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### Scientific Editing and Research Communication Core

## Funding opportunities that support diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility (DEIA) in research

Several funding opportunities are available to support a diverse research workforce at all career levels, from high school students to faculty. Below is a sampling of research and mentor training opportunities offered by the National Institutes of Health (NIH), the National Science Foundation (NSF), and private foundations.

### NIH

The NIH is committed to promoting diversity in the extramural scientific workforce. Here are some examples of current initiatives to support their mission:

- **[Diversity Supplements](#)**
  - Administrative supplements that provide funding for eligible students, postdoctoral fellows, and investigators
  - [Eligible candidates](#) include individuals from underrepresented groups, from disadvantaged backgrounds, or who need accommodations for a disability to continue their research.
  - Offered by multiple Institutes and Centers (ICs) for 70+ grant types
  - Application deadline: [Varies by IC](#)
- **[DEIA Mentorship Supplements](#)**
  - Administrative supplements that recognize the important role of mentorship in building a diverse scientific workforce
  - Offered by multiple ICs for several grant types, including career development, training, cooperative, and Research Project Grants (R01)
  - Application deadline: Feb. 16, 2024

- **Additional NIH Opportunities**

- [Collaborative Program Grant for Multidisciplinary Teams \(RM1\)](#)
- [Research with Activities Related to Diversity \(ReWARD\) R01](#)
- [Diversity R01 for New and "At-Risk" Investigators](#)
- [Maximizing Opportunities for Scientific and Academic Independent Careers Program \(MOSAIC\) \(K99/R00 & UE5\)](#)

## NSF

The NSF supports DEIA efforts through many of its funding mechanisms and encourages investigators to talk to their program officer about supplements for existing projects. Two NSF programs are:

- **[ADVANCE: Organizational Change for Gender Equity in STEM Academic Professions](#)**

- Provides grants to enhance the systemic factors that support equity and inclusion and to mitigate the systemic factors that create inequities in the academic profession and workplaces
- Preliminary proposal deadline: April 25, 2024

- **[Research Experiences for Undergraduates \(REU\)](#)**

- Supports active research participation by undergraduate students in any of the areas of research funded by the NSF
- Full proposal deadline: August 21, 2024
- Learn more by attending the upcoming panel discussion, [Charting Success: Perspectives from NSF REU Recipients](#)

## Private Foundations

Several private foundations offer DEIA-related funding, including:

- **[Simons Foundation Autism Research Initiative \(SFARI\) Supplement to Enhance Equity and Diversity \(SEED\)](#)**

- Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis until all supplements have been awarded.

- **[American Heart Association: 2024 Research Supplement to Promote Diversity in Science](#)**

- The 2024 application deadline was January 17; look for the next funding announcement Summer 2024.

The SERCC provides editing services to help you submit a successful grant proposal. [Email us](#) or [visit our website](#) to learn more or to schedule a project.

Heather Widmayer and the SERCC team

## Other opportunities:

### Have a question about writing grants or research articles?

[Contact us](#) and we will answer it in a future newsletter.

### Iowa Mentoring Academy: Spring Session for Junior and Senior Faculty

8 Sessions: Wednesdays, January 31–March 27 | 12:15–1:00 PM | Zoom

Effective mentoring is key to growing our translational science workforce. The Institute for Clinical and Translational Science (ICTS) is leading an initiative to implement the Iowa Mentoring Academy. Although registration for the Spring 2024 session is currently full, you can email [jamie-thrams@uiowa.edu](mailto:jamie-thrams@uiowa.edu) to be added to a waiting list.

[More information](#)

### 2024 NIH Grants Policy Updates

January 31 | 12:00–1:30 PM CST

The NIH is kicking off 2024 with an opportunity to hear what's new and in development within NIH programs and policies. Join compliance and system policy experts from the NIH Office of Policy for Extramural Research Administration (OPERA) for the latest policy updates and how your institutions may be impacted. Participants will have an opportunity to ask questions about new and existing policies during the live Q&A.

[More information and to register](#)

### CDMRP Unveiled: A Panel Dive into Successful DoD Medical Research Funding

February 6 | 10:00–11:00 AM | Zoom

An engaging session that will demystify the DoD CDMRP journey and empower you to make a lasting impact in the world of medical research. This panel session will provide an opportunity to hear from four accomplished award recipients regarding their experience with the application process, need-to-know information, plus much more.

[More information](#)

[Register](#)

### Broader Impacts/Research Impacts Seminars

February 9, 23, and March 8, 22, and 20 | 9:00–11:00 AM

The Training Team from the NSF-supported [Advancing Research Impact in Society \(ARIS\)](#) organization will conduct five interactive virtual workshops on Broader Impacts, one of two criteria considered in NSF proposals. Broader impacts relate to

how the proposed research will “benefit society or advance desired societal outcomes” and is increasingly used as the differentiator between which excellent proposals to fund or not.

[More information](#)

[Register here](#)

### **University of Iowa Research Foundation Technology Commercialization Series**

February 8 | 3:00–4:30 PM | [Disclosure and Intellectual Property \(IP\)](#)

March 7 | 3:00–4:30 PM | [Licensing and Commercialization](#)

These classes are designed to give faculty, staff, and students an introduction to the commercialization process from invention disclosure through post-licensing.

Participants will gain a better understanding of how to approach innovation and how UIRF gets their ideas to the market, by licensing to an existing company or a start-up. Each class is independent of the others, and participants do not need to be currently working with UIRF to join. Classes are discussion-based, and participants are encouraged to bring questions.

[More Information](#)

### **Maximizing Pivot to Find Funding and Collaborators**

February 19 | 2:00–3:00 PM | [Zoom](#)

Do you want to maximize your time spent searching for funding opportunities or potential project collaborators? Learn how Pivot can save you time and effort in identifying the right funding opportunities for your research as well as identifying collaborators with the relevant expertise.

[More information](#)

[Register here](#)

### **Charting Success: Perspectives from NSF REU Recipients**

March 5 | 12:00–1:00 PM | [University Capitol Centre \(UCC\)](#)

The UI [Office of Undergraduate Research \(OUR\)](#) and [Research Development Office \(RDO\)](#) are hosting a panel session featuring recent awardees of the NSF REU program, including both Sites and Supplement funding.

[More information](#)

### **Webinar on the Simplified Review Framework for Research Project Grants at NIH**

NIH is implementing a simplified review framework for the majority of research project grants with receipt dates of January 25, 2025, and beyond. This webinar provides a high-level overview and answers questions regarding the changes in the new framework.

[Access the recording](#)

[Visit the website](#)

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