New Year New Initiatives: AOTF Announces a New Grant Opportunity!

Greetings and Salutations,

The New Year brings about resolutions and goals. As we enter into this new decade, the Foundation is committed to expanding partnerships to further advance the evidence to improve practice and health.

To launch 2020, the American Occupational Therapy Foundation and The Michael J. Fox Foundation (MJFF) for Parkinson's Research have partnered to offer a two-year $100,000 intervention research grant. This inaugural funding will support projects with a specific focus on the investigation of Parkinson’s disease (PD) and OT intervention as well as provide a blueprint for future Foundation partnerships. We encourage qualified OT researchers to apply.

This funding allots seed money to lay the necessary groundwork for larger follow-on studies. Past AOTF funding proves such outcomes as 93% of grantees receive federal funding following their grant project. For example, Erin R. Foster, PhD, OTD, MSCI, OTR/L, Washington University School of Medicine, received one of the first IRG awards (2014) for her study, Feasibility and Optimization of a Cognitive Intervention for Parkinson Disease. Dr. Foster has since disseminated her findings through various outlets. She continues to receive funding through NIH such as her current R21 award which provides follow-on funding for her AOTF IRG study. To highlight her work, I am providing some of the resources produced from her various research initiatives. (Resources)

To find more information regarding the AOTF/ MJFF IRG grant procedures, please look out for additional announcements on our website AOTF.org.

I would like to close with two more announcements. Join me in congratulating the following awardees:

The inaugural, Dr. Gary Kielhofner Doctoral Research Scholarship in Occupational Therapy Awardee, 2020, is Dominique Como, PhD student at the University of Southern California, Chan Division of Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy. Title: Exploring the Occupation of Oral Health in African American Families

Dominique will examine the oral care occupations in an under-served African American (AA) population. The findings will be pivotal to informing future research projects that help mitigate health disparities for AA children. This project is significant to occupational therapy because it explores the particularities of routines, while also considering the influence of the cultural contexts, family and child attitudes, performance patterns, and systemic restrictions on the activity.

The Nedra Gillette Endowed Research Fellowship Awardee, 2020, is Anna Wallisch, PhD from the University of Kansas and Juniper Gardens Children's Project. Title: Extreme Eating Behaviors in Young Children With Autism: Understanding Autonomic Responses During Mealtime
Dr. Wallisch's study will provide preliminary data on potential biomarkers that may be used to assess intervention effectiveness and parent-child interactions during mealtime. She anticipates this project will increase child participation during mealtime and reduce health consequences and strong parental anxiety associated with extreme eating behaviors.

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**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.

Add these sessions to your 2020 AOTA Conference agenda:

March 25 | Boston
AOTF Pre-Conference Institute
*Manuscript Writing and Reviewing Academy*

March 26 | Boston
AOTF *OTJR* Short Course
*Advances in Technology to Enhance Manuscript Writing and Publishing*

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**Doctoral, Postdoctoral, and Research Training Opportunities**

**Butler-Williams Scholars Program**
Are you a late post-doc looking for a career in aging research? Or a junior faculty member looking to expand your career options? If you answered “yes” to either of these questions, then the time is now to apply for the 2020 NIA Butler-Williams Scholars Program! Held yearly in late July/early August. The program is presented over five days at the NIH campus in Bethesda, Maryland.

**Advanced Rehabilitation Research Training Program**
The University of Michigan Advanced Rehabilitation Research Training Program in Community Living and Participation (U-M ARRT-CP) is accepting applications for two full-time two year post-doctoral positions through January 31, 2019.

**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.

**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

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**Grants and Funding Opportunities**

**NAM Healthy Longevity Catalyst Awards**
Deadline is Feb. 24.
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 93.433

NCMRR Early Career Researcher R03 has been reissued as PAR-20-042
The next due date is March 30, 2020.

The National Center for Advancing Translations Sciences (NCATS) is soliciting applications 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

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)

Resources for Common Data Elements

NIH Common Data Elements (CDE) Initiatives:

Overview Webinar:

NIH CDE Repository:
https://cde.nlm.nih.gov/


Article on CDE:
Conferences and Calls for Papers

Pacific Rim International Conference on Disability & Diversity (March 2-3, 2020, Honolulu, Hawaii)

Pathways to Preventions Workshop: Can Physical Activity Improve the Health of Wheelchair Users? March 30-31, 2020
Register for this free workshop on the NIH Main Campus.

AOTA Annual Conference & Expo (March 26-29, 2020, Boston, Massachusetts)
The largest gathering of OT professionals in the world features educational and poster sessions, exceptional speakers, and an Expo Hall filled with the latest products and opportunities. Pre-Conference Institutes take place on March 25.

3rd NCI Symposium on Cancer Health Disparities (April 16-17, 2020, Bethesda, MD)
Deadline to submit an abstract is Friday, January 31st.

Registration for the 2020 OT Summit of Scholars is now OPEN! (June 19 - 20, 2020, Colorado State University | Fort Collins, CO)
Abstract submissions will close on February 29 with notifications of acceptance in mid-March. 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)

References and Links:

References Related to Erin J. Foster Grant


