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1. REQUEST FOR INFORMATION (RFI) FOR NIH ROADMAP INITIATIVES

The Request for Information (RFI) for NIH Roadmap Initiatives was released on October 20, 2006. This is an opportunity to influence the direction of trans-NIH and transdisciplinary efforts. In FY2006, Roadmap initiatives accounted for about 1.2% of the fiscal year's NIH research funding. Eventually, these initiatives are anticipated to grow to comprise up to 5% of the NIH annual funding for research.

This notice requests input from a very wide audience that includes the general public as well as the scientific community, health professionals, voluntary health organizations, and patient advocates. Also, NIH individual staff scientists, committees, workgroups, and interest groups are able to provide input through the RFI.

Respondents are able to submit up to 3 ideas. Nominations must meet the set of criteria established for trans-NIH Roadmap strategic initiatives. To nominate new ideas and to comment on previously submitted ideas, please go to the following Website:

http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfi_files/NOT-OD-07-011_rfi_add.htm

You may be interested to know that over 100 ideas have been submitted to date. They have been sorted into broad categories; they do not represent NIH priority areas, but are simply used to organize the ideas more efficiently for viewing. More information is available on the Website.

2. REQUEST FOR APPLICATION (RFA) FOR NIH ROADMAP INITIATIVE ENTITLED "FACILITATING INTERDISCIPLINARY RESEARCH VIA METHODOLOGICAL AND TECHNOLOGICAL INNOVATION IN THE BEHAVIORAL AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

The NIH is requesting applications for its newly-published roadmap initiative entitled "Facilitating Interdisciplinary Research via Methodological and Technological Innovation in the Behavioral and Social Sciences".

As an initiative that was developed to support interdisciplinary "Research Teams of the Future," this RFA reflects the goals the NIH Roadmap, and is sponsored by multiple NIH Institutes. This RFA, using a modified Exploratory/Developmental (R21) mechanism, solicits applications to develop new/innovative measures, methods, and technologies that support the interdisciplinary integration of human social and/or behavioral science with other disciplines across varying levels of analysis.

3. OREGON RESEARCH INSTITUTE, CENTER ON EARLY ADOLESCENCE, ACCEPTANCE & COMMITMENT THERAPY (ACT) WORKSHOP

The Center on Early Adolescence at Oregon Research Institute announces its Acceptance & Commitment Therapy (ACT) workshop that will be held on December 2-3, 2006 in Eugene, Oregon.

The workshop will include didactic material, experimental exercises, and modelling of ACT skills in the form of videos of real therapy sessions and role plays. The first day will be led by Steve Hayes and will provide a theoretical and experiential overview of Acceptance and Commitment Therapy. The second day will consist of two tracks, depending upon the attendees interest: 1) CoreSkills and Competencies of the ACT Therapist (Leader: Jason Luoma) and 2) Educational and Organizational Applications of ACT (Leader: Tony Biglan). To register online, visit www.earlyadolescence.org. Note that registration deadline is November 22, 2006.

4. SECOND ANNUAL MINORITY INVESTIGATORS WORKSHOP ON BEHAVIORAL METHODOLOGIES

The National Cancer Institute and The Office of Behavioral and Social Science Research announces its Second Annual Minority Investigators Workshop on Behavioral Methodologies that will be held on March 18-20, 2007 in Bethesda, Maryland.

This workshop will cover topics on behavioral intervention design, mixed research methods, longitudinal research designs, mediation analysis, multi-level statistical methods, behavioral genetics methods, and measurement issues on race/ethnicity and SES.

Application Deadline: November 3, 2006; for application contact Dr. Audie Atienza, NCI. Download application [here](#).

5. SOCIETY FOR RESEARCH IN CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SRCRD) POLICY FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

Society for Research in Child Development (SRCRD) is now accepting applications for our Policy Fellowship Program. The SRCRD Fellowship provides an opportunity for interdisciplinary scientists to use their research skills in child development outside of the academic setting to inform and influence public policy. SRCRD Fellows work as "resident scholars" in Executive Branch agencies and Congressional Offices. We welcome applications from both early and mid-career scientists from any discipline related to child development. The deadline for applications for the 2007-2008 fellowship year is December 15, 2006.

6. NATIONAL CHILDREN'S STUDY PREPARES FOR NEW STUDY CENTERS AND COMMUNITIES

October is National Children's Health Month. The National Children's Study's (Study) goal of increasing the health and well-being of our nation's children is always on the minds of Study planners, and that is especially true this month.

If additional funds are provided in the fiscal year 2007 federal budget for the Study, the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (the Study's home institute at NIH) is planning to award contracts to more organizations having the ability to serve as Study Centers. Study Centers will manage Study operations at one or more previously designated Study sites (counties) (visit <http://www.nationalchildrensstudy.gov/about/locations/> for a map and list of the Study's sites).

In the instance that NICHD receives adequate funding for the Study, and is able to make new contract awards, the Study is releasing a special notice (below) explaining the process for submitting a proposal to be a Study Center. This special notice can also be found on the Federal Business Opportunities website at:

<http://www.fbo.gov/spg/HHS/NIH/NICHD/Reference%2DNumber%2DNICHD%2DSN%2D2007%2D07/listing.html>

This special notice of the anticipated Request for Proposals (RFP) is to alert as early as possible any interested institutions and research investigators to the possibility and structure of a RFP. However, interested investigators should be aware that the RFP release, expected early this winter, is tentative pending fiscal year 2007 funding.

For more information on the Study please visit www.nationalchildrensstudy.gov. Any questions concerning this special notice must be submitted in writing to Elizabeth J. Osinski, Contracting Officer, at osinskie@mail.nih.gov or addressed to Ms. Elizabeth Osinski, Office of acquisitions, NIDDK, NICHD Branch, Executive Building, Suite 7A-07, 6100 Executive Boulevard, MSC 7510, Bethesda, MD 20892-7510.

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

One or Two Tenure-track Assistant or Early Associate Professor, University of New Orleans, New Orleans, LA

Assistant Professor in area of Child and Family Ecology Tenure-track, Tufts University, Eliot-Pearson Department of Child Development, Medford, MA

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, Washington, D.C.

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

To post your own job opening, at no charge, send an email with an URL or text to info@preventionresearch.org.