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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 Pilot Study Grants

The RFP for TRIPLL pilot studies was released on March 8, 2010. TRIPLL's pilot study program is designed to support translational research initiatives focusing on pain and pain management in later life. The application is open to researchers who are eligible to submit independent proposals from one of the participating institutions to include Cornell-Ithaca, Columbia University, the Visiting Nurse Service of New York's Center for Home Care Policy and Research, Hospital for Special Surgery, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, and Weill Cornell Medical College.

Applications are due April 23, 2010 and awards will be announced June 8, 2010. If you have questions about the TRIPLL pilot study program, please contact Professor Elaine Wethington, who directs the TRIPLL pilot study program (ew20@cornell.edu) or Dr. Cary Reid, Director of TRIPLL, (mcr2004@med.cornell.edu).

You can view the RFP via this link: <http://tripll.org/tripll-pilot-studies-rfa/>

New TRIPLL Website: tripll.org

We are excited to report that the first phase of the new TRIPLL website tripll.org is up and running. The homepage is available for viewing on

the web. In the coming weeks, TRIPLL will be uploading its researcher directory, two TRIPLL calendars of events and adding new pages to the site. Larry Clarkberg from KnowledgeTown created the website, and web designer Leda Black created the layout and design. Tripll.org provides information about TRIPLL and about research on pain in later life to pain and aging investigators, to community partners and to older persons with pain. Please check the website at tripll.org for new updates and uploads.

Medical Student to Research Pain in Later Life

This summer, Dr. Cary Reid of Weill Cornell Medical College and Dr. Corinna Loeckenhoff of Cornell Ithaca will work with Alex Port, a Weill Cornell Medical College student, on research about pain and decision making. This TRIPLL funded pilot study will assess for age differences in the joint influence of emotional context and temporal discounting on pain management medical decisions, which she presented at the TRIPLL Work in Progress Seminar in November, 2009.

The student's work is supported by the Medical Student Training in Aging Research (MSTAR) Program, which is a summer medical school student research program administered by the American Federation for Aging Research (AFAR) and funded by The John A. Hartford Foundation, The MetLife Foundation, and The National Institute on Aging. The MSTAR Program provides medical students, early in their training, with an enriching experience in aging-related research and geriatrics, under the mentorship of top experts in the field. Students participate in an eight- to twelve-week structured research, clinical, and didactic program in geriatrics, appropriate to their level of training and interests. MSTAR students present their work at the Annual Meeting of the American Geriatrics Society in National Harbor, Maryland, May 11 - 14, 2011.

CDC Announces National Public Health Agenda for Osteoarthritis

Launched by the CDC and the Arthritis Foundation in February 2010, The National Public Health Agenda for Osteoarthritis (OA) is the first comprehensive national action plan that calls on health care providers, insurers, policy makers, public health agencies and the public to collectively take the steps necessary to reduce the burden of osteoarthritis which places severe limits on daily activity and quality of life for over 27 million Americans.

The overall goals for the next three to five years include:

- 1) Initiate needed research to better understand the burden of OA, its risk factors and effective strategies for intervention, including enhanced surveillance, exploration of early diagnosis and treatment, and the examination of emerging interventions.

- 2) Ensure the availability of evidence-based intervention strategies for all Americans with OA
- 3) Establish supportive policies, communication initiatives and alliances for the prevention and management of OA.

New National Campaign Launched to Fight Arthritis

National Awareness Campaign launched by the Arthritis Foundation, the Ad Council and the American College of Rheumatology aims to empower people with (or at risk for) Osteoarthritis (OA) to take simple steps to reduce pain, increase mobility and help prevent disability caused by OA. This site features the validated OA risk assessment tool: www.fightarthritispain.org

Upcoming Events

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

Weill Cornell Medical College

FREE EndNote Basics Training at the Weill Cornell Medical Library. Don Sechler from Thomson Reuters will teach this introductory course. Learn how to do the following:

Building a library of reference (downloading, importing, and online searching), managing a reference library (creating groups, finding full text, and searching your own library), adding and formatting references in a live Word document using "Cite While You Write," Transferring references to EndNote Web and collaborating using online libraries.

When: Monday, April 12, 2010

Three Sessions: 9:30am-11:00am, 11:00am-12:30pm, or 1:30pm-3:00pm

Where: The Library Computer Room

Please send an email to libeducation@med.cornell.edu to register for a session.

