New Funding Opportunities to Address Opioid Crisis - NIH HEAL Initiative

The NIH **HEAL (Helping to End Addiction Long-term) Initiative** is seeking applications from research institutions that understand innovative clinical trial design and a wide range of pain conditions to help build a clinical trial network that can evaluate the full spectrum of potential strategies for pain management. There are more than 30 funding opportunities across nearly all NIH Institutes and Centers. **Application deadlines begin in February.**

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Pelvic Floor Disorders Linked to Mode of Delivery Among First-time Mothers

The NIH recently reported on a nine-year study that suggests Cesarean sections present a lower risk for pelvic floor disorders compared to vaginal delivery. The study was funded by NIH's **Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development** and led by Victoria Handa, MD of Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center.

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AHRQ Impact Case Study Shows Decrease in Emergency Department CAUTI Rates

Tampa General Hospital staff implemented several elements from AHRQ's **Comprehensive Unit-based Safety Program (CUSP)** to reduce healthcare-associated infection rates. As a result, the 1,010-bed hospital reduced its number of insertion-related catheter-associated urinary tract infections (CAUTI) attributed to its emergency department by 75 percent.

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New Online Course for Researchers Seeking NIH Funding

The AUA's "Writing A Successful Career Development Award Application" course is written by NIH-funded urology researchers and will help prepare early-career investigators to write competitive grant applications. While this course focuses on preparing an NIH Career Development Award application, the tips from established researchers with strong funding records are applicable to most career development-type award mechanisms.

Frontiers in Reproduction: Molecular and Cellular Concepts and Applications

This is an intensive six-week laboratory and lecture course designed for advanced graduate students, post-doctoral fellows, newly independent scientists and physicians who seek training in modern state-of-the-art methods and a broad view of current concepts in all areas of reproductive biology. Courses will be held on April 27-June 9, 2019 at the Marine Biological Laboratory (MBL) in Woods Hole, Massachusetts. Substantial financial support is available. Application deadline: January 22, 2019.

NIDDK Think Tank on Neuroscience in Urology – Save the Date!

This meeting, sponsored by the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK), will be held on May 19-21, 2019 in Bethesda, MD. The goal of the think tank is to promote and enhance research on neuro-urology by facilitating new collaborations between experts in neuroscience and urology.

Funding Opportunities

2019 Summer Medical Student Fellowships - Applications Due Next Week

Medical students with an interest in urologic research are invited to apply for the 2019 Summer Medical Student Fellowship competition! Sponsored by the Urology Care Foundation, awardees receive a $4,000 stipend to support them during a ten-week mentored research experience. Application deadline: January 10, 2019.

2019 Bladder Cancer Research Innovation Award

The Bladder Cancer Advocacy Network will support one investigator with an exceptionally novel and creative project with great potential to produce breakthroughs in our understanding of the management of bladder cancer. The proposed research may be basic, translational, clinical or epidemiological and must have direct applicability and relevance to bladder cancer. Letter of intent deadline: January 16, 2018.
Discovery of the Genetic Basis of Childhood Cancers and of Structural Birth Defects (X01 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)

As part of the Gabriella Miller Kids First Pediatric Research Program (Kids First), the NIH invites applications to submit samples from pediatric cohorts for whole genome sequencing at a Kids First-supported sequencing center. Whole genome, exome, and transcriptome sequencing may be available for tumor or affected tissue when justified. These data will become part of the Gabriella Miller Kids First Pediatric Data Resource (Kids First Data Resource) for the pediatric research community. Application deadline: February 21, 2019.

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