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Summary

In the **News and Events** section, we have added recent NIH updates on Data Management and Sharing (DMS) Plan requirements, including the elimination of DMS Plan requirements for K awards. We have also included new NIH research opportunities, the Real-World Evidence Innovation Challenge, and several Requests for Information (RFIs) on research administration and emerging research priorities.

In the **Workshops, Webinars, and Short Courses** section, we have added several upcoming NCI workshops, NIH informational webinars, research training programs, and conferences covering topics such as cancer research, AI, clinical and translational science, and research methods. We have also included the upcoming October Research Seminar featuring Dr. Angelico Mendy.

News and Events

- NEW NOT-OD-26-100 | **NIH Data Management and Sharing (DMS) Plan Requirements**– NIH has updated its DMS Plan format requirements for new applications and existing awards.
    - Applications submitted on or after May 25, 2026, must use the updated format.
    - Transitioning to the Updated DMS Plan Format

-  NOT-OD-26-120 | **Accelerated Implementation of Data Management and Sharing Plan Changes for NIH Career Development (K) Awards.**
    - Effective immediately, NIH no longer requires Data Management and Sharing (DMS) Plans for active, pending, or future K awards

-  **NIH Highlighted Topic: Immune Mechanisms for Disease Prevention** | NIH encourages research on immune-based mechanisms to prevent diseases, including cancer, infectious diseases, and autoimmune disorders. Research may focus on strengthening immune responses and developing preventive strategies.
    - Expiration Date: August 27, 2028
    - More information

-  **NCI Cancer and Alzheimer's Disease InterseCtion (CADIC) Forum** | This virtual forum will explore the association between clonal hematopoiesis and Alzheimer's disease, along with NCATS resources for advancing translational research.
    - October 22, 2026, 12:00-1:30 PM ET (Virtual)
    - Register for the CADIAC Forum

-  **NIH Highlighted Topic: Building Health through Multidomain Resilience Research from Molecules to Communities: Mechanisms, Measures, and Biomarkers** | NIH encourages interdisciplinary research on resilience mechanisms, measures, and biomarkers to promote health and well-being across populations, including prevention and recovery from chronic and acute diseases.
    - More information

-  **NIH Real-World Evidence Innovation Challenge** | NCATS invites researchers to submit reproducible analytic methods for real-world clinical data, with $6 million in total prizes.

    - Registration deadline: February 2, 2027.
    - Phase 1 submission deadline: March 26, 2027.
    - Learn more.

- NEW NOT-OD-26-118 | **Request for Information: Opportunities to Reduce Administrative Burden in NIH Extramural Research.**
    - NIH seeks recommendations to simplify grant application, administration, and reporting processes.
    - Responses due: December 8, 2026.

- NEW NOT-MH-26-090 | **Request for Information: Strategies to Advance RAPIDs and Real-World Evidence for Serious Mental Illnesses and Related Brain Disorders.**
    - NIMH seeks input on research methods, clinical infrastructure, and real-world data strategies to evaluate rapidly acting psychiatric interventions.
    - Responses due: November 9, 2026, at 11:59 PM ET.

- NEW NOT-GM-26-012 | **Request for Information: Timing of Submission of Prior Approval Requests for IDeA Program Post-Award Projects.**
    - NIGMS seeks feedback on proposed submission timelines to improve the efficiency of post-award project approvals.
    - Comments due: December 4, 2026.
- NEW October Research Seminar | Outdoor Radon, Uranium Particulates, and Lung Cancer by dr. Angelico Mendy
    - October 27, 2026, 12:00 – 1:00 PM
    - LEC 303

- **Research Cafe** | SoM COREs
    - **October 13, 2026, 12:00 PM**
    - **CSRB 366**

- **NIMHD SCHARE Whole-Person Chronic Disease Disparities Data Science Grand Challenges**

- Three challenges:
  - Reimagine data integration and computations. Registration Deadline: Nov 23,2026 Details.
  - Build and validate digital twins and synthetic populations. Registration Deadline: Feb 19, 2027. Details.
  - Create smart devices and sensing technologies. Registration Deadline: Dec 18,2026. Details.
- Each challenge offers a total prize purse of **$1 million, distributed** across multiple awards and phases.
- Explore the Grand Challenges and register to participate

- **TigerShark | LSUHSC High-Performance Computing Resource**
  - Newly built high-performance computing resources available to LSUHSC investigators, faculty, staff, students and collaborators.

- **Call for Papers: The Qualitative Dimensions of Translational Science** | The Journal of Clinical and Translational Science invites manuscripts demonstrating how qualitative and mixed methods approaches inform action and improve translational research.
  - Submissions are due: May 31, 2027

- **CCTS Clinical & Translational Science Pilot Program** | The CCTS Partner Network invites applications for pilot projects addressing barriers to translating research into improved health and healthcare delivery.
  - Pre-application due October 19, 2026, at 5 PM CT.

