Greetings to Research Resource Colleagues!

Almost daily, headlines worldwide feature immigration and the challenges that result for the immigrant population and the receiving countries. The discourse in the US is particularly volatile at present. As someone who has a great interest in genealogy and discovering my ancestors, it becomes glaringly apparent that all in the US come from immigrant stock, a fact that those in the US should not easily forget. Even the "Native American" population were immigrants from Asia through Beringia, a land bridge that existed during the ice ages, more than 15,000 years ago. The shared experiences of immigrants can span the spectrum from overwhelmingly difficult to incredibly enriching, and probably everywhere in between. As the newly immigrant population seeks to assimilate, participate in their community, and contribute to their new homeland, OTs can play an important role in helping with the transition. This month we highlight the topic of The importance of occupation in relation to immigrants.

Cheers.

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CEO

The Importance of Occupation in Relation to Immigrants


Join the AOTF team and develop, implement, manage, and evaluate the Foundation’s scientific programs.

Grants and Funding Opportunities

Enhancing Coastal Community Resilience and Well-Being in the Gulf of Mexico Region

The Gulf Research Program seeks to help bridge the gap between the knowledge and practice of community resilience. They seek approaches that will advance information exchange between resilience researchers and those that seek to implement policies and practices to enhance the resilience and well-being of their communities. Projects should directly involve and benefit residents of the Gulf coast who are affected by stressors associated with climate change, severe weather, or chronic impacts of environmental degradation.

Examples of topics and questions that align with the aim of this Request for Applications (RFA) include:

- Local and regional economies
- Social determinants of health
- Environmental change
- Place, culture, and ways of life
- Regional human impacts of offshore oil and gas operations

Total funding available: $10 million
Award duration: Up to 36 months
Letter of Intent due: September 19, 2018

US Department of Health and Human Services Grants

Search the grants.gov website for up to date information on grants that are available. Learn about how to apply for NIH grants.

Selected NIH Grants:

- [Grants on obesity prevention and diabetes](#)
- [NIH Directors New Innovator Award Program](#) (DP2 - Clinical Trial Optional) (RFA-RM-18-008)
  Application Receipt Date(s): September 10, 2018
- [NIH Directors Transformative Research Award](#) (R01 - Clinical Trial Optional) (RFA-RM-18-009)
  Application Receipt Date(s): September 21, 2018.
- [NINDS Research Program Award](#) (R35 Clinical Trial Optional)
  (RFA-NS-18-032)
  Application Receipt Date(s): July 13, 2018
- [NINDS Research Education Opportunities](#) (R25 Clinical Trial Not Allowed) (PAR-18-782)
  Application Receipt/Submission Date(s): August 27, 2018, August 27, 2019, August 27, 2020.
- [Congressionally Directed Medical Research Programs](#) (CDMRP) include:
  - Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy Research Program (DMDR)
  - Investigator-Initiated Research Award
  - Autism Research Program
  - Clinical Trial Award
  - Clinical Translational Research Award
  - Idea Development Award
- NIDILRR proposes to fund two [Disability and Rehabilitation Research Projects](#) of three years each to conduct research on opioid use disorder among people with disabilities. Each grant will be funded up to $500,000 per year for three years. Topic of interest includes 1) Prevalence estimates and patterns of opioid use disorder treatment among people with disabilities; 2) Factors associated with increased risk for opioid use disorder; 3) Factors associated with improved access to treatment for opioid use disorder; 4) Interventions that contribute to improved outcomes; and 5) Effects of government policies and programs on access to treatment for people with disabilities who have opioid use disorders.
  Informational Call: 6/14/2018
  Letter of Intent deadline: 6/28/2018

Doctoral, Postdoctoral, and Research Training Opportunities

[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:

- Aging & geriatric rehabilitation (UF, USC, UTMB)
- Neuroscience & neurorehabilitation (UF, USC, UTMB)
- Muscle biology, exercise, physical activity, musculoskeletal rehabilitation (UF, USC, UTMB)
- Biomedical imaging & engineering, virtual reality, assistive technology (UF, USC)
- Developmental disorders, pediatric rehabilitation (UF, USC, UTMB)
- Health services, prevention, wellness, health disparities, community integration, quality of life research (UF, USC, UTMB)
- Chronic pain, cognitive rehabilitation, behavioral and psychosocial support (UF, USC, UTMB)

Send any questions or requests to: rehab.info@utmb.edu

Postdoctoral Fellowship in Multiple Sclerosis Research - Johns Hopkins University
The overall goals of this two-year postdoctoral research Fellowship funded by the National MS Society and Johns Hopkins Dept. of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation are to:

1. Train clinician-scientists who will go on to be leaders in the advancement of rehabilitative strategies for people with MS.
2. Equip trainees with the skills needed to become independent, grant-funded investigators.

This program will provide clinical and research training in MS-related rehabilitation science, For more information, contact Meghan Beier.

