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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.
- NIH Requires Use of the eRA Prior Approval Module for the Submission of ALL Prior Approval Requests ([NOT-OD-26-026](#)). This requirement is effective 30-day from the date of this Notice.
- NIH Removing AIDS Application Due Dates from NOFOs. This policy change is effective for applications submitted for January, 2027 and later Advisory Council Reviews ([NOT-OD-26-029](#)).
- Effective with applications submitted to due dates on or after May 25, 2026, **Basic Experimental Studies in Humans (BESH)** will no longer be considered Clinical Trials by the NIH ([NOT-OD-26-032](#)).
- NIH announces an automatic short-term extension of **Early-Stage Investigator (ESI)** eligibility in response to disruptions caused by the recent lapse in federal appropriations. Investigators whose ESI end date was in September, October, or November 2025 will have ESI status extended through March 31, 2026 ([NOT-OD-26-020](#)).
- NIH announces an automatic short-term extension of **prospective applicants to the NIH Pathway to Independence Award (K99/R00)** in response to disruptions caused by the recent lapse in federal appropriations. This extension is limited to individuals whose eligibility period under the Parent K99/R00 would have ended between September 2025-November 2025. ([NOT-OD-26-021](#)).

- **RoPH** hosted an **NIH Biosketch training session** on **Friday, January 23** via Zoom. If you were unable to attend, please feel free to check out the [recording](#) with passcode: wkT%yR9Q.
- **SPH DELTA OMEGA HONORS DAY POSTER SESSION** | You are invited and encouraged to present a poster on **Tuesday, April 7, from 11:30 AM -1:30 PM**, at **LEC 1st floor** (BSPH students are invited to participate in virtual option).
 - Abstract Submission **Deadline: March 9, 2026, 5:00 PM**
 - You must follow one of the abstract templates. [template 1](#), [template 2](#)
 - As a student, you must work with and list as co-author at least one faculty/staff or other public health professional mentor as a co-author.
 - The work of the top 2 winners will be submitted to the national Delta Omega (national public health honor society) Session.
 - **Email your abstract** or any questions to mcucci@lsuhsc.edu
- **LSU LCMC Health Cancer Center** is now accepting Letters of Intent (LOIs) for the **Cancer Center's Innovative and Catalytic Cancer Research (ICCR)** Program. Pilot awards support short-term, cancer-relevant projects across the research spectrum – basic, translational, clinical, and population science – with strong potential to lead to external funding, high-impact publications, and new collaborations.
 - Open to all Full LSU LCMC Health Cancer Center Members
 - Associate Members and Trainees may participate as co-PIs with a Full Member
 - Key Dates (subject to change)
 - Applications open: **March 9**
 - Full proposals due: **April 24**
 - Award notifications: **Early June**
 - Project start date: **July 1**
 - LOIs must be submitted through [InfoReady](#). [Application Guide](#).
-  **Coffee for Collaboration Series** | Please reserve time to join upcoming Coffee for Collaboration sessions, hosted by various research interest groups:

- **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**
- 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:

- **2026 COERE Methods Symposium** | Updates in Causal Inference Methods | The overarching goal of the Methods Symposium is to provide a general overview and framework for recent developments and novel directions in a health services research methodological area. [Details](#). [Register](#).
 - Date: **Thursday, April 16, 2026, 9AM-1:30 PM**
 - The COERE offers the Symposium in hybrid format.
- The 17th Annual Boshell Research Program | Research Day at Auburn Marriott Opelika Resort & Spa at Grand National | is set for **April 17, 2026**, will bring experts to present current topics related to diabetes and the role of obesity in its development. [Details](#). [Register](#).
 - Deadline for abstract submission: **March 27, 2026**
 - Abstracts should be a maximum of 500 words (Arial 12 pt font)
 - Send abstracts submission via email to juddrob@auburn.edu (Dr. Robert Judd) as a MS Word file.

- **ACTS 2026 Translational Science (TS26)** | Building Trustworthy Translation: Rigor, Reproducibility, and Real-World Impact | taking place **April 20-23** in Milwaukee, WI. [Details](#). [Register](#).
- **11th Annual CCTS Bioethics Forum** | Beyond the Science: Co-Creating Fundable Research with Communities for Lasting Impact | Hosted by Tuskegee University on Thursday, **February 26, 2026, from 8:30 AM – 3:00 PM**. [Details](#).
 - Location: Elevation Convening Center & Hotel | Montgomery, AL
 - This year’s Bioethics Forum is free, but [registration](#) is required
- **NIH Global Cancer Research and Control Seminar Series** | Join us on **Thursday, February 12, 2026, from 9-10 AM** for Dr. Xiao-Ou Shu’s presentation, “*Advancing Cancer Epidemiology Through Global Collaboration*”. [Details](#). [Register](#).
- **Rare Disease Day at NIH** | The National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences (NCATS) will host *Rare Disease Day at NIH* on **Friday, Feb. 27, from 8am-4pm (CT)**. This free event brings together researchers, clinicians, patients, caregivers, and advocates for panel discussions, scientific posters, exhibits, and patient stories highlighting advances in rare disease research and care. Attend in person at the NIH Natcher Conference Center or virtually via live stream. [Details](#). [Register](#).
- **Best Practices for Community Partnerships** | Join us via Zoom on **Thursday, February 5, 12-1 PM** for a panel discussion co-hosted by the CCTS Research Seminar Series and CEI Perspectives. This session will focus on effective strategies for developing and maintaining meaningful community partnerships in research. [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](#).
 - **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”
 - **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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