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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

TRIPLL Announces 2010 Pilot Grant Awardees

TRIPLL is delighted to report that we have selected four grantees for 2010 TRIPLL pilot awards. The grantees are Dr. Richard Lin from Weill Cornell Medical College, Dr. Tien Dam from Columbia University, Dr. Amy Lowery from Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, and Dr. Anthony Ong from Cornell Ithaca. The investigators will implement their projects over the next year. The funded proposals are:

- Dr. Richard Lin: Systemic Barriers of Inpatient Pain Management for the Elderly
- Dr. Tien Dam: Impact of Pain on the Development of Frailty
- Dr. Amy Lowery: A Survey of Older Pain Patients
- Dr. Anthony Ong: Chronic Pain and Adult Hypothalamic-Pituitary-Adrenal (HPA) Function: Exploring Resilience and Vulnerability Factors in a National Sample

TRIPLL received 8 high quality proposals from across its partner institutions. Investigators not funded in this round are eligible to participate in TRIPLL's investigator development program.

TRIPLL plans to work closely with interested investigators over the next year to help them further develop their research ideas and proposals.

Allison Slutter Joins TRIPLL as an Assistant Director

Allison Slutter, MSW, joined TRIPLL last month as Assistant Director. Allison has extensive experience working with the elder services community. She will work with TRIPLL on a part-time basis and continue to serve as Special Projects Coordinator at New York City's Council of Senior Centers and Services. Over the next few months Allison will be giving presentations about TRIPLL at elder service agencies around NYC and will coordinate the TRIPLL Community Advisory Committee meeting this fall. If you have questions for Allison, please contact her at: als2053@med.cornell.edu.

Cornell Human Ecology Magazine Profiles TRIPLL

The Cornell University Human Ecology Magazine edition on Translational Research profiled TRIPLL in its May 2010 issue. The magazine reported on TRIPLL's translational efforts in areas like cognitive-behavioral therapy for pain management through community outreach and the pilot studies program. The article described how TRIPLL directly links research findings to real-world practice.

To see the full article, click here: <http://www.human.cornell.edu/che/Outreach/upload/HE-Magazine-Spring-2010.pdf>
The article begins on page 12.

TRIPLL-Visiting Nurse Service of NY Pilot Study

Dr. Kathy Beissner, a professor at Ithaca College and a TRIPLL pilot grantee, described her TRIPLL-Visiting Nurse Service of New York physical therapy pilot study in Ithaca Action News. Dr. Beissner's work connects older community members receiving physical therapy at home with cognitive behavioral therapies. Dr. Chris Murtaugh, a TRIPLL co-investigator spearheads the VNSNY arm of the project. VNSNY physical therapists enrolled in the program are taught cognitive-behavioral methods to help their patients deal with pain during physical therapy sessions. The research team is currently analyzing the results of their pilot study with the long term goal of helping older adults better manage their pain.

To read the story and see a short interview click here: <https://ithacaactionnews.wordpress.com/2010/04/23/helping-the-elderly-get-past-their-pain/>

Mayday Fund Releases Palliative Care Grantmaking Snapshot Report

The Mayday fund, a leading funder of pain management research, released its Palliative Care Grantmaking Snapshot Report. The report details the state of palliative care medicine, goals for palliative care development and opportunities for philanthropy in the field. The Mayday Fund's needs assessment has resulted in three distinct areas for development. These areas include 1) increasing palliative care training, 2) providing treatment across diverse settings and 3) increasing access to key personnel.

To read the Mayday Fund's full report click here:

<http://www.fundpallcare.org>

[/PDF/Palliative_Care_Grantmaking_Snapshot_Report.pdf](http://www.fundpallcare.org/PDF/Palliative_Care_Grantmaking_Snapshot_Report.pdf)

Upcoming Events

The following list includes upcoming seminars, meetings, and conferences that focus on aging, pain, or general research methods

Weill Cornell Medical College

Dr. Cary Reid to Speak at Weill Cornell Spine Center

July 20th, 2010

4:00 to 5:00 p.m

Weill Cornell Medical College, M 218

Open to hospital staff

Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center

65+: Sexuality and the Older Cancer Patient

Tuesday July 13, 2010

10:30 AM to 12:00 PM

Chris Nelson, PhD

Psychiatry Department

Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center

This program is open to patients, caregivers and Memorial Sloan-Kettering staff.

Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center

1275 York Avenue

Room M-107

New York, NY 10065

No registration is required.

For more information, please call 646-888-4741.

