday, February 9, 2010 1:30pm - 3:30pm

Wednesday, February 10, 2010 1:30pm - 3:30pm

This workshop provides an introduction to online, public data resources and tools from NCBI, EBI, Sanger Institute and UCSC. The workshop focuses on the practical aspects of locating biological data and bioinformatics tools, utilizing these resources and downloading data.

Instructor: Maureen Higgins (MSK)

More info: http://trii.org/courses/public_repositories.html

Registration: http://workshops.rockefeller.edu/?pub_repos_feb2010

(open to members of the Tri-I community)

Cornell Ithaca

Fourth Annual Bronfenbrenner Lecture: March 15, 2010, 4:00pm, G10 Biotech

Exploring a Biopsychosocial Model of Cumulative Risk

Dr. Teresa Seeman

Professor of Medicine & Epidemiology

UCLA Schools of Medicine and Public Health

Columbia University

Grand Rounds Columbia Center for Homelessness Prevention Causes of Homelessness among VA Patients: The Role of Psychiatric and Addictive Illness, Service in the Middle East, and Receipt of VA Disability Compensation

Robert Rosenheck, MD, Department of Psychiatry, Yale Medical School

Thursday, February 4, 2010

2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Room 6602, All-Purpose Room

Sixth Floor, Psychiatric Institute

Entrance at Kolb Annex, 40 Haven Avenue,

168th Street and Haven Avenue (take inside bridge to sixth floor)

Room: Room 6602, All-Purpose Room, Psychiatric Institute

Open to the Public

RSVP: Yes, Contact Shoshana Vasheetz, 212-305-6609

Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center

Grant Writing Workshops

Wednesday February 24, 2010

Zuckerman Research Center

417 East 68th Street

Room ZRC 105

New York, NY 10065

Morning Session: 9:00 AM - 12:00 Noon

12 Keys to Successful Grant Writing

Designed for the grant writer with limited experience, this workshop starts from the premise that nothing succeeds like a good idea.

Afternoon Session: 1:00 - 4:00 PM

Ins & Outs of Federal Funding

This workshop compares and contrasts funding programs at several important federal agencies: including the National Institutes of Health and the National Science Foundation.

This program is for the Tri-Institutional research community.

Contact: Dominic Nunziato, 646-227-2289

Reiki for Beginners

Friday March 12, 2010

9:30 AM to 6:30 PM

The Bendheim Integrative Medicine Center

1429 First Avenue

(NW Corner of 74th Street)

New York, NY 10021

Reiki is a light touch manual therapy from Japan that supports the whole person. For those with medical conditions, Reiki effectively addresses a variety of symptoms thereby improving quality of life. For others, Reiki can promote self awareness, inspire creativity, reduce stress, and create a sense of harmony and well-being.

In this basic class, students learn the history and principles of Reiki, are initiated through four attunements (hands on process from Reiki Instructor), and are taught a full body Reiki treatment. The class includes an experiential component during which students give and receive Reiki treatments. By the course completion, students have the ability and confidence to provide Reiki to others and themselves. Homework is assigned to encourage students' mastery and understanding.

Reiki for Beginners is open to all.

Credit: Eight NCBTMB Continuing Education units for licensed/certified Massage Therapists

646-888-0845, massagerx@mskcc.org

Hospital for Special Surgery

The following HSS Spring 2010 education programs/classes will be offered to help patients understand and manage their pain.

Spring 2010 Programs include

Neck and Back Pain in Women

Posture Program

Gentle Yoga to Ease Arthritis.

T'ai Chi Chih

Gentle Yoga for Wellness
Stretch Yoga for Older Adults
Better Balance for Older Adults

The link below will take you to the HSS Spring 2010 Calendar of Public Health Programs for additional details.

http://www.hss.edu/files/spring10_edprogram_FINAL.pdf

TRIPLL Spring Researcher Networking Lunches

TRIPLL will be hosting lunchtime networking meetings at Weill Cornell Medical College, Cornell Ithaca, Columbia University, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center and the Hospital for Special Surgery. The goal of these meetings is to introduce researchers with a focus or interest in pain in older adults to TRIPLL and to help researchers across disciplines learn about one another's work. Stay tuned for upcoming meeting dates.