Weill Cornell-HSS Greenberg Academy for Wellness Talk

Dr. Cary Reid will be giving a community presentation on Pain in Later Life, Strategies for Healthy Aging, and Improving Pain Management

When: Tuesday, May 4, 6:30-8:00pm

Where: Uris Auditorium, 1400 York Avenue, Weill Cornell Medical College

The Consortium of NY Geriatric Education Centers

Oral Health: Forgotten Care for Older Adults, FREE - one day training

April 23, 2010, Manhattan VA Medical Center: First Avenue at E 24rd Street -- Room 1500A Atrium

This elective identifies issues relevant to older adults' oral health including: overview of geriatric issues, the oral/ body connection, assessment and management, nursing /dentist collaborations, oral health for frail elders, and best practice in a variety of settings

The program is organized by the Hartford Institute for Geriatric Nursing, NYU, College of Nursing. Expert Faculty from the the NYU College of Dentistry, NYU College of Nursing
FREE BUT ONLINE REGISTRATION REQUIRED:
http://www.nygec.org/index.cfm?section_id=6#elective_81
Contact: Jennifer Griffith, MA
Phone 718-584-9000 X3850
www.nygec.org

Columbia University

Geriatric Mental Health and Quality of Life Improvement (Manhattan, NY) CME Full Day Course

LOCATION:
Columbia University
1255 Amsterdam Avenue
New York, NY 10027
http://www.nygec.org/index.cfm?section_id=6#elective_81
April 09, 2010

Health Promotion and Wellness and Quality of Life Improvement for Culturally Diverse Older Persons (Manhattan, NY) CME Full Day Course

Columbia University School of Social Work
1255 Amsterdam Avenue
New York, NY 10027
Telephone: (212) 851-2300
<http://www.columbia.edu/cu/ssw/>
April 23, 2010

Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center

Grant Writing for Community Based Organizations
Tuesday April 20, 2010
8:30 AM to 12:00 PM
This program is designed to serve as a guide in grant writing for community based organizations. Topics will include proposal writing and budgeting basics. There will also be a demonstration of 'Foundation Directory Online', an online funding research tool.
Speaker(s): Luz Rodriguez NY Training Coordinator, Foundation Center
Audience: Individuals representing a community based organization
Location: Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center
Rockefeller Research Laboratories
430 East 67th Street
Room RRL-104
New York, NY 10065
Contact: Registration is required to attend by Tuesday, April 13th.
Phone: 8-0082, email: cortezj@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

Hip Pain: What are the Causes?

Amar S. Ranawat, MD

Thursday, April 8, 2:00 - 3:00pm

Location: Hospital for Special Surgery 535 East 70th Street, 2nd Floor Conference Room,

Hip pain is a common problem, and there are many causes. It is important to make an accurate diagnosis of the potential condition so that an appropriate treatment can be recommended. This program will focus on common injuries, pain management, and treatment options for hip pain. <http://www.hss.edu/pped.asp>

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:

BLCC Innovative Research Program

Deadline: April 2, 2010

Research funding is available from the BLCC Innovative Research Program. Cornell faculty are eligible to receive small grants of up to \$10,000 in support of their research on life course related issues. The BLCC also offers grant preparation assistance to faculty members who are submitting grants through the center. Center funds (up to \$10,000) are available for faculty with an existing research proposal in hand or one already, or about to be, submitted to an external funding agency. The Innovative Research Project award can be used: (1) to support pilot/feasibility studies that render the larger proposal more competitive, (2) as a matching grant, or (3) as a means of beginning a proposed research program currently being evaluated by a government agency or private foundation.

Applications may be submitted by full-time university faculty and research associates across the university engaged in social science research (visiting scholars excluded). Multidisciplinary teams of investigators are especially encouraged to apply.

http://www.blcc.cornell.edu/resources_funding.html

For more information, contact:

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2010-2011 Health and Aging Policy Fellows

Deadline: April 15, 2010

Background: The HAPF National Advisory Board (NAB) consists of prominent leaders in government, academia, and the private sector who possess expertise and experience in health, aging, and policy issues. NAB members provide guidance for program direction, serve on the Selection Committee, and serve as mentors to fellows. The list of NAB members can be found at

http://www.healthandagingpolicy.org/about/advisory_board.html.

Each fellow is paired with one or more NAB members or another national expert(s) who serve as the fellows primary policy mentor, assisting them in linking with appropriate colleagues and policy makers (both inside and outside

How to apply: The application requires answering the application questions and submitting a CV and one-page biosketch. Three letters of reference are also required.

Funding: Stipends for residential fellows range and are commensurate with each individuals current salary (up to \$120,000).

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Pain-Related Funding:

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 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>

Other Funding Opportunities:

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.

Address: Whitehall Foundation, Inc.

PO Box 3423

Palm Beach FL 33480

E-mail: email@whitehall.org

Phone: 561.655.4474

Fax: (561) 655-1296

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.

Deadline: Ongoing

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](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-10-011.html)

[/PA-10-011.html](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.

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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