

# LSU Health

## NEW ORLEANS


### School of Public Health

March 16, 2026

#### 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 updates on **Microsoft Teams Channel**. 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](mailto: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,~~ ([NOT-OD-26-033](#)) Instead of requiring all users to change to the use of Common Forms for [Biographical Sketch](#), [Current and Pending \(Other\) Support](#), and [NIH Biographical Sketch Supplement](#) forms by January 25, 2026, we will **extend the leniency period through May 2026**.
- **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](mailto:aclesi@lsuhsc.edu) and [jraym2@lsuhsc.edu](mailto:jraym2@lsuhsc.edu).
- 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.
- 🎉 Congratulations to PhD student Dorcas Adom on her award to attend and participate in the 2026 Kern National Network (KNN) Student Conference at the University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill as one of four students representing LSU!
- You're invited: Biannual Advocacy Forum with Raegan A. Carter of Louisiana Primary Care Association on **Thursday, March 26, from 12:00 – 1:00 PM**, at LEC 303 or Zoom. Ms. Carter will discuss the 2026 Louisiana Legislative Session including fillings, legislator priorities, Public Health priorities, and engagement in the legislative process. [Register](#).
- **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 1<sup>st</sup> floor (BSPH students are invited to participate in virtual option).

- **2026 LCRC Cancer Research Symposium** taking place on **Thursday, May 21** at **Xavier University** of Louisiana | Registration and Call for Abstracts is now open. [Register here](#).
  - This year's symposium will highlight the power of collaboration across LCRC partner institutions, organized around four cross-cutting research themes:
    - Obesity and Metabolism
    - Environmental Exposure (including viruses and lifestyle factors such as tobacco and alcohol)
    - Developmental Therapeutics and Drug Discovery
    - New Approach Methodologies (NAMs) aimed at replacing traditional animal models
    - As part of the registration process, participants will be asked to select two themes to join for round-table discussions.
    - Abstract Submission Deadline: **Friday, April 10, 2026**.
- 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:
  - **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
- **Apply Now: 2026 Health Disparities Research Institute** | The National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities (NIMHD) will host the Health Disparities Research Institute (HDRI) **August 3 – 7, 2026.** [Details.](#)
  - HDRI aims to support the professional development of promising early-stage investigators pursuing careers in minority health and health disparities science, and to stimulate new and interdisciplinary research ideas. The program will feature:
    - Lectures on minority health and health disparities science
    - Seminars and small group discussions
    - Opportunities to directly engage with scientific staff across NIH Institutes and Centers
  - **All applications must be submitted via the HDRI [application portal](#) no later than 5:00 p.m. ET on Friday, April 10, 2026.**
- **NIH New Resources:**
  - [Streamlined Way to Learn About NIH Institutes, Centers, and Offices: Profile Pages | Grants & Funding](#): Explore our new NIH Institute, Center, and Office (ICO) Profiles, a central resource to simplify how applicants and researchers learn about NIH grants and funding information.
  - [Learn Your Letters \(of Reference or Support\) | Grants & Funding](#): Get an overview of reference letters and letters of support: when to use them, who writes them, and what key information you should include for reviewers and NIH staff.
  - [Explore NIH Grant Opportunities | Grants & Funding](#): Use the NIH-specific filters and Search Tips to identify funding opportunities in Grants.gov.
  - [Highlighted Topics | Grants & Funding](#): Selected research priority areas to consider for your next investigator-initiated application.

- 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:

- New CCTS TIERS+ Session: **Best Practices in Mentoring** | Join Dr. Lisa Jackson for a discussion on building effective mentoring relationships that support skill development, career growth, and strong research communities. This session serves as a preview of the upcoming Case Studies in Mentoring series which launches in April. **March 27, 12-1 PM** via Zoom. [Details](#). [Register](#).
- **CEI Perspectives: Discover the Power of Nutrition for Communities** | In recognition of National Nutrition Month, the CCTS Community Engagement Institute invites you to a virtual panel exploring how food access, education, and nutrition strategies can strengthen community well-being. Researchers from Alabama, Louisiana, and Mississippi CEAL teams will share practical approaches and partnerships supporting healthier families and communities. **March 31, 12-1:30 PM** via Zoom. [More info](#). [Register now](#).
- The **National Institute on Aging (NIA)** will host a pre-application technical assistance webinar for individuals interested in applying for the **NIA Expanding Research in AD/ADRD (ERA) R25** Postbaccalaureate and Summer Research Education Program ([RFA-AG-26-010](#) and [RFA-AG-26-011](#)) on **Wednesday, April 8, 2026, from 12:00 – 1:00 PM** ([NOT-AG-26-004](#)). Register [here](#).
- **Advancing Cancer Prevention with Real-World Data** | The CARES Center and UAB SDH Core are launching a new seminar series to explore how socioecological and systemic factors shape cancer outcomes. [Details](#).
  - **Wednesday, March 18, 12-1 PM** – Uncovering Liver Cancer Disparities through Area-Level Mapping of Hunger and Hardship. [Register](#).

- **Thursday, April 16, 11AM – 12 PM** – Linking Colorado All-Payer Claims (CO APCD), Primary Care, & Cancer Registry Data to Advance Prevention & Health Care. [Register](#).
- **Thursday, May 15, 12-1 PM** – From Census to Clinic: Integrating Structural Data into Real-World Health Research. [Register](#).
- **Level Up your Digital Scholarship Skills** | Join a six-part virtual workshop series led by expert librarians to learn how digital tools and methods can enhance your research and scholarly projects. Registration is required for each session. [Details](#).
  - Introduction to Text Analysis – **March 18, 11 AM**
  - Building Interactive Timelines with TimelineJS – **March 25, 11 AM**
- **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 17<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](#).
- **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 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month from 12-1 PM. [Details](#). [Register](#).

- **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”
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- **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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