- The 4th annual Dr. Joseph M. Moerschbaecher III **Graduate Research Day**
  - **November 12 & 13, 2026**
  - Lions Building, 1st floor

- Access Health Donor Blood Samples Through the UAB Healthy Donor Cohort | Investigators across the CCTS Partner Network can request fresh blood samples from the UAB Healthy Donor Cohort, which includes more than 1,100 healthy adult volunteers.

    - External investigators must provide institutional IRB approval and may receive fresh samples or use CCTS SPAN processing services.
    - Submit a request

- OMH Drive is Now Live | The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Office of Minority Health (OMH) is pleased to announce the launch of the **Data Resources and Integrated Visualization Ecosystem Dashboard (DRIVE)** – a user-friendly data visualization tool designed to help better understand non-medical drivers of health across populations and geographic locations.

- NOT-OD-26-113 | Request for Information: Draft NIH Policy on Sharing Summary Level Study Results with Clinical Research Participants
    - Comments will be accepted until October 26, 2026

- **The 21st ADACE Scientific Meeting** | The LSUHSC Alcohol & Drug Abuse Center of Excellence and Louisiana Cancer Research Center invite you to attend this co-sponsored event: **Alcohol Efforts on Cancer Risk & Progression. Register**
    - Monday, December 7, 2026, from 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM
    - HDC 130

- NOT-OD-26-112 | Request for Comment: Draft NIH Biosafety Policy for Research Involving Biohazards.
    - Responses will be accepted through October 19, 2026

- NOT-OD-26-088 | Request for Information on Proposed Changes to Reporting Outcomes from NIH Peer Review.
    - Comments should be received by October 13, 2026.

- NIH All of Us Research Program | First-Ever Access to All of Us Biospecimens | X01 Resource Access Award to analyze de-identified serum, plasma, and genomic DNA from the All of Us Biobank. Details. PAR-27-069.
    - The award provides biospecimen access, not research funding
    - Application Deadline: **Oct 30, 2026**

- **Faculty Interests Database** | To foster interprofessional collaboration across schools within LSU Health New Orleans, please take a few minutes to add or update your profile, share your interests and expertise in the LSUHSC Faculty Interests Database. Instructions.

- **Planning to Submit a Grant Application?**
  Please visit our **Grant Application Procedure** website for information and resources related to the grant application process, including the **ROPH Grant Application Form**, the **ORS Notice of Intent (NOI) Form**, **grant application procedures**, and other **helpful grant preparation guidance**. We strongly encourage faculty and investigators to use this webpage as a central resource when planning or preparing an upcoming grant application.

- The LSUHSC SPH Research Office has many resources to support research, 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:

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NCI Cancer Neuroscience and Symptoms Virtual Workshop | This workshop will explore the neurological mechanisms underlying cancer-related symptoms, identify potential molecular targets, and

discuss strategies to prevent and treat cancer symptoms and long-term complications.
    - November 16–17, 2026 (Virtual)
    - Register Now.

-  NCI Workshop on Artificial Intelligence (AI) for Innovative Imaging Probes and Nanomaterials | This workshop will explore AI applications in developing cancer-targeted imaging probes and nanomaterials, accelerating clinical translation, and promoting collaboration among AI, imaging, and nanomedicine researchers.
    - October 29–30, 2026
    - Register Now.

-  **NCI Virtual Workshop** | Translating RNA Insights into Precision Radiation Oncology
    - November 4 & 5, 2026, 12:00 – 4:00 PM
    - Register Now.

-  **GIDEON (Global Infectious Diseases and Epidemiology Online Network) Demonstration** | LSUHSC Libraries will host a demonstration of its newly acquired GIDEON resource, which provides daily updates on global infectious disease outbreaks, drug treatment options, pathogen profiles, and tools for disease identification and data analysis. The resource also includes CME, lesson plans, and eBooks.
    - **Date:** **Wednesday, October 14, 2026**
    - **Time:** 12:00 PM (CT)
    - **Location:** Online via Zoom
    - Register

-  **LSU Health School of Nursing – Research Round Series (2026-2027)** | Monthly research webinars covering publication, grant writing, research methods, and research compliance.

    - October 14, 2026, 12:00–1:00 PM: Choosing the Right Journal & Reporting Guidelines (EQUATOR): CONSORT, STROBE, PRISMA, COREQ.
    - Join via Zoom

-  2027 Southeast Regional Clinical & Translational Science Conference
    - March 10–12, 2027, Callaway Resort and Gardens, Pine Mountain, GA.
    - Abstract submission deadline: November 9, 2026.

-  Alabama Summit on Addiction and Pain 2026
    - November 2–3, 2026.
    - Poster abstract submission deadline: **Oct 14, 5:00 PM**
    - Register by **October 14**.

-  Alzheimer's Disease Research Center Symposium
    - November 5, 2026, 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM
    - Marnix E. Heersink Conference Center, Birmingham, AL.
    - Register or Submit a Poster.

