



School of Public Health

December 8, 2025

NEWS and Events

- **Research Interest Groups** (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.
-  **Congratulations to Dr. Phillipi** for winning a two-year grant from the **Public Welfare Foundation!**
-  **Congratulations to Dr. Yu and Dr. Hossain** for winning the **Wide Intramural Research Program (WIRP) grant!**
- **Research Interest Group Facilitators** | We are pleased to introduce the facilitators for each Research Interest Groups. They will help coordinate group activities, foster collaboration, and support research engagement across the School of Public Health. The Research Office will work closely with each facilitator as we continue building a more connected and collaborative research community.
Thank you to all facilitators for your willingness to serve!
 - Addiction: **Dr. Tung Sung Tseng**
 - Cancer Research: **Dr. Lang Wu**
 - Environmental Health and Climate Change: **Dr. Scott Hemmerling**
 - Infectious Diseases and other Chronic Diseases: **Dr. Susanne Straif-Bourgeois & Dr. Siyi Chen**

- New & Early-Stage Investigator: **Dr. Rachael Reed**
 - Tech & AI: **Dr. Bingjing Mao & Dr. Joonha Chang**
- **NIH** has announced the implementation of Common Forms for Biographical Sketch and Current and Pending (Other) Support for applications with Due Dates on or after January 25, 2026 ([NOT-OD-26-018](#)).
- **NIH** has announced the Research Security Training Requirements for senior/key personnel, effective for applications with due dates on or after May 25, 2026 ([NOT-OD-26-017](#)).
- [NOT-OD-26-019](#) Effective immediately:
 - NIH will no longer request or accept Letters of Intent (LOIs) as part of the application process
 - NIH will no longer require applications requesting \$500,000 or more in direct costs (excluding consortium F&A costs) in any one budget period to contact the funding Institute or Center (IC) before application submission.
- 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:

- **Accelerate Your Research with Real-World Data** | Discover how to access high-quality EHR data to inform your next study at the upcoming *Data 2 Discovery* hybrid workshop, **December 9, 1-4 pm.** [More Info. Register Now.](#)

- **Louisiana NSF EPSCoR** is excited to announce the inaugural **Symposium of the Louisiana Networks of Excellence for Tomorrow (LA-NEXT)**. LA-NEXT seeks to be the point of ignition for a transformation of Louisiana's R&D ecosystem into a cohesive network of networks while expanding the constituencies involved. The first convening of LA-NEXT will be held in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, on **January 8, 2026**. [Details](#).
 - [Register](#) by **January 2, 2026**.
- **December TIERS: Best Practices to Optimize Your LinkedIn Profile** | Join Nikki Sarabat on **Friday, Dec 12, 12-1 PM (CT)** via Zoom to learn actionable tips for building and optimizing your LinkedIn profile to boost career opportunities. [Details](#). [Register](#).
- **December ExpeDITIons Forum: Community-Engaged Approaches in Dissemination & Implementation Science** | Join us for a special edition of the CCTS ExpeDITIons Forum in collaboration with the CEI Perspectives series on **Tuesday, December 16th, 12-1 PM (CT)** via Zoom. [Details](#). [Register](#).
- **NIH Replication Prize** | The National Institutes of Health (NIH), in collaboration with NASA's Tournament Lab, presents the Replication Prize, an \$850,000 challenge to enhance the rigor and reproducibility of biomedical research. The initiative aims to crowdsource innovative ideas and practical strategies to make replication a cornerstone of scientific discovery. [Apply](#) by **December 19th**.
- **CCTS Lunch and Learn** | Don't miss the next quarterly CCTS Lunch & Learn on **December 9th from 11:30 AM – 1 PM** via Zoom. Make sure someone from your team tunes in so that you are aware of the latest, most critical clinical research updates. [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](#).
- **18th Annual Conference on the Science of Dissemination and Implementation in Health** | This year's conference theme will

address our existing and future efforts to maximize the benefits of D&I science. [Register](#) by **December 13, 2025**. [Details](#).

- Date: **December 14-17, 2025**
- Location: Gaylord National | National Harbor, MD
- **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.
- **NLM** released Notice of Pre-Application Technical Assistance Webinar for NLM Grants for Scholarly Works in Biomedicine and Health (G13 Clinical Trial Not Allowed) ([NOT-LM-25-005](#))
 - Date and Time: **Thursday, December 18, 2025, from 12-1 PM**
- Enrolling Now for **Compass**, an NIH-funded Early-career Leadership Development Program. Compass is a remote training and mentoring program for early-career faculty and postdocs across research disciplines who want to develop essential leadership and management skills for the research environment. [Apply Now](#).
 - **Faculty**: 10 weeks, \$2,000; **Postdocs**: 6 weeks, free
 - **Spring** Application Deadline: **December 26**
- **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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