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School of Public Health

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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 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
- **Request for Information (RFI):** Inviting Comments and Suggests on a Framework for the NIH-Wide Strategic Plan for Fiscal Years 2027-2031 ([NOT-OD-26-047](#)).
- 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 1st floor (BSPH students are invited to participate in virtual option).
- **ECHO Series – Supporting Rural Cancer Survivorship Care** | LCP invites you to join the upcoming ECHO series, a five-session virtual


educational program designed to support rural providers who care for cancer survivors across Louisiana.

- Date: **March 20 through June 5**
- [Registration](#) is free
- Topics include:
 - Creating Sustainable Cancer Survivor Programs
 - Community-Clinical Linkages for Care Coordination and Survivor Support
 - Provider Support & Preventing Provider Burnout
 - Comprehensive Cancer Survivor Care Framework(s)/ Strategies/Programs for Rural Settings
 - Funding Strategies for Optimizing Community Health Work and Patient Navigation

- **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.**

- 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:

- **Research Grant Writing 101**, Free Workshop | This 6-week online course helps biomedical researchers build core grantsmanship skills to develop clear, competitive proposals. Led by experienced grant consultant Sarah Dobson, the program includes video lessons, weekly guidance, and expert support. Course begins **March 30th**. [More info](#). [Register now](#).
- **25th Annual Rural Health Conference and 2026 AI Innovation Summit**. [More Info](#).
 - 25th Annual Rural Health Conference: AI and Resilience: Empowering Rural Healthcare. [Register](#).
 - This conference is co-located with ALABAMA AI INNOVATION SUMMIT: AI Operating Systems & Knowledge Infrastructure.
 - Hybrid Event: Bryant Conference Center, Tuscaloosa, AL or Virtual. [Register](#).
 - Date: **April 9th**
- 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](#).
 - **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](#).
 - 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 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](#).
 - **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](#).
 - **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”
 - **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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