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NEWS and Events

- **Research Interest Group** (Previous Funding Opportunities) will be posted on the [ROPH website](#) weekly. Members who sign up for one or more Interest Groups will also receive monthly email updates with newly announced funding opportunities. If you haven't signed up for the Research Interest Group yet, or if you would like to join additional groups, please contact RoPH at phresearch@lsuhsc.edu
- **ERA Enhancements: Changes to Prior Approval, Just-in-Time, and RPPR to be Released Monday, January 26, to Align with New Common Forms Requirements.** Please click [HERE](#) for more details.
 - **Overall Changes for Participants:**
 - All people listed as Senior/Key Personnel or New Other Significant Contributors **must** have a CommonsID and that CommonsID **must** be linked to the ORCID iD they use in [SciENcv](#)
 - All Biographical Sketch and CPOS Common Form documents **must** be created in [SciENcv](#) and certified by the owner of the information
 - When required, all Biographical Sketch and CPOS Common Form documents **must** be uploaded in the PDF format generated by SciENcv.
 - The file name of the PDF may be updated once certified and downloaded from SciENcv. No other alterations may be made to the PDF. Do not [flatten the PDF](#) once certified and downloaded from SciENcv

- **IMPORTANT!** For NIH grant applications due dates on or after January 25, 2026, Common Forms for [Biographical Sketch, Current and Pending \(Other\) Support](#), and [NIH Biographical Sketch Supplement](#) forms must be used ([NOT-OD-26-018](#)).
- **NEW!** For investigators planning to submit an NIH grant application or RPPR on or after January 25, 2026, the ORS will require submission of a [Notice of Intent to Submit an NIH Grant Application Form](#). This form must be submitted **at least 20 days prior to the submission deadline** via email to: aclesi@lsuhsc.edu and jraym2@lsuhsc.edu.
- RoPH will host an NIH Biosketch training session with ORS updates on **Friday, January 23, from 10-11 AM** via [Zoom](#). Please join us to stay up to date on the latest requirements and guidance.
-  **Coffee for Collaboration Series** | Please reserve time to join upcoming Coffee for Collaboration sessions, hosted by various research interest groups:
 - **Jan 23, 2026, 9-10 AM: Environmental Health and Climate Change**
 - **Feb 27, 2026, 9-10 AM: Tech & AI**
 - **March 13, 2026, 9-10 AM: Cancer Research**
 - **March 27, 2026, 9-10 AM: New & Early-Stage Investigator**
 - **April 24, 2026, 9-10 AM: Infectious Diseases and other Chronic Diseases**
 - **August 28, 2026, 9-10 AM: Addiction**
- **Request for Applications:** NCI announces the reissue of the Cancer Intervention and Surveillance Modeling Network ([CISNET](#)) U01 funding opportunity ([RFA-CA-25-032](#)).
 - The CISNET consortium uses simulation modeling to extend evidence provided by trial, epidemiologic, and surveillance data to guide public health research and priorities across the cancer continuum.
 - Open Date (Earliest Submission Date): January 11, 2026
 - Expiration Date: February 12, 2026
 - NOFO Contact: Natasha Stout, PhD (Natasha.stout@nih.gov)

- The LSUHSC SPH Research Office has many resources to support authors with their writing, please visit the [Resources website](#) for more information.
- READ (Research, Evaluation, Analysis, and Design) Center at the LSU School of Public Health (SPH) brings together all SPH faculty, staff, and students to offer comprehensive services supporting research and community health initiatives in Population Health. For more details, please visit our [website](#).

Workshops, Webinars, and Short Courses:

- **NCI Division of Cancer Control and Population Sciences (DCCPS)** recently established the **Paul Fearn Award for Excellence in Data Sharing** to recognize DCCPS-funded investigators who have demonstrated a commitment to and excellence in data sharing. Please join us for a virtual webinar as we honor these awardees and discuss the future of data sharing within the field of population sciences. The webinar will be held on **Thursday, January 22, 2026, from 2-3:30 PM**. [Details](#). [Register](#).
- **CCTS Trial Innovation Network | Strategies for Preventing Fraudulent Participation in Decentralized Clinical Trials with Online Recruitment |** **Wednesday, January 21, 2026, 11 AM - 12 PM**. [Details](#). [Register](#).
- **New TIERS+ Series! The Health Impact of the Exposome: Socio-environmental Factors |** Join us to learn how to build skills for incorporating variables like socio-environmental factors into population health research. Four didactic modules occur monthly on the 4th Wednesday of the month from 12-1 PM. [Details](#). [Register](#).
 - **January 28, 2026, 12-1 PM:** “Concepts, Measures, and Frameworks”
 - **February 25, 2026, 12-1 PM:** “Individual-level Socio-environmental Measures and Resources”
 - **March 25, 2026, 12-1 PM:** “Area-level Socio-environmental Measures and Resources”

- **April 22, 2026, 12-1 PM**: “Integrating Socio-environmental measures and patient data”
- **CCTS Research Orientation Program (ROP)** | Get a high-level overview of implementing clinical studies in this one-session program, including key clinical, regulatory, and financial requirements – ideal for new investigators and research staff. ROP covers key aspects of clinical trials. **Thursday, January 29, 9 AM - 12:30 PM**. [Register](#) by January 23, 2026.
- **NCI Cohort Consortium Webinar Series** | Improving Data Interoperability Across Cohort Studies. **January 27, 2026, 11AM - 12:30 PM**. [Details](#). [Register](#).
- **Tips, Tricks, and Examples of Dissemination & Implementation Science Training Awards** | Join us for the next CCTS ExpeDITions Forum featuring practical insights from training award recipients and mentors, with real-world examples of implementation-focused research. **January 20, 12-1 PM** via Zoom. [More info](#). [Register](#).
- **CCTS Clinical Investigator Training Program (CITP)** | CITP is a concise five-week course focusing on the roles and responsibilities of principal investigators in clinical research, highlighting administrative, and aims to streamline trial activation processes. This program is particularly suited for MDs, DOs, DMDs, and PhDs, emphasizing the duties of investigators in human clinical trials. **Apply by January 30, 2026**. [Details](#).
- **11th Annual LA CaTS Level I Coordinator Training** | The Tulane Center for Clinical Research for presents a comprehensive introductory training covering core concepts in clinical research, including regulatory requirements and best practices for study coordination. This session is ideal for new and returning coordinators and offers opportunities to connect with research professionals across the CCTS Partner Network. Free and open to all; in-person and Zoom attendance available. **Friday, Jan. 30, 2026, 8am-4pm**. [Register Now](#).
- **2026 Southeast Regional CTSA Conference!** | Present your research and connect with regional investigators at Callaway Resort & Gardens, **March 11-13, 2026**, host by the Georgia CTSA with participation from the CCTS and other regional partners. [Learn More](#).

- **St. Jude/PIDS Pediatric Infectious Diseases Research Conference** features leaders in the field of Infectious Diseases and features Pediatric ID Research, Transplant/Immunocompromised Hosts, Infectious Diseases, Career Development and Global Health. [Details](#). [Register](#).
 - Date: **March 4-6, 2026**
 - In-person and virtual registration options are available
 - Trainee career session on March 3 - in person only
 - Abstracts must be submitted by 11:00 PM CT on Sunday, November 16.
 - Accepted abstracts will be notified December 1-8.

 - **OHRP free online human subjects research training program** in 5 lessons with completion certificates for NIH-funded human subjects research, investigators, and key personnel. [Link](#). [Expiration date: 11/30/2026](#).
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