-  **2027 Clinical & Translational Science Training Program (CTSTP)** | A six-month program covering clinical trials, study design, biostatistics, ethics, and implementation science.
    - January–June 2027, Wednesdays, 8:00–10:00 AM, via Zoom.
    - Application deadline: November 13, 2026.
    - More information.

-  **Epic Research Info – CCTS Research Seminar Series (RSS)**
    - October 15, 2026, 12:00–1:00 PM, via Zoom.

-  **Friday Fellows: Grow Your Research** | Presented by Gabriela Oates, PhD.

    - October 16, 2026, 8:00–9:30 AM.
    - Hybrid event.

- NEW **PowerTalk Seminar Series** | Neil Sarkar, PhD, MLIS, FACMI, FAMIA.
    - October 16, 2026, 10:00–11:00 AM, via Zoom.

- NEW CCTS TIERS | **Know the Data: Navigating EHR Data for Research**
    - **October 16, 2026, 12:00–1:00 PM**, via Zoom.
    - Register.

- NEW NOT-AI-26-004 | **NIH Informational Webinar: Implementation Science to Advance HIV Prevention, Treatment, and Care.**
    - NIAID and participating NIH offices will discuss RFA-AI-27-018 and answer questions from prospective applicants.
    - October 19, 2026, 1:30–3:00 PM ET. Register.

- NEW NOT-OD-26-115 | **NIH Webinar: Supporting a Safe and Respectful Workplace at NIH-Funded Institutions.**
    - NIH leadership will discuss recent requirements concerning workplace harassment, bullying, retaliation, and investigations involving senior/key personnel.
    - October 21, 2026, 10:00 AM ET, via NIH VideoCast.

- NEW NOT-OD-26-117 | **NIH Research Evaluation and Commercialization Hubs (REACH) Informational Webinar.**
    - NIH SEED and NIGMS staff will explain funding opportunity RFA-OD-27-009 and answer questions from prospective applicants.
    - **October 14, 2026, 1:00 PM ET**. Register.

- CCTS Mock Study Section | Observe NIH peer review and learn what reviewers look for in grant applications. Register.
    - R01 Review: **October 13, 1:00–2:30 PM**
    - K Grant Review: **October 22, 1:00–2:30 PM**

- **CCTS Research Training Program (RTP)** | a free, in-depth program covering essential areas of research, featuring key leaders over six sessions.
    - Tuesday, October 20 – December 1, 1:00 – 4:30 PM
    - Register for RTP by October 13, 2026, at 5 PM

- Register Now for the **2026 CCTS Translational Science Symposium**! Details.
    - **October 28-30** at Lodge at Gulf State Park
    - Registration closes at **5 PM on October 16, 2026**
    - Call for poster submission closes on October 13,2026
    - Three-Minute Thesis (3MT) submissions: October 13, 2026

- NISS AI, Statistics & Data Science in Practice Webinar Series this Fall 2026. Register for Full Series on Zoom.
    - Time: **11:00 AM – 12:30 PM**
    - October 20, 2026: Steve Sain, Jupiter Intelligence
    - November 20, 2026: AI Advancing Business for ROIs, Outcomes, and Impact
    - December 15, 2026: Quantifying and Correcting Measurement Error in LLM-Generated Classifications

- NIGMS Information Webinar | Instrumentation Grant Program for Resource-Limited Institutions (RLI-S10)
    - Date: Wednesday, October 21, 2:00 – 3:30 PM
    - Microsoft Teams link: https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/248749923063272?p=Xle40Ug1ESvVjD7jPz

- New Format for Research Orientation Program (ROP) | Combines five self-paced online modules with a required interactive live session.
    - Start anytime, complete the coursework
    - Attend the next live session on October 22

- NIGMS Information Webinar | NIGMS Biomedical Technology Optimization and Dissemination (BTOD) Centers Program
    - Wednesday, October 28, 2026
    - 2:00 – 3:30 PM
    - Microsoft Teams: https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/29801579923460?p=1SemByN6ihyA8vIC0p

- NIGMS Information Webinar | Basic Biomedical Predoctoral T32 Training Programs
    - Date: Thursday, October 29, 2026, 1:30 – 3:00 PM
    - Microsoft Teams link: https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/299023624879748?p=pPcDKSPXvLoxvOC8Hm

- The NCI Office of Data Sharing presents the **Fourth Annual Data Sharing Symposium** | Data to Discovery: Leveraging Cancer Data in the "Real World"
    - Day 1: Thursday, November 5, 2026, 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM
    - Day 2: Friday, November 6, 2026, 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM
    - Location: Hybrid – NCI Shady Grove and Virtual (**Registration** required)

- CCTS Grant Writing Intensive (GRIT) Program
    - Spring application cycle:
        - Application Due: November 30 at midnight

- **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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