Hospital for Special Surgery

Components of physical/social and psychological assessment of the elderly patient

September 27, 2010 (9a)

Richard Menschal Lecture Hall -2nd floor HSS

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The NINR Pain Methodologies Boot Camp

Monday, July 19 to Friday, July 23, 2010

A one-week intensive research training course at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) in Bethesda, Maryland, sponsored by the National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR). The course is administered by the Foundation for Advanced Education in the Sciences (FAES) as one of the Bio-Trac programs. The Pain Boot Camp provides a foundation in pain methodology for use in research. The purpose of the course is to increase the research capability of graduate students and faculty. The course will feature lectures by distinguished guest speakers, classroom discussion, and laboratory training. The course is provided by the NINR at no cost. Attendees are required to pay for housing, food, and transportation expenses incurred during program participation.

<http://www.ninr.nih.gov/Training/TrainingOpportunitiesIntramural/painbootcamp>

The AGS' online Continuing Medical Education program

"Pharmacologic Management of Persistent Pain in Older Persons," is now up and running. The free program, which offers 1 AMA PRA Category 1 credit, focuses on AGS' 2009 guideline, Pharmacologic Management of Persistent Pain in Older Adults, and is based on this year's popular annual meeting session examining how to implement the guideline. The program includes Power Point presentations by session moderator Bruce A. Ferrell MD, and by presenters Keela Herr, PhD, RN; James D. Katz, MD; and Perry G. Fine, MD. The CME program, which takes roughly an hour to complete, will be available through June 21 of next year.

American Academy of Pain Management Annual Meeting

September 21-24, 2010 Las Vegas, NV

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

The 9th International Conference on Urban Health

October 27-29, 2010 in New York, NY.

Deadline for abstract submission: 23:59 EDT, May 31, 2010

Organizers of the conference encourage academics, professionals, members of non-profit organizations, policymakers, community members, and individuals from the private sector of diverse backgrounds and disciplines to submit an abstract.

This year's theme, Good Governance for Healthy Cities, was chosen to showcase the importance of governance in creating healthy cities and improving the health of urban populations, as

well as the social and public health policies that are required to address these issues.

Submit abstracts through www.isuh2010.org

Funding Opportunities

Pain-Related Funding:

NIH Blueprint for Neuroscience Research Grand Challenge on the Transition from Acute to Chronic Neuropathic Pain (R01)

Request for Applications (RFA) Number: RFA-DE-11-002

Purpose. This FOA is issued as an initiative of the NIH Blueprint for Neuroscience Research. The Neuroscience Blueprint is a collaborative framework through which 16 NIH Institutes, Centers and Offices jointly support neuroscience-related research, with the aim of accelerating discoveries and reducing the burden of nervous system disorders.

The goal of this FOA is to facilitate research collaborations between pain scientists and non-pain neuroscientists with expertise in neuroplasticity in order to study biological mechanisms underlying the transition from acute to chronic pain. These collaborations will capture insights and expertise from disciplines where transitions from health to disease have been extensively examined. The purpose of this FOA is to encourage submission of multi-PI grant applications that propose highly collaborative, multidisciplinary research projects addressing neuropathic pain conditions. An expected outcome of this FOA will be the formation of partnerships between pain researchers and non-pain neuroscientists to develop new collaborations focused on understanding the maladaptive neuroplastic changes that occur during the transition from acute to chronic neuropathic pain.

Funds Available and Anticipated Number of Awards. The participating Neuroscience Blueprint Institutes intend to commit \$5 million in 2011 to fund approximately 7-10 awards in response to this FOA. Awards issued under this FOA are contingent upon the availability of funds and the submission of a sufficient number of meritorious applications.

<http://neuroscienceblueprint.nih.gov>

Centers of Excellence for Research on CAM (CERC) for Pain (P01)

Request For Applications (RFA) Number: RFA-AT-10-002

Letters of Intent Receipt Date: July 13, 2010

Application Receipt Date: August 13, 2010

Earliest Anticipated Start Date: April 2011

Purpose. The purpose of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is to support and enhance research on the application and use of promising complementary/alternative/integrative medicine (CAM/IM) modalities or approaches in the setting of chronic pain. Specifically, this FOA encourages applications for Centers comprised of three or four synergistic, R01-comparable projects by multidisciplinary research teams focused on the basic, mechanistic, and/or translational research questions that must be addressed in order to better understand the optimal application and use of CAM/IM interventions for treating or ameliorating chronic pain.

A new version of the paper PHS 398 application form and instructions (revised 6/2009) must now be used. Download the new application form and instructions from <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/forms.htm>
<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-AT-10-002.html>

Spinal Cord Injury Research Program (SCIRP) to promote research into regenerating damaged spinal cords, arthritis research, and improving rehabilitation therapies that offer real promise for enhancing long-term care of wounded soldiers. This program is administered by the U.S. Army Medical Research and Materiel Command (USAMRMC) through the Office of the Congressionally Directed Medical Research Programs (CDMRP). A summary of SCIRP funding opportunities is provided below. Detailed descriptions of each of the funding opportunities, evaluation criteria, and submission requirements can be found in the FY10 SCIRP Program Announcements. Each Program Announcement is available electronically for downloading from the Grants.gov website (<<http://www.grants.gov>>) and the CDMRP eReceipt System (<<https://cdmrp.org>>).

