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## AOTF Updates: Farewell from Dr. Gibbs

I hope this message finds you all well. We are living in interesting times. Yet, often challenges bring about changes that lead us to growth. I want to share that this is my final Research Resources here at the Foundation. My new role will be the Vice President of Practice Engagement and Capacity Building at AOTA. It is my desire to continue supporting the growth and impact of our field. Thank you for your volunteering, encouraging emails, participation in our surveys, and simply your support! I look forward to interacting with you all in my new capacity. Please consider the position of the [Scientific Programs Officer](#) here at AOTF.



In closing, please find our COVID-19 statement below regarding research activities during this time. I trust you all will continue to be well and strive to advance the evidence in occupational therapy.

### COVID-19 Guidance for AOTF Researchers

AOTF is closely monitoring the impact of COVID-19 on Foundation sponsored projects. The evolving nature of this situation may affect performance and completion of active grant awards. Investigators may require extensions of project deadlines and submission of grant required documentation. We will consider extensions, on a case-by-case basis, for investigators unable to meet a proposal deadline due to COVID-19 related disruptions. Principle Investigators should contact the Foundation at [Research@aotf.org](mailto:Research@aotf.org) for assistance if a COVID-19 related extension or protocol revisions are needed. **Recently awarded grants, targeted to initiate in July 2020, may request a delayed start date.**

Please include a letter with your request and revised timeline. We acknowledge that timeline revisions may be difficult to determine and might need revisiting. For specific submission details, refer to the [AOTF Grant Guidelines](#).

**Modifications to Human Subject Research:** Restrictions to human subject research may apply depending on location, subject population, and risks/benefits to the participant population and federal and local policies. In the context of the COVID-19 epidemic, changes to research protocols may require prior IRB review and approval. Such safety-related changes may include procedures to minimize potential exposure to COVID-19 through adopting recognized health and safety measures or altering the delivery of study interventions that may directly benefit subjects.

Principle Investigators should work with their institutions for guidance regarding protocol deviations and/or amendments. Such changes to research protocols must be submitted to AOTF as outlined in the [Grant Guidelines](#) to include a request in writing along with amended IRB approvals.

If you are unsure if and how your project may be impacted, refrain from making any requests until having further knowledge of your specific needs. Please prioritize the safety and well-being of yourself and all parties involved.

## *OTJR: Occupation, Participation and Health*

OTJR, published quarterly by AOTF, offers original peer-reviewed research articles of professional interest to the practicing OT with a focus on occupation and fostering inter-disciplinary research. OTJR is now indexed in MEDLINE/PubMed. [Download current, past, and future OTJR articles.](#)

The 2018 OTJR's impact factor has increased to 1.234, and the 5-year impact factor is now 1.478.

### **Top 3 Most Downloaded OTJR Articles in 2019:**

- [The Effect of Sensory Integration Therapy on Occupational Performance in Children With Autism](#), Hülya Kayihan, Babak Kashefimehr, Meral Huri.
- [Occupational Justice Moral Imagination, Critical Reflection, and Political Praxis](#), Evelyne Durocher, Elizabeth Anne Kinsella.
- [Executive Function Measures for Children: A Scoping Review of Ecological Validity](#), Anna Wallisch, Lauren M. Little, Winnie Dunn, Evan Dean.

## Doctoral, Postdoctoral, and Research Training Opportunities

### Fellowships at Northwestern University

Open fellowship positions in the Integrated Fellowship Program in Health Services Research at Northwestern University.

### Online Training Modules Designed to Provide Quality Healthcare for Persons with Disabilities

The Ohio Disability and Health Program offers online training modules that are designed to increase the capacity of health care providers to provide quality healthcare for persons with disabilities. Part I: Persons with Physical and Sensory Disabilities (WB2695) and Part II: Persons with Developmental Disabilities (WD2564) trainings present various disability issues, serving to strengthen participants' competence in physical/sensory and developmental disabilities are approved for continuing education by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for health professionals in multiple areas.

