OPD WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Dear Chairs and Center/Institute Directors:

For updates and guidance related to Federal Executive Orders and other federal actions affecting federally funded research, please visit the 2025 Federal Transition and University Guidance webpage.

Please share these funding opportunities and related research news with your faculty.

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Research News

The most updated list of research news can be found on our website.

DOE RFI: Mobilizing Talent for the Genesis Mission and Developing an American Workforce to Advance Artificial Intelligence (AI) for Science and Engineering
The U.S. Department of Energy has issued a Request for Information (RFI) on Mobilizing Talent for the Genesis Mission and Developing an American Workforce to Advance Artificial Intelligence (AI) for Science and Engineering, seeking input on innovations for forging partnerships between DOE, institutions of higher learning, industry, and philanthropic organizations to expand training and research experiences for students and post-doctoral associates to both contribute to the goals of the Genesis Mission and prepare for future careers in academia, national laboratories, government, and industry, with dual competencies in AI and science. Stony Brook University will be submitting institutional comments, and Stony Brook Research invites your feedback to help shape our response. Your perspective is essential to enhancing our submission, which should reflect the depth, real-world experience, and full breadth of expertise of the Stony Brook research community.
Deadline: Anyone who is interested in providing feedback may add comments in our Request for Internal Comments document by **Wednesday, February 18, 2026 at 11:59 pm EST.**

AI Innovation Institute Small Grant Program
The Artificial Intelligence Innovation Institute (AI3) aims to advance core innovation in AI and its diffusion to nearly every industrial, societal, and scholarly sector. To facilitate strategic growth of AI across campus, AI3, with administrative support from the Office for Research and Innovation (OR&I), invites applications for a small grant program for projects in AI.
Deadline: Full proposals due **Monday, March 2, 2026** via the [AI Innovation Institute Small Grant Program portal](#) in InfoReady.
[Learn more in the Request for Applications](#)

Reports and Articles of Interest
- [Read about how to make an effective public comment on regulatory proposals](#).
- [DOE's Genesis Mission released 26 science and technology challenges](#) to accelerate discovery and innovation through AI, and [launched its consortium](#).
- [DOE names members of its new consolidated Office of Science Advisory Committee](#) that oversees research priorities and challenges.
- [The NSF's National Science Board plans to accelerate the transformation to a Next Generation NSF in 2026](#).

McAllister & Quinn Weekly Opportunity & Strategic Intelligence Overview
Every week, [McAllister & Quinn](#)'s Research Universities Practice sends out a weekly opportunity overview. These comprehensive lists encompass research and development opportunities relevant to R1 and R2 institutions across the Federal government. Visit [OPD's Grant Proposal Resource Repository](#) for the [latest overview](#) and an archive of previous overviews and other resources.

Upcoming Workshops

Below are upcoming internal and external workshops.
[The most updated list of events can be found on our website.](#)

Internal Workshops

SciENcv: A How-To Workshop
Hosted by: The Office of Proposal Development and the Office of Sponsored Programs
When: February 18, 2026 from 10 to 11 am
Where: Virtual
[Learn more about and register for the SciENcv Workshop](#)

2026 NSF CAREER Award Workshop Series
Hosted by: The Office of Proposal Development
When:
- NSF CAREER Kickoff: February 25, 2026 at 10 to 11 am
- Write Winning NSF CAREER Proposals Workshop: March 6, 2026 at 9 am to 12:30 pm and March 9, 2026 at 9 am to 12:30 pm
- Educational and Outreach Partners Workshop: March 31, 2026 at 11 am to 12:30 pm
- Meet and Greet with Past Awardees: April 30, 2026 at 10 to 11:30 am
- Evaluation Plan Workshop: May 11, 2026 at 2 to 3 pm

- Data Management Workshop: TBD
Where: Varies per workshop
[Learn more about and register for the 2026 NSF CAREER Award Workshop Series by February 13, 2026](#)

SUNY AI Symposium at Stony Brook: Scaling the NY AI Innovation Ecosystem
Hosted by: The State University of New York (SUNY), in partnership with the Office for Research and Innovation and the Artificial Intelligence Innovation Institute (AI3) at the State University of New York at Stony Brook
When: April 14 to 15, 2026
Where: Stony Brook University
[Learn more about and register for the SUNY AI Symposium at Stony Brook](#)

External Workshops

NORDTECH Networking Reception
Hosted by: NORDTECH
When: February 17, 2026
Where: Washington, D.C.
[Learn more and register for the NORDTECH Networking Reception](#)

Microelectronics Commons Annual Meeting
Hosted by: National Security Technology Accelerator (NSTXL) (DoD)
When: February 18 to 20, 2026
Where: Washington, D.C.
[Learn more about and register for the Microelectronics Commons Annual Meeting](#)

ARPA-H BIOGAMI Proposers' Day
Hosted by: ARPA-H
When: February 20, 2026
Where: Hybrid event; virtual and in Arlington, VA
[Learn more about and register for ARPA-H BIOGAMI Proposers' Day](#)