American Pain Society Annual Meeting

May 6-8, 2010 Baltimore, MD

http://www.ampainsoc.org/meeting/annual_10/

American Academy of Pain Management Annual Meeting

September 21-24, 2010 Las Vegas, NV

http://www.aapainmanage.org/conference/Registration%20FormV10_14_09.pdf

Funding Opportunities

Aging-Related Funding:

Deadline: February 16, 2010

Critical Illness and Injury in Aging (R03)Program

URL:<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files>

/PA-10-043.htmlType of Scientists Funded: Junior Faculty, Administrator, Senior Scientist/Faculty Program

Description:This funding opportunity announcement (FOA) encourages Small Research Project Grant (R03) applications proposing to study mechanisms and management of critical illness and injury in aging. Studies may be mechanistic, observational, or interventional in nature. Secondary analyses of existing datasets, such as from large observational studies or clinical trials, may be proposed. Animal studies are appropriate in cases where human studies are not feasible.

This FOA will utilize the National Institutes of Health Small Research grant mechanism (R03) and runs in parallel with a FOA of identical scientific scope, PA-10-042, that encourages applications under the R01 Research Project grant mechanism, and PA-10-044, that encourages

applications under the R21 Exploratory/Developmental grant mechanism. This FOA also runs in parallel with an FOA of similar scientific scope, PA-10-045, which encourages applications under the R34 clinical trial planning grant mechanism.

Pain-Related Funding:

Deadline: February 16th, 2010

Program Name: Mechanisms, Models, Measurement, and Management in Pain Research (R03) Program

URL: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-10-008.html> Type of Scientists Funded: Junior Faculty, Administrator, Senior Scientist/Faculty Program

Description: The purpose of this funding opportunity announcement (FOA), Mechanisms, Models, Measurement, and Management in Pain Research, issued by the National Institute of Nursing Research, in conjunction with members of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) Pain Consortium as listed above, is to inform the scientific community of the pain research interests of the various institutes and centers (ICs) at NIH and to stimulate and foster a wide range of basic, clinical, and translational studies on pain as they relate to the missions of these ICs. New advances are needed in every area of pain research, from the micro perspective of molecular sciences to the macro perspective of behavioral and social sciences. Although great strides have been made in some areas, such as the identification of neural pathways of pain, the experience of pain and the challenge of treatment have remained uniquely individual and unsolved. Furthermore, our understanding of how and why individuals transition to a chronic pain state after an acute insult is limited. Research to address these issues conducted by interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary research teams is strongly encouraged, as is research from underrepresented, minority, disabled, or women investigators.

Other Funding Opportunities

Deadline: February 16, 2010 DANONE requests applications for the Young Investigator Grant for Probiotics Research. Two annual grants of \$50,000 each will contribute to the advancement of probiotics and gastrointestinal microbiota research as they relate to health and disease. Young investigators who are senior fellows with a committed faculty appointment or an early faculty member within five years of their first appointment are eligible to apply. Research must be conducted in the United States. Application procedures and additional details on the

program can be found at www.probioticsresearch.com.

Deadline: February 16th, 2010 Department of Health and Human Services. National Institutes of Health Proteomics in Auditory Developmental and Disease Processes (R21)

This funding opportunity announcement (FOA) supersedes the previous National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders program announcement, Proteomics in Auditory Developmental and Disease Processes (PA-06-366). This FOA will use the National Institutes of Health Exploratory/Developmental (R21) grant mechanism and runs in parallel with an FOA of identical scientific scope that uses the R01 mechanism, PA-09-228. The total project period for an application submitted in response to this funding opportunity may not exceed 2 years. Direct costs are limited to \$275,000 over a 2-year period, with no more than \$200,000 in direct costs allowed in any single year.