### Rehabilitation Research Career Development Program (RRCD) -- NIH K12 Positions

The goal of the program (presented by UTMB with UF and USC) is to provide OTs and PTs (with postdoctoral or related research experience) with the skills and research experience necessary to become independent investigators and future academic and scientific leaders in their professions. Scholars will receive mentored training in. Send any questions or requests to: [rehab.info@utmb.edu](mailto:rehab.info@utmb.edu)

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## Grants and Funding Opportunities

### New! AOTF & MJFF Occupational Therapy in Parkinson's Disease Intervention Research Grant

### OAR Applied Research in Autism Grant Pre-Proposal Due Date: March 30, 2020

### NCMRR Early Career Research Award (R03 Clinical Trial Optional).

Application deadline is March 30, 2020.

### Community Care Corps Proposals: Innovative Local Models to Provide Volunteer Non-Medical Assistance to Older Americans, Persons with Disabilities, and Family Caregivers

Applications being accepted.

### Pathways to Prevention Workshop Program "Can Physical Activity Improve the Health of Wheelchair Users?"

Rescheduled for Fall 2020 at NIH's Natcher Conference Center.

### National Advisory Board on Medical Rehabilitation Research (NABMRR) Meeting

May 4-5, will also be videocast.

NEW: NIDILRR is posting its FY 2020 grants forecast in the Grants.gov database at <https://www.grants.gov>. To identify NIDILRR opportunities, use the search terms NIDILRR or

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The National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences (NCATS) Is Soliciting Applications for Upcoming Funding Opportunities

NCATS has two funding opportunities open for small business biotech entrepreneurs and researchers under the Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) and Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) programs.

National Artificial Intelligence Research Institutes Funding Opportunity

NIH Grants and Contracts

Additional Funding Sources

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## News and Resources

NIMHD Loan Repayment Program

Network of Patient Safety Databases (NPSD)

Boston Rehabilitative Impairment Study of the Elderly (Boston RISE), 2009-2014 (ICPSR 37045)

ACRM Webinar Library

MentorSpace - a new free resource from SAGE Publishing

New CDC funding will expand knowledge about children with autism spectrum disorder

NIH News and Links

- [Update on NIH's efforts to address sexual harassment in science](#)
  - [Biosketch help](#)
  - [Revised NIH Grant Policy Statement for 2019](#)
  - [New Video Provides Overview of New NIH Policies on Human Subjects Research and Clinical Trials](#)
  - [NIH Grant website](#)
  - [Advice from NIH on resubmitting grant applications](#)
  - [Mentored Research Scientist Development Award \(Parent K01\)](#)
  - [NIH Pathway to Independence Award \(Parent K99/R00\)](#)
  - [Independent Scientist Award \(Parent K02\)](#)
  - [Midcareer Investigator Award in Patient-Oriented Research \(Parent K24\)](#)
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## Conferences and Calls for Papers

2020 AOTA Education Summit - October 16-17 in St. Louis, MO

Call for papers deadline is April 19. This conference is for OT/OTA educators.

2020 Children & Youth Specialty Conference - December 4-5 in Orlando, FL

Call for Papers: April 6th to May 7th.

2021 AOTA Annual Conference & Expo - April 8-11 in San Diego, CA

Call for Papers: May 6th to June 10th.

2020 OT Summit of Scholars (June 19 - 20, 2020, Colorado State University | Fort Collins, CO)

Preceded by the 5th Annual AOTA/AOTF Summer Institute for Future Scientists, June 18.

Save the Date: NIH Rehabilitation Research (Oct. 15-16, 2020, Bethesda, MD)



Have a scholarly opportunity for us to share to continue building the evidence in OT? Submit us your request.  
(Please note: Paid positions and the like would require purchase of advertising placements)

### **Announcement Request**

AOTF is a 501(c)(3) dedicated to advancing the science of occupational therapy to support people's full participation in meaningful life activities. Read more about AOTF and its activities to *Build Evidence to Improve Practice and Health* at [www.aotf.org](http://www.aotf.org).

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