Publications

Participants to this workshop sponsored by the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine (November 2017) explored effective use of technologies as tools for bridging identified gaps within and between health professions education and practice in order to optimize learning, performance and access in high-, middle-, and low-income areas while ensuring the well-being of the formal and informal health workforce.


Vital Directions for Health and Health Care: Revisiting the Priorities One Year Later
On March 21, 2017, the National Academy of Medicine released its capstone publication in the Vital Directions for Health and Health Care series; 19 peer-reviewed papers covering major topics in health policy with recommended opportunities for action.

One year later, the NAM announced the release of its special publication, Vital Directions for Health and Health Care: An Initiative of the National Academy of Medicine. The special publication is available as a free PDF download and includes expert recommendations for eliminating structural inefficiencies, reducing high costs, and unifying care delivery.

Conferences and Calls for Papers

Third International Conference on Paediatric Acquired Brain Injury (September 26-28, 2018), Belfast, Northern Ireland)
The conference will focus on the development of innovative treatments, rehabilitation programs, support mechanisms and ways to improve the lives and potential of young people affected by brain injury. The educational program will be inclusive of all issues relating to pediatric brain injury, both traumatic (e.g., external physical force injuries, penetrating injuries) and atraumatic (e.g., infectious diseases, tumors, stroke, neurotoxic poisonings).

AOTA Specialty Conference: Children & Youth (September 28-29, 2018, Milwaukee, Wisconsin)
ACRM Annual Conference (September 30-October 3, 2018, Dallas, Texas)
Conference theme is Progress in Rehabilitation Research. Preconference will be September 28-30, 2018. Learn about cutting-edge research and its translation into clinical practice to improve the quality of life experienced by people with disabilities and to improve their own lives -- improve their own well-being and connect with like-minded professionals. Special symposium September 30: 2nd Annual Women in Rehabilitation Science.

AOTA Education Summit (October 13-14, 2018, Louisville, Kentucky)
More details coming late July.

12th Annual Southern Obesity Summit (October 22-14, 2018, Charleston, West Virginia)
The SOS is the largest regional obesity prevention event in the United States. The southern states join forces to fight obesity.

AOTA/NBCOT National Student Conclave (November 9-10, 2018, Atlantic City, New Jersey)
More details coming late July. Watch for details of PTE events and poster session.

American Public Health Association Annual Meeting & Expo (November 10-14, 2018, San Diego, California)
2018 Theme - Creating the Healthiest Nation: Health Equity Now. Health equity is a health, economic, human rights and social justice issue that calls for fairness and addresses inclusion along multiple dimensions, including race, ethnicity, class, sexual orientation and disability. Registration and housing open June 4.

AOTA Specialty Conference: Adult Rehabilitation (November 30-December 1, 2018, Los Angeles, California)
(pre-conference sessions: November 29) Call for papers deadline: June 21, 2018.
More details coming late August.

International Brain Injury Association (IBIA) World Congress (March 13-16, 2019, Toronto, Ontario)
The aim of the 13th World Congress is to provide an opportunity for establishing collegial relationships with international professionals focused on the care and/or service of persons with acquired brain injury and/or the science of brain injury research. State of the art research will be presented dealing with information spanning from basic science to clinical (coma to community) aspects of brain injury. Abstract portal will open summer 2018.

American Hippotherapy Association Annual Conference (March 23-25, 2019, Lexington Kentucky)
Theme: On the right track.
Call for papers deadline: September 4, 2018.
Call for posters deadline: January 14, 2019.

AOTA Annual Conference & Expo (April 4-7, 2019, New Orleans, Louisiana)
(pre-conference institutes: April 3)
The theme for 2019 is Children, Young People & Families -- Learning Through Doing
Call for papers is now open for submissions from all clinical specialities demonstrating the practical elements of occupation in practice, the presentations formats are:

- workshops
- seminars
- paper presentations
- posters.

Call for papers deadline: December 31, 2018.

News and Other Resources

Join NICHD Listservs
NICHDdevelopments is a monthly listing of NICHD news releases, spotlights, selected funding opportunities, and upcoming scientific meetings, conferences, and events.

NIH News and Links

- Revised NIH Grant Policy Statement
- New Video Provides Overview of New NIH Policies on Human Subjects Research and Clinical Trials
  Do you do research with human participants? This 15-minute video provides a succinct explanation of the various policy changes and what they mean for you.
- NIH's Next Generation Researchers Policy Now Posted
  NIH posted current plans for the Next Generation Researchers Initiative. NIH leadership has reviewed data and deliberated about how best to proceed on their goal to increase the number of NIH-funded early-stage investigators and assure that funded early-stage investigators have a reasonable chance to secure stable funding during the earliest stages of their independent research careers.
- NIH Grant website.
- Perspectives on Evidence-based Funding, a talk by NIH Deputy Director for Extramural Research, Mike Lauer on concerns about the hyper-competitive nature of applying for NIH support and other topics.
- Advice from NIH on resubmitting grant applications.
  Independent Scientist Award (Parent K02) https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-14-045.html
  Midcareer Investigator Award in Patient-Oriented Research (Parent K24) https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-14-047.html

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