NSF-ERVA Wave-Based Computing Workshop
Hosted by: NSF and Engineering Research Visioning Alliance (ERVA)
When: February 24 to 25, 2026
Where: Washington, D.C.
[Learn more about and apply to participate in the NSF-ERVA Wave-Based Computing Workshop](#)

Meet the Funder: Greenwall Foundation
Hosted by: SBU's Foundation Relations
When: February 26, 2026 at 11:30 am
Where: Virtual
[Learn more about and register for the Meet the Funder: Greenwall Foundation webinar](#)

AI & Society Workshop
Hosted by: University at Buffalo's Department of AI and Society (AIS)
When: February 26 to 27, 2026
Where: Screening Room, Center for the Arts, UB North Campus | Buffalo, NY
Learn more about and register for the AI & Society Workshop

High-Risk, High-Reward Research Symposium
Hosted by: NIH
When: March 4 to 6, 2026
Where: Bethesda, MD
Learn more about and register for the HRHR Research Symposium

2026 ARPA-E Energy Innovation Summit
Hosted by: ARPA-E
When: April 7 to 9, 2026
Where: San Diego, CA
Learn more and register for the 2026 ARPA-E Energy Innovation Summit

2026 QED-C Quantum Summit
Hosted by: QED-C
When: April 14 to 15, 2026
Where: TBD
Learn more about and register for the 2026 QED-C Quantum Summit by logging into your QED-C account

SUNY Undergraduate Research Conference
Hosted by: SUNY Fredonia and SUNY Upstate Medical University
When: April 21 and 24, 2026
Where: Fredonia, NY and Syracuse, NY
Learn more about and register for the SUNY Undergraduate Research Conference

SUNY Graduate Research and Creative Activities Conference (GRC)
Hosted by: The Graduate Academic Programs and Research Committee of the University Faculty Senate, in collaboration with the SUNY Center for Professional Development
When: May 1, 2026
Where: Virtual
Learn more about and submit an abstract to the SUNY Graduate Research and Creative Activities Conference

2026 NORDTECH Annual Hub Meeting
Hosted by: The Graduate Academic Programs and Research Committee of the University Faculty Senate, in collaboration with the SUNY Center for Professional Development
When: June 3 to 4, 2026

Where: New York University Tandon School of Engineering's campus in Brooklyn, NY.
Learn more about the NORDTECH Annual Hub Meeting

Active Limited Competitions and Canvasses

All limited competitions are completed in **InfoReady**. You can sign into InfoReady using your Net-ID and your **stonybrook.edu** email address. Please allow sufficient time to familiarize yourself with the portal prior to submitting. *Submitting by proxy? If you would like someone to submit an application on your behalf in InfoReady, please* **follow these instructions to designate them as your proxy**. *Please note: Issues may arise and could negatively impact the review of an application if a proxy is not officially designated in this manner.*

Recent Federal Executive Orders and other federal actions affecting federally funded research have resulted in changes to some federal funding opportunities. Consequently, we may need to update our posted limited competitions to remain aligned with these ongoing adjustments. We encourage you to check **our website** *regularly for the latest updates, in addition to canvass and internal competition details and instructions.*

Program: Feldstein Medical Research Grants
Sponsor: Feldstein Medical Foundation
Type: Internal Competition Feldstein Medical Foundation Call for Pre-applications
InfoReady Portal: FMF Portal
Internal Deadline: February 16, 2026 at 9 am
External Deadline: March 31, 2026
Institutional Limit: 2 (1 basic science, 1 translational/clinical/medical education)
Award Amount and Length: Up to $75K for up to 1 year

Program: CyberAICorps Scholarship for Service (CyberAI SFS)
Sponsor: NSF
Type: Canvass
InfoReady Portal: CyberAI SFS Portal
Internal Deadline: February 20, 2026 at 11:59 pm
External Deadline: April 3, 2026
Institutional Limit: Scholarship Track: 1; No limit to innovation track
Award Amount and Length: Up to $2.5M over 3 years

Program: SUNY Brain Institute (SBI) RFP
Sponsor: SUNY ORIED
Type: Internal Competition SUNY Brain Institute (SBI) RFP Call for Pre-applications
InfoReady Portal: SBI Portal
Internal Deadline: February 23, 2026 at 9 am
External Deadline: April 6, 2026
Institutional Limit: 2
Award Amount and Length: Hub: $4M to $6M over 3 years; Nodes: $0.5M to $4M over 3 years

Program: Pediatric Cancer Research Foundation Grants
Sponsor: Pediatric Cancer Research Foundation

Type: Canvass
InfoReady Portal: [PCRF Portal](#)
Internal Deadline: February 27, 2026 at 11:59 pm
External Deadline: LOI due April 1, 2026; Invited applications due July 1, 2026
Institutional Limit: 1
Award Amount and Length: Emerging Investigator Fellowship Grants: Up to $75K for 1 year