Submission Deadlines:

Clinical Trial Award- Rehabilitation

Pre-Application: August 5, 2010

Application (Invited): December 1, 2010

Investigator-Initiated Research Award

Pre-Application: August 5, 2010

Application (Invited): December 1, 2010

Qualitative Research Award

Pre-Application: August 5, 2010

Application (Invited): December 1, 2010

Translational Research Partnership Award

Pre-Application: August 5, 2010

Application (Invited): December 1, 2010

Department of Defense Neurofibromatosis Research

Program

Deadline ongoing

Funding Opportunities for Fiscal Year 2010

The Fiscal Year 2010 (FY10) Defense Appropriations Act provides \$13.75 million to the Department of Defense Neurofibromatosis Research Program (NFRP) to find and fund the best research to eradicate the clinical impact of neurofibromatosis (NF) and Schwannomatosis. This program is administered by the US Army Medical Research and Materiel Command through the Office of the Congressionally Directed Medical Research Programs (CDMRP).

The FY10 NFRP encourages proposals that specifically address critical needs of the NF community in the following areas:

Complications of neurofibromatosis with high mortality such as neoplasms and cerebrovascular abnormalities; Complications of neurofibromatosis with high morbidity such as skeletal maladies, learning deficits, hormone-associated effects, and pain; Refinement and standardization of imaging techniques, molecular and cellular markers, and quality of life metrics for use in future clinical trials; Translational research such as the development or preclinical testing of therapeutic agents for the treatment of neurofibromatosis.

FY10 NFRP Program Announcements for proposals in the following mechanisms are anticipated to be posted and available on Grants.gov in January and February 2010. <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-10-006.html>

Rheumatic Diseases Research Core Centers (RDCCs)

Release Date: May 14, 2010

Letters of Intent Receipt Date: July 27, 2010

Application Receipt Date: August 27, 2010

Peer Review Date: January 2011

Council Review Date: May 2011

Earliest Anticipated Start Date: July 2011

Additional Information To Be Available Date (Url Activation Date): Not Applicable

Expiration Date: August 28, 2010 Due Dates for E.O. 12372 Purpose. The National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases (NIAMS) invites applications for Research Core Centers (P30s) in rheumatic diseases. The Rheumatic Diseases Research Core Centers (RDCCs) will provide shared facilities and services to groups of established, currently funded investigators addressing scientific problems in rheumatic diseases, in order to improve efficiency, accelerate the pace of research, and ensure greater productivity.

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-AR-11-001.html>

Aging-Related Funding:

Novel Biomarkers to Accelerate Drug Discovery for Frontotemporal Dementias

Drug discovery for frontotemporal dementias (FTD) has been hindered by the heterogeneity of the disease. FTD specific biomarkers that reflect pathological differences are needed to select appropriate patients for clinical trials and monitor target-specific responses to investigational treatments. The Alzheimers Drug Discovery Foundation (ADDF) and The Association for Frontotemporal Dementias (AFTD) challenge scientists to meet this unmet medical need by submitting applications through this Request for Proposals (RFP).

The ADDF and AFTD are particularly interested in: FTD relevant imaging agents; CSF and plasma based assays; and TDP-43 and tau-focused biomarkers specifically relevant to FTD populations.

ADDF/AFTD will provide grants for one-year duration (up to \$100,000 each) with the possibility of follow-on funding. **REVIEW PROCESS:** The deadline date for applications is September 9, 2010. Submission of a Letter of Intent (LOI) is required at least 2 weeks prior to the applications deadline. Applications will be confidentially reviewed by ADDF and an external Scientific Review Committee, including AFTD scientific advisors. Applications from biotechnology companies will also be reviewed by ADDF's external Business Advisory Board. Award winners will be publicly announced in Spring 2011.

All applications must be submitted electronically at www.alzdiscovery.org. To further discuss scientific or financial aspects of proposals, please contact: Diana Shineman, PhD, Assistant Director for Scientific Affairs
Phone: 212-901-8007

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For more information regarding the application process, please contact: Adam Liebling, Senior Grants Manager
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Other Funding Opportunities:

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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Deadline: Ongoing

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.

Deadline: Ongoing

TRIPLL is an NIH-funded Roybal center that focuses on translational research affecting pain in later life. TRIPLL is a joint project that includes investigators at Weill Cornell Medical College, Cornell Ithaca, The Hospital for Special Surgery, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center and Columbia University. Cary Reid is the Director of TRIPLL, and Co-directors include Karl Pillemer and Elaine Wethington. TRIPLL co-investigators include Thelma Mielenz (Columbia), Chris Murtaugh (VNSNY), Steve Passik (MSKCC), and Laura Robbins (HSS).

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