Deadline: February 16th, 2010 Department of Justice. NIJ FY 2010 Research and Development on Forensic Crime Scene and Medicolegal Death Investigations

The National Institute of Justice (NIJ) seeks proposals for research and development to enhance forensic crime-scene examination and medicolegal investigations. Proposed projects may focus on, but are not limited to, (1) crime-scene examination, (2) medicolegal death investigations, (3) forensic pathology, (4) forensic anthropology, (5) forensic odontology, and (6) fire-scene analysis. In fiscal year 2010, priority will be given to research that focuses on new or improved forensic tools and technologies that will allow for the detection and identification of evidence at a crime scene: (1) tools and technologies to assist the forensic pathologist and medicolegal death investigator in determining the cause and manner of death; (2) research and development into the use of forensic virtual autopsy as a tool in postmortem examination; (3) studies in forensic taphonomy to better estimate time since death; (4) research into the cause and manner of suspicious pediatric deaths; (5) forensic studies on the physics of wounding as related to trauma analysis; and (6) updated forensic morphometric standards to better assess the biological profile of unidentified human remains. Applications will be submitted through the Office of Justice Programs (OJP's) Grants Management System. GMS is a Web-based, data-driven computer application that provides cradle-to-grave support for the application, award, and management of grants at OJP. NIJ funding for an individual research or development project rarely exceeds \$500,000

annually, though total funding for projects requiring multiple years to complete has exceeded \$1 million in some cases. If feasible, NIJ recommends that applicants divide the proposed work into discrete phases, with each phase resulting in the delivery of a measurable deliverable. Applicants should try to structure the phases so that the funding required in any fiscal year will not exceed \$500,000. Applicants should be aware that the total period for an award, including one that receives additional funding, ordinarily will not exceed 3 years. A grant made by NIJ under this solicitation may account for up to 100% of the total cost of the project.

Deadline: February 26, 2010 THE ROBERT WOOD JOHNSON FOUNDATION seeks applications for its Clinical Scholars Program. The two-year fellowship program provides rigorous training in clinical and health services research, health policy, and community-based health research. Under the guidance of mentors, scholars will conduct two or more independent clinical research projects. Eligible applicants are physicians who have completed residency. Surgeons can also apply during their first year of residency. The fellowship is offered at four sites: the University of California, the University of Michigan, the University of Pennsylvania, and Yale University. Please visit <http://rwjcsp.unc.edu/> for more information.

Deadline: March 15th, 2010
Request for Applications (RFA) Number: RFA-OD-10-005.

This NIH Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA), supported by funds provided to the NIH under the American Recovery & Reinvestment Act of 2009 ("Recovery Act" or "ARRA"), Public Law 111-5, solicits through this limited competition applications from domestic (United States) institutions/organizations proposing to develop and implement critical research innovations in one or more of the following five thematic areas:

Applying Genomics and Other High Throughput Technologies

Translating Basic Science Discoveries into New and Better Treatments

Using Science to Enable Health Care Reform

Focusing on Global Health

Reinvigorating the Biomedical Research Community

Title: Recovery Act Limited Competition: NIH Director's Opportunity for Research in Five Thematic Areas (RC4)

Deadline: April 5th, 2010 Department of Health and

Human Services. National Institutes of Health Novel Tools for Investigating Brain-derived GPCRs in Mental Health Research (SBIR [R43/R44])

