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Dear Faculty:

In 2002, Hofstra University submitted four research grant proposals and one post-doctoral fellowship grant application to the National Institutes of Health (NIH). From this mix, *in the next several days we expect to announce receipt of two new NIH awards!* We look forward to sharing the names of these new grant recipients with you, however, release of their names must await formal announcement by NIH.

NIH is by far the nation's largest provider of research grant support to academe. Many may think of the NIH solely in the context of the clinical investigations it supports in medical centers and university hospitals, however, this is a very incomplete picture. The agency also provides grant support for "basic research" and training programs at institutions like Hofstra University. The agency's commitment to fund basic research in biomedical science means regular funding opportunities for faculty in Chemistry, Biology and other areas as well. NIH's commitment to support basic research in the behavioral sciences opens many other doors for Hofstra University faculty and students. Unfortunately, in recent years, Hofstra University has not competed for its share of the NIH research and training budget – until last year, that is!

In this issue of our newsletter, we call to your attention several ongoing NIH grant competitions and describe three recent NIH program announcements seeking applications for behavioral research on substance abuse. We hope you find this information of interest. As always, the staff of the Office for Research and Sponsored Programs is available to assist you in the development and preparation of your proposal. Please do not hesitate to drop by or give us a call. Thanks.

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### NIH "AREA" Grants

#### Academic Research Enhancement Awards

URL: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-03-053.html>

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) is continuing to make a special effort to stimulate research in educational institutions that provide baccalaureate training for a significant number of the nation's future research scientists. The Academic Research Enhancements Awards program, or AREA grants program in short, are intended to create a research opportunity for scientists and institutions otherwise unlikely to participate extensively in NIH programs to support the nation's biomedical and behavioral research effort. It is anticipated that investigators supported under the AREA program will benefit from the opportunity to conduct independent research; that the grantee institution will benefit from a research environment strengthened through AREA grants and furthered by participation in the diverse extramural programs of the NIH; and that students will benefit from exposure to and participation in research and be encouraged to pursue graduate studies in the health sciences. AREA grants provide an investigator with a full \$150,000 in direct costs in support for small research projects, which might include, feasibility studies, pilot studies, and other small-scale research programs. This amount can be used for periods of 1-3 years. Application receipt dates for AREA grants are January 25, May 25 and September 25 annually.

### NIMH Small Grants Program

#### National Institute of Mental Health

URL: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-03-039.html>

The National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) Small Grants Program provides research support of up to \$50,000 per year (direct costs) for up to two years for new research projects in areas of high relevance to the mission of the NIMH. Small grants (R03) are short-term awards designed to answer specific and targeted research questions. Both new and more experienced investigators are encouraged to apply for grants under this announcement. Newer investigators may use the award to generate new or additional preliminary data for future research grants, e.g. R01 "Traditional Research Project Grants" with significantly larger financial support levels. More experienced investigators may justify support under this mechanism as either representing new research directions for the investigator or representing the development and testing of new methodology. The award is also intended to support investigators at institutions that do not have extensive research resources. Because the research plan is limited to 10 pages, a Small Grant application may not have the same level of detail or extensive discussion normally found in an R01 application. Review emphasis should be placed on conceptual framework and general approach to the problem, with less emphasis on methodological details. Application receipt dates for NIMH Small Grants are February 1, June 1 and October 1 annually.

## **Research on Worksite-Related Alcohol Problems: Causative Processes, Primary and Secondary Prevention National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism**

**Application due dates:** June 1, 2003; October 1, 2003; and, February 1, 2004.

The National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAAA) provides support for research on the social and psychological processes involved in the onset and perpetuation of worksite-related alcohol problems, and the development and testing of preventive strategies to reduce the incidence and prevalence of these problems. Areas of research interest include the following: causative factors (workplace cultures, social control, alienation, occupational stress, and social and physical availability of alcohol); secondary prevention of alcohol problems (employee assistance programs, and testing and screening programs); primary prevention (general health and well-being, and alcohol-specific strategies).

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## **Treatment of Adolescents with Alcohol Use Disorders National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism**

**Application due dates:** June 1, 2003; October 1, 2003; and, February 1, 2004.

**URL:** <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-03-088.html>

The National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAAA) seeks research grant applications to develop and assess efficacious behavioral and pharmacological treatments for adolescents with alcohol use disorders (AUD). NIAAAA's adolescent treatment research program has developed rapidly since its initiation in 1998. There still remain, however, important research issues that need to be addressed. Three types of research design are encouraged under this PA: (1) pilot studies to develop and test research protocols for novel interventions or new combinations of existing interventions; (2) randomized clinical trials to evaluate the efficacy of either (a) novel interventions or combinations of interventions developed in pilot studies or (b) extensions and enhancements of existing interventions; and (3) natural history studies to assess the impact of understudied influences (e.g., developmental and contextual effects) on the long term course of adolescent alcohol use disorders and associated problem behaviors.

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## **Behavioral Therapies Development Program National Institute on Drug Abuse and National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism**

**Application due dates:** June 1, 2003; October 1, 2003; and, February 1, 2004.

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

The National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) and the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAAA) are seeking research grant applications on the development of behavioral treatments for drug and alcohol abuse and dependence. This program announcement reaffirms NIDA's and NIAAAA's continued and ongoing commitment to major programs of research on behavioral therapies. 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.

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