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Summary

In the **News and Events** section, we have added our upcoming Pizza for Collaboration event on October 29. Join us for a lunchtime gathering featuring research presentations and opportunities to connect with colleagues!

In the **Workshops, Webinars, and Short Courses** section, we have added the DBIDS PowerTalk seminar on ophthalmology big data, the 19th Annual Conference on the Science of Dissemination and Implementation in Health, and a CCTS ExpeDITIons Forum on applying implementation research in practice.

News and Events

- NEW **Pizza for Collaboration** | October 29, 2026, 12:00 – 1:00 PM, LEC 309

- October Research Seminar | Outdoor Radon, Uranium Particulates, and Lung Cancer by dr. Angelico Mendy
  - October 27, 2026, 12:00 – 1:00 PM
  - LEC 303

- **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

- **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.

- **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

- **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

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

- 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

- **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.

- **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.

- **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.

- **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

- 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**

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

- **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:

- NEW DBIDS PowerTalk | An Overview of the Sight Outcomes Research Collaborative (SOURCE) Ophthalmology Big Data Consortium.
    - October 23, 10 – 11 AM
    - Register

- NEW The 19th Annual Conference on the Science of Dissemination and Implementation in Health (DIS Conference)
    - December 13–16
    - Gaylord National in National Harbor, Maryland
    - Register by **Friday, October 23** for the early rate

- NEW CCTS ExpeDITIons Forum: **Put Implementation Research into Practice** | explore applications of the Consolidated Framework for Implementation Research (CFIR) through presentations on diabetes prevention in an academic health system and the impact of funding cuts on HIV prevention services in Uganda.
    - Date: October 20, 12 – 1 PM
    - Register

- 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

- 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.

- 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

- 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

- CCTS Mock Study Section | Observe NIH peer review and learn what reviewers look for in grant applications. Register.

    - K Grant Review: **October 22, 1:00–2:30 PM**

- 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

- 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.

- 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)

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

- **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.

- 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.

- 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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