



MCUAAAR Mondays

July 11, 2022

To reduce the number of messages sent out to the MCUAAAR 5 Listserv, if you send me the kind of information found below, I will compile it and send it out on “MCUAAAR Mondays”

ANNOUNCEMENTS



NRMN

Are you pursuing a NIH award (K, R, SC, U) or diversity supplement? Are you finding writing NIH-style research proposals to be challenging?

Consider Applying to NRMN SETH's Grant Writing Coaching Group Study!

All study activities are conducted virtually

Application Deadline: July 17, 2022

The National Research Mentoring Network (NRMN) is a nationwide consortium of biomedical professionals and institutions collaborating to enhance diversity and support research scientists in their progression through each career stage. The NRMN Strategic Empowerment Tailored for Health Equity Investigators (SETH) study is a randomized controlled study to evaluate the effectiveness of a developmental network (DN) informed coaching intervention on the research productivity of ESIs including those from under-represented groups.

Over the course of nine months, study participants actively develop drafts of their grant proposals, then meet as a small group biweekly (one-hour virtual meetings) to receive critical feedback from an experienced grant writing coach and senior NIH-funded investigator assigned to them at the beginning of the study. Participants also receive feedback from peers, as well provide their feedback to others. The study begins with a two-day virtual kickoff, followed by nine months of bi-weekly virtual group coaching meetings, and includes a virtual mock study section. Participants randomized to the intervention arm of the study will have access to additional individualized coaching.

Eligibility:

- Early Stage or New Investigator (view NIH.gov for new NIH investigator description)
- Actively developing a new or revised K-, R- or SC-series NIH proposal (or similar national-level proposal) with an intended submission date within 12 months. Individuals who have already been awarded R01-level funding are not eligible.
- For Cohort 5, targeting an NIH submission deadline of January – March 2023 (preferred) or April – July 2023 (This does not apply to resubmissions).
- If you plan to submit your grant proposal before January 2023, you are not eligible to participate in Cohort 5.
- A U.S. citizen or U.S. permanent resident.

For more information (but note that the dates are not updated for 2022) - <https://nrmnet.net/nrmn-seth-u01/>
To Apply - <https://redcap.msm.edu/redcap/surveys/?s=KMKC9EJK9WPC78RE>

NEWS



NIH grant in Kenya to enhance understanding of aging in Africa

The Social Scoop, Institute for Social Research
June 2022

Led by the Survey Research Center's Josh Ehrlich, an international team of researchers has received a \$338k grant from the National Institutes of Health to launch the Longitudinal Study of Health and Aging in Kenya (LOSHAK), part of the Health and Retirement Study network. The goal of the grant is to help address major gaps in population-level data on aging in Kenya, with key focus areas on Alzheimer's disease and related dementias, mental health, the health and economic impacts of climate change and air pollution, and factors influencing late-life economic well-being.

For full article - <https://isr.umich.edu/news-events/news-releases/nih-grant-in-kenya-to-enhance-understanding-of-aging-in-africa/>

Why So Many Companies Want U.S. Blood Analidis Ochoa (2022 MCUAAAR/PRBA Summer Program) Featured in CNBC Story

"In America, blood means big business. America's blood makes up 2.69% of U.S. exports, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. Since there is no substitute for human blood, demand can be hard to meet. Over the pandemic, the Red Cross announced its first ever national blood shortage crisis. The shortage prompted the FDA's 12-month blood donation deferral for men who have sex with men to be shortened to three months time. Advocates want the FDA to follow the science and do away with the ban altogether, following countries like Italy and Spain which have done the same. But outside of the clinic, blood plasma becomes a product.....



"Plasma donation [centers] are advertising \$900 for your first month giving plasma," Analidis Ochoa, a doctoral candidate studying social work and sociology at the University of Michigan, told CNBC. "Then it goes down. Usually people can make \$30 to \$50 each time they go."

