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1. NATIONAL INSTITUTE ON DRUG ABUSE (NIDA) REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS FOR THE GENES, ENVIRONMENT, AND DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE (GEDI)

The National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) plans to issue a Request for Applications (RFA), in the fall of 2006, with review and funding expected by the end of fiscal 2007 (September 2007), to launch the Genes, Environment, and Development Initiative (GEDI). This initiative will support research investigating interactions among genetic, environmental, and developmental factors in the etiology of drug abuse. Prior lines of research have established that genetic, environmental, and developmental factors all contribute to vulnerability to drug experimentation, use, and progression to abuse and dependence and to the transitions among these stages. Numerous high quality longitudinal and developmental datasets are currently available which provide a wealth of individual-level, familial, and other environmental data on individuals who are at risk for, or are in the course of development, progression, and desistance of, drug abuse. Studies qualifying for submission under this Request for Applications will be longitudinal in design; cover at least two developmental periods; assess subjects in or through the period of risk for drug abuse; have rich environmental data; include categorical and quantitative measures of both drug abuse and relevant psychiatric or behavioral phenotypes; and will have the ability to collect and share DNA, and to join the NIDA Genetics Consortium <http://www.nida.nih.gov/about/organization/Genetics/consortium/index.html>. Proposals are expected to demonstrate sufficient power to study main effects and interactions, and to include plans and datasets for replication. Where data are pooled across studies or used for replication, reasonable comparability will need to be shown. The investigative teams are expected to be interdisciplinary, with the appropriate expertise to address these complex interactions. Funded research is expected to yield a richer understanding of the true contributions of and interactions among individual, environmental and transitional factors in the etiology of drug abuse and, ultimately, lead to improved preventive and treatment interventions for these complex and costly disorders.

For further information regarding this potential RFA, please contact:

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2. ROBERT WOOD JOHNSON FOUNDATION "SUBSTANCE ABUSE POLICY RESEARCH PROGRAM", CALL FOR PROPOSALS

The Substance Abuse Policy Research Program is designed to encourage experts in public health, law, political science, medicine, sociology, criminal justice, economics, psychology, and other behavioral and policy sciences to address issues related to substance use, one of the most pressing public health problems facing our nation. Projects are expected to increase understanding of public and private policy interventions to prevent, treat and reduce the harm caused by the use of tobacco, alcohol and other drugs.

How to Apply? This program only accepts proposals submitted online (with the exception of Targeted Rapid Response Grant). For information on the program, eligibility criteria and

application requirements please contact the national program office at (336) 286-4548 or saprp@leaders.ccl.org.
(Download the PDF version: [Robert Wood Johnson "Substance Abuse Policy Research Program" Call for Proposals](#))

3. 2007 NCHS/ACADEMYHEALTH HEALTH POLICY FELLOWSHIP, CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

The Center for Disease Control and Prevention's National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) and AcademyHealth are seeking applications for their 2007 Fellowship. This program brings visiting scholars in health services research-related disciplines to NCHS to collaborate on studies of interest to policymakers and the health services research community using NCHS data systems. Application deadline is Monday, January 8, 2007. Please email nchs@academyhealth.org with any questions. For more information, visit www.academyhealth.org/nchs.

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4. FAHS-BECK FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR RESEARCH AND EXPERIMENTATION A Donor-Advisory Fund Established with The New York Community Trust

Fahs-Beck Fund for Research and Experimentation provides funding for doctoral dissertations and faculty/post-doctoral research. For grant information, please visit <http://www.fahsbeckfund.org/>.

5. NEWS RELEASE: U.S. SENATE AUTHORIZES RESEARCH ON GAMING & CHILDREN

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CAMRA bill passed, giving green light for funding towards research program examining effects media has on children

The U.S. Senate late last week passed a bill titled the "Children Media Research and Advancement Act" (CAMRA), authorizing the National Academy of Sciences to kick-start a research program examining the effects media has on the "development of children". Studies will be conducted at the nation's Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and "media" in this case would refer to television, computers, the Internet and of course, video games.

Read the full article at <http://www.neoseeker.com/news/story/6147/>.

6. Visit the SPR Career Opportunities page (<http://www.preventionresearch.org/sprcareers.php>) to learn about these job openings:

Senior Evaluation Specialist/Research Associate, Maine Center for Public Health, Augusta, ME
Faculty Positions, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC

Health Scientist Administrator, National Institute of Drug Abuse (NIDA), Washington, D.C.

Health Policy Fellowship, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) and AcademyHealth, Washington, D.C.

Two Tenure Track Positions, Villanova University, The Department of Education and Human Services, Villanova, PA

Data Analyst, University of Washington, Department of Psychology, Seattle, WA

Research Scientist, OMNI Research and Training, Inc., Denver, CO

Open Rank Tenure-Track Faculty Position: Methodology & Statistics for Child/Family Research, University of South Carolina, Department of Psychology, Columbia, SC

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