**NIH’s New Initiative to Strengthen the Biomedical Workforce**

To increase support for early-stage and mid-career investigators to address longstanding challenges faced by researchers attempting to embark upon and sustain independent research careers, NIH has launched the Next Generation Researchers Initiative. Based on feedback and input from the research community, NIH will take a multi-pronged approach to increase the number of NIH-funded early-stage and mid-career investigators and stabilize the career trajectory of scientists. The approaches are described on a [new NIH web page](https://www.nih.gov) that will continue to be updated as new information becomes available. Activities address both research workforce stability, and evaluation of NIH investments in research.

In his [June 16 Open Mike blog post](https://www.nih.gov), Dr. Michael Lauer provides the following summary of NIH’s approach. In brief NIH will:

- commit substantial funds from NIH’s base budget, beginning this year with about $210 million, and ramping to approximately $1.1 billion per year after five years (pending availability of funds) to support additional meritorious early-stage investigators and mid-career investigators
- create a central inventory and track the impact of NIH institute and center funding decisions for early- and mid-career investigators with fundable scores to ensure this new strategy is effectively implemented in all areas of research
- place greater emphasis on current NIH funding mechanisms aimed at early- and mid-career investigators
- aim to fund most early-career investigators with R01 equivalent applications that score in the top 25th percentile
- encourage multiple approaches to develop and test metrics that can be used to evaluate the effectiveness of our research portfolio, and assess the impact of NIH grant support on scientific progress, to ensure the best return on investment

Material from NIH Extramural Nexus Open Mike blog, June 16.

**NIH Notice: Reminder to Recipients to Submit Complete, Timely, and Accurate Reports**

In [Notice NOT-OD-17-074](https://www.nih.gov) issued in early June, the National Institutes of Health reminded recipients that the timely submission of complete and accurate financial and progress reports to the NIH is a term and condition of all NIH awards. The notice includes a summary of the required [Research Performance Progress Report (RPPR)](https://www.nih.gov) which documents grantee recipient accomplishments and compliance with terms of the awards, and the [Financial Expenditure Report - Federal Financial Report (FFR)](https://www.nih.gov), which documents the financial status of grants according to the official accounting records of the recipient organization. Submission due dates for the required reports are also included in the notice.

To read the full notice visit the [NIH website](https://www.nih.gov).

**Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program is Currently Accepting Applications**

Applications are currently being accepted for a number of awards across a range of disciplines. The Fulbright Scholar Program supports activities and projects that recognize and promote the critical relationship between educational exchange and international understanding. Additional review criteria include: credentials, training, and professional standing; professional excellence; and record of service to the field and home institution.

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Webinars covering opportunities by program, region, country, and discipline, as well as tips and resources to assist applicants in putting together a strong application are being scheduled. Interested applicants are encouraged to visit the schedule of upcoming webinars to register.

The application deadline for most awards is **August 1, 2017**.

To learn more visit the Fulbright Scholar Program website.

**NSF Headquarters Relocating to Alexandria, Virginia**

The National Science Foundation (NSF) is moving its headquarters to Alexandria, Virginia. Effective **Monday, October 2, 2017** NSF will have the following new mailing address:

National Science Foundation  
2415 Eisenhower Avenue  
Alexandria, VA 22314

Email addresses and phone numbers for NSF employees and NSF offices will not change. The physical move to the new headquarters will be phased over a six-week period, beginning Thursday, August 24 through Sunday, October 1. As much as is possible the move impact on the research community will be minimized, however, please note that during this period, response time may be slower when trying to communicate with NSF staff.

**Limited Submissions - Upcoming SJSU Internal Deadlines!**

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**July–December Grant Application Deadlines Now Available**

The Grant Application Deadlines Report shows application deadlines for funding opportunities that have been identified as relevant to research interests at SJSU and sent through the Research Foundation Funding Alert System. The current report covers the six-month period beginning July 1 through December 31. Links to sponsors funding announcements are included. To view the report, visit the SJSU Research Foundation website.

**Fellowships and Scholarships**

The SJSU Research Foundation receives notification of fellowship and scholarship opportunities for faculty and students. Highlights this month include:

**Program:** Summer Fellowship Program  
**Agency:** American Institute for Economic Research  
**Deadline:** August 4, 2017

**Program:** Sloan Research Fellowships  
**Agency:** Alfred P. Sloan Foundation  
**Deadline:** September 15, 2017

**Program:** Marshall Memorial Fellowship  
**Agency:** The German Marshall Fund of the United States  
**Deadline:** September 28, 2017

**Program:** The Berlin Prize Fellowship  
**Agency:** The American Academy in Berlin  
**Deadline:** September 29, 2017