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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
- 🎉 **Congratulations to Dr. Donna Williams and colleagues** who received notice of funding for the proposal submitted for the **LACaTS Community Scholars Program** titled "Exploring Cancer Survivorship in Rural Louisiana".
- **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).
- [NOT-OD-26-064](#) | NIH has announced a major update to its **late application submission policies**. **Continuous Submission** will be discontinued after August 10, 2026, and late submission allowances are now more limited.
- [NOT-OD-26-058](#) | NIH seeks public input on a **Proposed Clinical Trial Specific Application Form** designed to streamline investigator-initiated clinical trial applications. All comments must be submitted

electronically on the [submission website](#). Responses must be received by 11:59:59 pm (ET) on April 17, 2026.

- **Workshop for Scientific Writing and Grantsmanship** for faculty, trainees, and members in DIO and Cancer Center. Your participation is strongly encouraged! [Details](#).
- **Proposal Writing-related seminar at LSUHSC: [Research Café](#)**
 - **April 14, 12-1 PM** – Preparing and Submitting IRB Applications
 - **May 12, 12-1 PM** – Basics of Submitting Extramural Fellowship Applications
 - **June 9, 12-1 PM** – Basics of Submitting Extramural Career Development Awards
 - **July 14, 12-1 PM** – Preparing Ancillary Documents (RCR, Biohazards, Authentication of Key Resources)
- **Dr. Omeed Moaven organizes a Translation Research Seminar series, [zoom](#) every Wednesday, at 5 PM.**
- **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**.

-  **Coffee for Collaboration Series** | Please reserve time to join upcoming Coffee for Collaboration sessions, hosted by various research interest groups:
 - **April 24, 2026, 9-10 AM**: Infectious Diseases and other Chronic Diseases
 - **August 28, 2026, 9-10 AM**: Addiction
- The Research Office and faculty recently met with **Dr. Constans, Director of ORS**, to discuss the office's vision and strategic priorities. A summary of the discussion is available [here](#).
- **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:

- **17th Annual Boshell Research Day** | Join leading experts from across the U.S. for a full day of presentations on **diabetes** and the role of **obesity** in its development, featuring keynote, plenary, and banquet speakers. **April 17, 2026**, at Auburn Marriott Opelika Resort & Spa at Grand National. Students and postdocs attend free. [Details](#). [Register](#) by April 10.
- **CCTS Research Orientation Program (ROP)** | Get a high-level overview of implementing clinical studies in this one-session program, including key clinical, regulatory, and financial requirements – ideal for new investigators and research staff. **Thursday, May 28, 9 AM – 12:30 PM**. [Register](#) by May 22, 2026.
- **CCTS Expeditions: Use of RE-AIM/PRISM** | Discover how implementation science frameworks are applied in real-world research to guide study design, evaluation, and translation into practice. **April 21, 12-1 PM**. [Details](#). [Register](#).
- **Advance AI in Research & Medicine: AI Summit + ATTIS 2026** | Explore the evolving role of artificial intelligence across two back-to-back events. **In Person Event in UAB**.
 - [AI Summit](#) (**May 4**) features keynotes, panels, and demonstrations highlighting real-world applications and fostering new collaborations among UAB faculty. [Register](#) by April 27.
 - [ATTIS 2026](#) (**May 5**) focuses on “**AI in Precision Medicine**”, showcasing advances in personalized care and data-driven discovery. [Register](#) by April 30.
- **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**

- 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](#).
- **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**~~
- **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](#).

- **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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