This funding opportunity announcement (FOA) encourages Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) grant applications from small-business concerns that propose to develop technologies and approaches (i.e., novel ways to use new or existing technologies) that will enable researchers to study the structure and/or function of brain localized G-protein-coupled receptor proteins and/or potentially identify novel selective and specific agonists/antagonists to these receptor subtypes, with a focus on mental health function or dysfunction, including HIV-related neurocognitive disorders. Technologies and approaches aimed at known receptor subtypes or orphan receptors would be of potential interest to the National Institute of Mental Health. This FOA will utilize the SBIR (R43/R44) award mechanisms for Phase I, Phase II, and Fast-Track applications. Phase I awards normally may not exceed \$100,000 total for a period normally not to exceed 6 months. Phase II awards normally may not exceed \$750,000 total for a period normally not to exceed 2 years. For this funding opportunity, budgets up to \$350,000 total costs per year and time periods up to 2 years for Phase I may be requested. Budgets up to \$550,000 total costs per year and up to 3 years may be requested for Phase II. Deadline: 2010-04-05; 2010-08-05; 2010-12-05

Deadline: April 15, 2010

The Whitehall Foundation, through its program of grants and grants-in-aid, assists scholarly research in the life sciences. The Foundation is currently interested in basic research in neurobiology, defined as follows: Invertebrate and vertebrate (excluding clinical) neurobiology, specifically investigations of neural mechanisms involved in sensory, motor, and other complex functions of the whole organism as these relate to behavior. The overall goal should be to better understand behavioral output or brain mechanisms of behavior.

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Palm Beach FL 33480

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Web URL: <http://www.whitehall.org/>

Deadline: April 27, 2009

American Recovery & Reinvestment Act of 2009

Overview of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA). The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) was signed into law by President Obama on February 17th, 2009. It is an unprecedented effort to jumpstart our economy, create or save millions of jobs, and put a down payment on addressing long-neglected challenges so our country can thrive in the 21st century. The Act is an extraordinary response to a crisis unlike any since the Great Depression, and includes measures to modernize our nation's infrastructure, enhance energy independence, expand educational opportunities, preserve and improve affordable health care, provide tax relief, and protect those in greatest need.

NIH Small Research Grant Program (Parent R03)Program URL:<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-10-064.html> Type of Scientists Funded: Junior Faculty, Administrator, Senior Scientist/Faculty Program Description:The National Institutes of Health (NIH) Investigator-Initiated Small Grant (R03) funding opportunity supports small research projects that can be carried out in a short period of time with limited resources. Investigator-initiated research, also known as unsolicited research, is research funded as a result of an investigator submitting a research grant application to NIH in an investigator's area of interest and competency. All investigator-initiated small grant applications described in this announcement will be assigned to NIH institutes and centers (ICs) according to standard Public Health Service referral guidelines and specific program interests. Investigators are strongly encouraged to consult the list of participating ICs and special research interests. The R03 grant mechanism supports different types of projects including (1) pilot and feasibility studies; (2) secondary analysis of existing data; (3) small, self-contained research projects; (4) development of research methodology; and (5) development of new research technology. The R03 is intended to support small research projects that can be carried out in a short period of time with limited resources.

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Behavioral and Integrative Treatment Development Program (R03)Program URL:<http://grants.nih.gov>

</grants/guide/pa-files/PA-10-011.html> Type of Scientists

Funded: Junior Faculty, Administrator Program

Description: The purpose of this funding opportunity announcement (FOA) for R03s is to encourage early career investigators or investigators who are striving to make a shift in their research to propose discrete, well-defined projects that can be completed within 2 years with limited resources. Projects of interest fall within the research domain of behavioral, combined, sequential, or integrated (behavioral/pharmacological) (1) drug abuse treatment interventions, including interventions for patients with comorbidities, in diverse settings; (2) interventions to prevent the acquisition or transmission of HIV infection among individuals in drug abuse treatment; (3) interventions to promote adherence to drug abuse treatment, HIV and addiction medications; and (4) interventions to treat chronic pain. Specific examples include: 1) Stage I pilot or feasibility studies; 2) secondary analysis of existing data; 3) small, self-contained research projects; 4) development of research assessments or methodology; and 5) development of new research technology.

Stay tuned for the launch of our new website **tripll.org** in February!

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