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IN THE NEWS

IMPORTANT NOTICE

America COMPETES Act (ACA) – Recent and Pending Updates

The America COMPETES Act (Pub. L. No. 110-69, Aug. 9, 2007) mandated a number of requirements that NSF has begun to implement through changes and updates to the appropriate NSF policy documents. A status of ongoing ACA requirements follows:

Postdoctoral Research Fellows (Section 7008): *All grant applications to NSF that include funding to support postdoctoral researchers are to describe mentoring activities provided for these individuals, which will be evaluated under the Foundation's broader impacts merit review criterion. In addition, annual and the final reports for research grants that include funding to support postdoctoral researchers should include a description of the mentoring activities provided to them.*

Currently, each proposal that contains postdoctoral researchers must include, as a supplementary document, a description

of the mentoring activities that will be provided for such individuals. The mentoring plan must not exceed one page. See the [Grant Proposal Guide](#) for additional guidance on inclusion of mentoring plans for collaborative proposals.

Responsible Conduct of Research

(Section 7009): *Institutions that apply for financial assistance from NSF for science and engineering research or education should include a plan in their grant proposals for appropriate training and oversight in the responsible and ethical conduct of research to undergraduate students, graduate students, and postdoctoral researchers who will participate in the proposed research project.*

NSF anticipates that beginning in fall 2009, at the time of proposal submission to NSF, a proposing institution's Authorized Organizational Representative will have to certify that the institution has a plan to provide appropriate training and oversight in the responsible and ethical conduct of research as specified in the Act. While training plans will not be required for inclusion in proposals submitted, institutions are advised that they are subject to review upon request. NSF will modify its standard award conditions to clearly stipulate that institutions are responsible for verifying that undergraduate students, graduate students, and postdoctoral researchers supported by NSF to conduct research have received RCR training.

In addition, NSF will support the development of an on-line digital library containing research findings, pedagogical materials, and promising practices

regarding the ethical and responsible conduct of research in science and engineering. The development and evolution of the digital library will be informed by the research communities that NSF supports, and it will serve as a living resource of multimedia materials that may be used to train current and future generations of scientists and engineers in the responsible and ethical conduct of research.

A Federal Register notice soliciting comments on the NSF implementation plan closed on March 31, 2009. NSF staff is currently reviewing comments received in order to make any necessary changes to the plan.

Reporting of Research Results (Section 7010): *All final project reports and citations of published research documents resulting from research funded, in whole or in part, by NSF, should be made available to the public in a timely manner and in electronic form through NSF's website.*

NSF anticipates that beginning in fall 2009, PIs will be required to prepare a brief summary – specifically for the public – on the nature and outcomes of the award which will be posted on the Foundation's website. The FastLane Project Reports system will be modified to incorporate this requirement.



NSF Has Realigned it's chemistry brochure. **Take a look!!!!!!!**

http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2009/nsf09049/nsf09049.pdf?govDel=USNSF_25

The next Institutional Review Board (IRB) Meeting is September 1, 2009. Other meeting dates are listed below:

Meeting Date /Protocols due in OSPR

8/18/2009	9/1/2009
9/22/2009	10/6/2009
10/20/2009	11/3/2009

11/7/2009	12/1/2009
12/22/2009	1/5/2010
1/19/2010	2/2/2010
2/16/2010	3/2/2010
3/23/2010	4/6/2010
4/20/2010	5/4/2010
5/18/2010	6/1/2010
6/22/2010	7/6/2010

The **Community Health Data Base** collects primary data through its biannual Southeastern Pennsylvania Household Health Survey and provides access to a number of secondary data sets. Data sets include:

- PHMC's Southeastern Pennsylvania Household Health Survey
- U.S. Census Data
- Vital Statistics Data
- Home Mortgage Disclosure Act Data
- Property-based Data

**PHMC'S COMMUNITY HEALTH DATA BASE
SOUTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA HOUSEHOLD
HEALTH SURVEY**

About the Survey

PHMC's Southeastern Pennsylvania Household Health Surveys are extensive health surveys that provide timely information on more than 13,000 residents - children and adults - living in Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery, and Philadelphia counties. The survey has been conducted since 1983-in 1983, 1987, 1991, 1994, 1996, 1998, 2000, 2002, and 2004. The survey targets key information about health status, personal health behaviors, and access to and utilization of area health services. These data are available at the census tract, ZIP code, county and regional level.

The Household Health Survey provides primary data on a broad range of health topics such as health status, access to care, utilization of services, personal health behaviors, health screening information, health insurance status, women's health, child health, and older adult health and social support needs. For a full description of the topic areas of the survey, view the 2006 Household Health Survey Major Topic Areas at <http://www.chdbdata.org/pdfs/2006-TopicAreas.pdf>.

