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NEWS and Events

- This will be our **final newsletter** of 2025. We will resume after the New Year. Thank you all for your hard work and continued support throughout the year! Wishing everyone a ✨ **Merry Christmas** ✨ and a 🎀 **Happy New Year** 🎀!
- As we wrap up the year, updates for **Research Interest Groups** will be paused and will resume after the New Year. Previously posted funding opportunities remain available on the [ROPH website](#).
- 🎉 **Congratulations to Dr. Godebo** for winning the **Wide Intramural Research Program (WIRP)** grant!

-  **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 27, 2026, 9-10 AM:** New & Early-Stage Investigator
 - **April 24, 2026, 9-10 AM:** Infectious Diseases and other Chronic Diseases
 - **May 22, 2026, 9-10 AM:** Cancer Research
 - **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 Healthcare Delivery Research Program Upcoming Webinar | SEER-MHOS 2026 Update: Your Guide to the New Data Linkage | Thursday, January 15, 2026, 12-1 PM ET.** [Details.](#) [Register.](#)
- **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 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.**
- **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.
 - **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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