



### **Behavioral Therapies Development Program**

#### **National Institutes of Health**

**Proposal due dates:** June 1, October 1 and February 1 (through Feb. 2006).

**URL:** <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-03-066.html>

On February 3, the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) and the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA) issued a joint Program Announcement (PA-03-066) seeking research grant applications on the development of behavioral treatments for drug and alcohol abuse and dependence. The term "behavioral therapies" is used here in a broad sense and includes various forms of psychotherapy, behavior therapy, cognitive therapy, family therapy, couples and marital therapy, group therapy, skills training, counseling, and other rehabilitative therapies. Behavioral therapy research has been conceptualized, for the purposes of this initiative, to consist of three stages. Stage I, or early therapy development, involves research on the development, refinement, and pilot testing of behavioral interventions. Stage II involves the efficacy testing of therapies that show promise. Stage III is research aimed at determining if and how efficacious behavioral therapies may be transported to community settings, including primary care sites. Stage III includes research examining methods of training therapists and counselors to administer new behavioral therapies. This PA will use the National Institutes of Health (NIH) research project grant (R01), exploratory/developmental grant (R21), and small grant (R03) award mechanisms. For further information, contact Tom Murphy at extension 3-6810.

### **Maintenance of Long-Term Behavioral Change**

#### **National Institutes of Health**

**Letter of Intent due date:** March 11, 2003. **Application due date:** April 11, 2003.

**URL:** <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-OB-03-003.html>

Ten Institutes within the National Institutes of Health, and two other Offices within DHHS, jointly issued a Request for Applications (RFA) for research projects that examine biopsychosocial processes and test interventions designed to achieve long-term health behavior change. Past research has typically focused on short term behavioral change, yielding little information on how change, once achieved, is maintained over the long term. This RFA encourages investigators to expand on the current theoretical base of change processes and intervention models, as well as to consider new conceptualizations from basic research in the social and behavioral sciences. Applications must focus on important health-related behaviors already demonstrated amenable to short-term change, such as tobacco use, exercise, eating habits, alcohol and drug use, inoculation obtainment, disease screening, stress reduction, adherence to health care regimens, human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) or sexually transmitted infection (STI) risk practices, bullying and abuse of others, sun exposure, and failure to use safety equipment. For further information, contact Tom Murphy at extension 3-6810.

### **Other Current NIH Program Announcements**

For further information regarding any of the NIH grant programs listed below, contact Tom Murphy (ext. 3-6810). Prospective NIH grant applicants may also wish to obtain a copy of an informative CD recently prepared by the Office for Research and Sponsored Programs. Our NIH-CD provides all grant application materials and several PowerPoint presentations on topics of particular interest to NIH grant applicants. To obtain a copy, call ext. 3-6810.

#### **Drug Abuse and HIV Prevention in Youth**

**RFA Number:** DA-03-012. **Letter of Intent due date:** March 14, 2003. **Application due date:** April 14, 2003.

**URL:** <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-DA-03-012.html>

#### **Stress and Drug Abuse: Epidemiology, Etiology, Prevention and Treatment**

**RFA Number:** DA-04-001. **Letter of Intent due date:** May 19, 2003. **Application due date:** June 18, 2003.

**URL:** <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-DA-04-001.html>

#### **Social and Demographic Studies of Race and Ethnicity in the United States**

**PA Number:** PA-03-057. **Proposal due dates:** June 1, October 1 and February 1 (through Feb. 2006).

**URL:** <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-03-057.html>

### **Pathways Linking Education to Health**

**RFA:** OB-03-001 **Letter of Intent due date:** February 28, 2003. **Application due date:** March 26, 2003.

**URL:** <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-OB-03-001.html>

### **Effectiveness of Early Childhood Programs/Curricula/Interventions Promoting School Readiness**

**RFA:** OB-03-001 **Letter of Intent due date:** February 26 2003. **Application due date:** March 26, 2003.

**URL:** <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-HD-03-003.html>

## ***Reminder...***

### **NIH Issues New AREA Program Announcement: Academic Research Enhancement Awards Program**

A new Program Announcement, (Number PA-03-053) was issued by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) last month for the agency's popular Academic Research Enhancement Award (AREA) program. Through the AREA program, the NIH makes a special effort to stimulate research in educational institutions that provide baccalaureate training for the nation's future biomedical and behavioral scientists. To obtain a copy of the new AREA guidelines, visit [www.hofstra.edu/research](http://www.hofstra.edu/research) and link to: Funding Source > Federal Government > National Institutes of Health > Academic Research Enhancement Awards. Copy is also available by contacting out office at extension 3-6810.

## ***Student Funding Opportunity:***

### **Summer Internship Program in Biomedical Research National Institutes of Health**

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) is the Federal Government's primary agency for the support of biomedical research. Within its Institutes and Centers, the NIH employs approximately 14,800 people including 900 tenured faculty and nearly 3,000 postdoctoral fellows. The Summer Internship Program in Biomedical Research provides students an opportunity to work within this prestigious research organization for a period of eight weeks or more during the summer. Successful applicants will join an NIH research laboratory for a minimum of eight weeks between late May and August. Some flexibility in scheduling exists to accommodate individual student needs. Start dates are determined by the selecting officials and other institute staff. At the end of the summer, students are strongly encouraged to participate in the Summer Research Program Poster Day. This provides an opportunity for students to present their work before the NIH scientific community. Students are also expected to participate in meetings and seminars in their individual laboratories. Approximately 1,000 positions will be filled in 2003 from a pool of about 3,000 applications.

**Living Arrangements:** Although housing is not available on the NIH campus, program staff will assist students in locating housing in the community. Several area colleges rent dormitory rooms to students during the summer months.

**Citizenship Requirements:** Students must be either United States citizens or permanent residents of the United States. Permanent residents will be asked to submit a copy of their alien registration card upon selection.

**Eligibility:** Support for undergraduate students will range from about \$1,600-\$1,800 per months. Graduate student stipends of up to \$2,400 per month are available for those students with three or more years of graduate school training.

**For further Information:** <http://www.training.nih.gov/student/internship/internship.asp>

**Online Application due date:** March 1, 2003.

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