For YouTube video – <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tsYvhOuw7u8>

Associated CNBC Story - <https://www.cnbc.com/2022/06/30/why-blood-makes-up-over-2point5percent-of-all-us-exports.html>

EVENTS

Research Supplements to Promote Diversity in Health-Related Research

Tuesday, July 12, 2022

3:00 – 5:00pm Eastern

This informational webinar will provide an overview of PA-21-071 – Research Supplements to Promote Diversity in Health-Related Research – and the application process, as well as answer questions from the survivorship researcher community. [This funding opportunity](#) was created to enhance the diversity of the research workforce by recruiting and supporting students, postdocs, and eligible investigators from diverse backgrounds, including those from groups that have been shown to be underrepresented in health-related research. This supplement opportunity is also available to program directors and principal investigators of research grants who are or become disabled and need additional support to accommodate their disability in order to continue to work on the research project. This announcement is for supplements to existing projects, and the supplements must support work within the scope of the original project.

Speakers

- Emily Tonorezos, MD, MPH – Director, NCI Office of Cancer Survivorship
- Samson Gebreab, PhD, MSc – Program Director, NCI Center to Reduce Cancer Health Disparities (CRCHD) Diversity Training Branch
- Belem López, PhD – Program Director, NCI CRCHD Diversity Training Branch

To register for Webinar [here](#)



The Hubert M. Blalock Memorial Lecture Series: Advanced Topics in Social Research

This is a special lecture series covering advanced topics on the frontier in quantitative methods of social research. Some of this material draws upon recent work in fields such as applied statistics, econometrics, computer science, and mathematical modeling. This series is dedicated to the late Hubert "Tad" Blalock, whose scholarship, integrity, insight, and wit benefited all the social sciences through his work in applied statistics,

causal modeling, theory construction, conceptualization, and measurement. The lectures are completely virtual, free, and open to the public. All lectures will be held from 7:30-9:00 pm ET. The following seemed most relevant for MCUAAAR:

Date	Presenter	Title	Registration link
7/12/2022	Rene Bautista	Measuring societal change: the General Social Survey	https://myumi.ch/j2Q8x
7/19/2022	Ken Langa	Using the Health and Retirement Study for Research on Aging in the United States	https://myumi.ch/Z61Xp
8/2/2022	Amy Pienta	The New NIH Data Sharing Policy	https://myumi.ch/bR1e7
8/4/2022	Kyrani Reneau	Best Practices in Data Management	https://myumi.ch/n8ezR

Building Bridges: Advancing Family Caregiving Research Across the Lifespan Conference

September 30 – October 1, 2022

The National Rehabilitation Research and Training Center on Family Support
University of Pittsburgh

Included on the program:

Sheria G. Robinson-Lane, Ph.D., RN, MHA (2017 MCUAAAR Scientist)

“Rising Star: The Future of Caregiving Research”

Christina Harrington, PhD (2020 MCUAAAR Scientist)

“Equitable and Inclusive Design”



SAVE THE DATE

RCMAR Preconference on Pragmatic Intervention Trials at GSA

November 2, 2022

This pre-conference scheduled on November 2 in Indianapolis, IN will focus on the pragmatic clinical trial as an exemplar of an innovative research design that can foster the performance of trials in real world settings, with representative patient populations, and outcome measures that “matter most” to patients and caregivers. More information will be provided in the coming weeks.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations Dr. Briana Mezuk on Your MICHR Mentorship Award!!!



Birana Mezuk, PhD received the 2022 MICHR (Distinguished Clinical and Translational Research Mentor Award. Out of a competitive field of remarkable and generous research leaders, the Michigan Institute for Clinical & Health Research (MICHR) has selected individuals who meet the highest standard for clinical and translational research mentorship. The pool of nominees represented a diverse group of U-M units, including, Medicine, Nursing, Public Health, Social Work, and the Institute for Survey Research. Dr. Mezuk is Associate Chair and Associate Professor, Epidemiology, Director of the Center for Social Epidemiology and Population Health at the School of Public Health (U-M), MCUAAAR Faculty, and Analytic Core Co-Lead.