

## 2021 NIH VIRTUAL SEMINAR ON PROGRAM FUNDING AND GRANTS ADMINISTRATION



The 2021 NIH Virtual Seminar on Program Funding and Grants Administration has been designed to provide administrators, early stage investigators, researchers, and graduate students with a unique opportunity to learn about the NIH grants process, programs, and policies directly from NIH & HHS experts. This event is intended to help demystify the application and review process, clarify federal regulations and policies, and highlight current areas of special interest or concern. The conference is fully virtual and free to attend. Sessions will be held on Monday, November 1<sup>st</sup> through Thursday, November 4<sup>th</sup>. For more information and registration information, [click here](#).

## SC Arts Commission Funding Opportunities



The SC Arts Commission (SCAC) strives to make investments in strengthening South Carolina artistically, educationally, and culturally through their grant making program. The Emerging Artist Grant is designed to assist emerging artists through project funding, mentorship, and professional support. The combination of funding and mentorship is intended to deepen artistic practice and foster artistic excellence; encourage career growth, advancement, and sustainability; and provide professional development and opportunities for collaboration. Applications close October 15, 2021. For more information, [click here](#).

The purpose of the SCAC Individual Artist Fellowships is to recognize and reward the artistic achievements of South Carolina's exceptional individual artists. Fellowship awards are made through a highly competitive process and are based on artistic merit, achievements and commitment to discipline. FY23 eligible disciplines include prose, spoken word/slam poetry, performance: dance, music, or acting (film or theatre), playwriting/screenwriting, and Time-Based Art (Installation, sound, experimental film, video art, computer-based technology, and performance). Up to five fellowships will be awarded for a grant period between July 2022 and June 2023. The application deadline is November 11, 2021. For more information, [click here](#).

## Cumulative Health Impacts at the Intersection of Climate Change



The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), as part of its Science to Achieve Results (STAR) program, is seeking applications proposing transdisciplinary research with approaches that explore and analyze environmental problems at the intersection of climate change, environmental justice, and vulnerable populations/life stages. Proposed projects should address the following research questions: (1) What may be the most influential community-, population- or life stage-specific vulnerabilities caused by ongoing climate change that would elevate exposure to pollutants or contaminants and further exacerbate the health effects from exposure to pollutants or contaminants in underserved communities? (2) What are the cumulative health impacts of climate change related stressors on vulnerable groups or susceptible life stages in underserved communities? (3) How can community-based scientific research results be translated and/or applied to provide effective solutions to reduce climate change impacts on human health in underserved communities? The closing date for applications is November 16, 2021. For more information, [click here](#).

## National Endowment for the Humanities Collaborative Research Program



The National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Collaborative Research Program seeks applications for projects that propose collaborative research between two or more researchers. This program wishes to facilitate an interdisciplinary approach to research by engaging researchers from different institutions and backgrounds of study. International collaboration is also encouraged, yet one of the researchers should be based in the U.S. There are four project categories for this grant, among which are: Planning International Collaboration, Conference, Manuscript preparation, and Scholarly Digital Projects. Applicants should specify one category when applying. Proposals are due December 1, 2021. For more information, [click here](#).

## NSF Collaborative Research in Computational Neuroscience



The National Science Foundation (NSF) is calling for proposals for Collaborative Research in Computational Neuroscience. This program hopes to further the use of computational neuroscience to understand the complexities of neurobiological systems. There are two classes of proposals that are being accepted. The first of these is 'Research Proposals' which describes collaborative research projects. The second of these is 'Data Sharing proposals' which enables the sharing of data and other resources. These proposals are encouraging collaboration across disciplines to map out new "interdisciplinary frontiers" in neuroscience. Applications are due November 23<sup>rd</sup> 2021. For more information, [click here](#).

## Newsworthy Information!



Pfizer Inc. and BioNTech SE announced on September 20<sup>th</sup> that a Phase 2/3 trial revealed that the COVID-19 vaccine was successful in facilitating a strong antibody response in children ages 5-11. The vaccination was successful when two doses of the vaccine in 1/3<sup>rd</sup> the amount of an adult dose were given 21 days apart. This trial engaged 4,500 children in total, with the final trial engaging 2,268 children sourced from the United States, Finland, Poland, and Spain across 90 clinic sites. Pfizer and BioNTech are planning to submit these data as soon as possible for approval by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. For more information, [click here](#).