These data are used within organizations to:

- Assess a community's health status
- Identify current and future health needs
- Provide baseline information to monitor progress toward goals, including many Healthy People 2010 goals
- Target, develop and market programs and services to meet the needs of the community

The OSPR has the CD of the most recent Data sets. To learn more about the Community Health Data Base and what it has to offer go to: <http://www.chdbdata.org/data.html>

AAUW Fellowships and Grants

Since 1881, AAUW (formerly known as the American Association of University Women) has been the nation's leading voice promoting education and equity for women and girls. Each year AAUW provides millions of dollars in fellowships, grants, and awards for outstanding women around the globe and for community action projects. AAUW also funds pioneering research on women, girls, and education. Programs include:

- **American Fellowships** support women doctoral candidates completing dissertations and scholars seeking funds for postdoctoral research leave or for preparing completed research for publication. Applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents. One-year postdoctoral research leave fellowships, dissertation fellowships, and summer/short-term research publication grants are offered. **Deadline November 1, 2009.** More at: http://www.aauw.org/education/fga/fellowships_grants/american.cfm
- **Career Development Grants** support women who hold a bachelor's degree and who are preparing to advance their careers, change careers, or re-enter the work force. Applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents. **Deadline December 15, 2009.** More at: http://www.aauw.org/education/fga/fellowships_grants/career_development.cfm
- **Community Action Grants** provide seed money to individual women, AAUW branches and AAUW state organizations, as well as local community-based nonprofit organizations for innovative programs or non-degree research projects that promote education and equity for women and girls. Applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents. **Deadline January 15, 2010.** More at: http://www.aauw.org/education/fga/fellowships_grants/community_action.cfm
- **International Fellowships** are awarded for full-time graduate or postgraduate study or research to women who are not U.S. citizens or permanent residents. **Deadline December 1, 2009.** More at: http://www.aauw.org/education/fga/fellowships_grants/international.cfm
- **Selected Professions Fellowships** are awarded to women who are U.S. citizens or permanent residents and who intend to pursue a full-time course of study (during the fellowship year) in designated degree programs where women's participation traditionally has been low. **Deadline January 10, 2010.** More at: http://www.aauw.org/education/fga/fellowships_grants/selected.cfm

Agency	Title	Deadline	Description
Human Frontier Science Program	Long-term Fellowships http://www.hfsp.org/how/apply_forms_LTF.php	Sep 02, 2009	Fellowships for basic research training in the life sciences. Applications are invited for international programs that support postdoctoral investigators who explore new research areas. The participation of scientists from outside the life sciences is particularly encouraged because the frontiers of science are often found at the interface of biological and physical sciences. Long-Term Fellowships (LTF) are reserved for applicants with a Ph.D. in a biological discipline to embark on a new project in a different field of the life sciences. Preference is given to applicants who propose an original study in biology that marks a departure from their previous Ph.D. or postdoctoral work so as to learn new methods or change study system.
Pew Charitable Trust	Pew Latin American Fellows Program in the Biomedical Sciences http://www.pewtrusts.org/our_work_detail.aspx?id=496	Oct 1, 2009	Support for young scientists from Latin America to receive postdoctoral training in the U.S. The program provides an opportunity to further scientific knowledge, promotes exchange and collaboration between investigators and advances research in Latin America. Chosen Fellows receive funding support from a grant from Pew through their U.S. host institutions for postdoctoral training in the United States. The host institutions receive \$60,000 to support the Fellow's salary over two years for their research and training. Pew Fellows who accept a research position in Latin America within 4 years of the start of their Pew grant will receive an additional \$35,000.00 grant payment through their sponsoring U.S. Institution to use to purchase supplies and equipment to help them establish their laboratory.
Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America Foundation, Inc. (PhRMA)	Predoctoral Fellowship (Pharmacology/ Toxicology) http://www.phrmafoundation.org/awards/pharmacology/predoc.php	Sept 1, 2009	A stipend of \$20,000 a year payable monthly for a minimum of one year and a maximum of two years. In addition, \$500 a year will be provided for incidentals directly associated with the thesis research preparation (e.g., secretarial help, artwork, books, travel, etc.). One application per academic institution. Support is designed to assist full-time, in-residence Ph.D. candidates in the fields of pharmacology or toxicology. Only full-time advanced students who will have completed the bulk of their pre-thesis requirements (two years of study) and are engaged in thesis research by the time the award is activated are eligible.