Program: [Packard Fellowships for Science and Engineering Program](#)
Sponsor: David and Lucile Packard Foundation
Type: Internal Competition [Packard Call for Pre-applications](#)
InfoReady Portal: [Packard Portal](#)
Internal Deadline: March 2, 2026 at 9 am
External Deadline: Nominations due March 15, 2026. Applications due April 20, 2026.
Institutional Limit: 2
Award Amount and Length: $875K over 5 years

Program: [Breast Cancer Alliance Research Grants Program](#)
Sponsor: Breast Cancer Alliance
Type: Internal Competition [BCA Research Grants Call for Pre-applications](#)
InfoReady Portal: [BCA Research Grants Portal](#)
Internal Deadline: March 2, 2026 at 9 am
External Deadline: LOI due March 31, 2026; Full application (by invitation) due July 30, 2026
Institutional Limit: 1 (either XP or YIP)
Award Amount and Length: YIG: $125K over 2 years; XP: $100K over 1 year

Program: [W.M. Keck Foundation Research Program](#)
Sponsor: W.M. Keck Foundation
Type: Internal Competition [W.M. Keck Foundation Call for Pre-applications](#)
InfoReady Portal: [Keck Foundation Portal](#)
Internal Deadline: April 15, 2026 at 11:59 pm
External Deadline: June 15, 2026 to schedule concept counseling which takes place between July 1 and August 15, 2026. Phase 1 application due November 1, 2026.
Institutional Limit: 8 concepts
Award Amount and Length: Typical grants are awarded $1M to $1.3M over 3 years

Noteworthy Funding Opportunities

The Office of Proposal Development actively curates a list of recently released funding opportunities in priority research areas.
[The most updated list of noteworthy funding opportunities can be found on our website.](#)

[BIOGAMI (BIOmolecular Grammar for protein Aggregation Modulation and Intervention)](#)
Sponsor: ARPA-H
Discipline(s): Neurodegenerative Diseases, Cancer, Diabetes, AI
Description: The BIOmolecular Grammar for protein Aggregation Modulation and Intervention (BIOGAMI) program aims to fundamentally transform therapeutic approaches to protein dysfunction in disease by controlling protein folding rather than treating symptoms of malfunctioning proteins.

Common to neurodegenerative diseases (NDD) (i.e., Alzheimer's disease, Huntington's disease, Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis, and Parkinson's disease), cancers, and diabetes, are intrinsically disordered proteins (IDPs) that misfold or aggregate. Through novel AI-driven prediction tools, BIOGAMI will develop new classes of therapeutics that prevent misfolding and aggregation before they start, thus preventing many of these diseases. The goals of the BIOGAMI program are to leverage cutting edge technologies to accurately predict and control protein folding to treat root causes of disease and to enable early detection of diseased, misfolded proteins, opening the door to a new class of therapeutics for currently undruggable targets. Technical Areas include (1) Establish the molecular grammar of IDRs and (2) Modulate IDPs to detect and control protein folding. Teams are strongly encouraged to demonstrate an active partnership with a designated commercial entity at the time of proposal, although this is not required. Applicants are encouraged to register for the hybrid Proposer's Day with virtual and in-person options on February 20, 2026.
Institutional Limit: No Limit
PI Eligibility: No restrictions
Award: Amount not noted. TA1 - 4 years, TA2, 3.5 years.
Cost Share: Not required
Deadline(s): Solution Summary Due - March 4, 2026; Full Proposal Due - April 15, 2026

2026 Brain & Behavior Foundation Young Investigator Grant

Sponsor: The Brain & Behavior Research Foundation
Discipline(s): Psychiatry, Neurobiology, Psychobiology
Description: The program covers a broad spectrum of mental illnesses and serves as a catalyst for additional funding, providing researchers with "proof of concept" for their work. The program provides funding to enable promising investigators to either extend their research fellowship training or to begin careers as independent research faculty. The program is intended to facilitate innovative research and supports basic, translational, and/or clinical investigators. All research must be relevant to our understanding, treatment and prevention of serious psychiatric disorders such as schizophrenia, bipolar, mood and anxiety disorders, or early onset brain and behavior disorders. In addition to supporting the full ranges of relevant neurobiological and psychobiological basic science, we also support clinical science, which can include careful studies using qualitative research approaches or research generating preliminary data to explore a new hypothesis generated by clinical experience or large sample studies
Institutional Limit: None
PI Eligibility: Applicants must have a doctoral level degree (e.g., M.D. with [minimum PGY-IV training, Ph.D., Psy.D., Pharm.D., etc.) and already be employed in research training or a faculty research position. The YI Grant is intended to support advanced post-doctoral fellows, instructors and assistant professors (or equivalent). Former or current PIs on a NIH R01 grant or the equivalent (e.g., VA Merit Review grant) is not eligible. Investigators at the rank of associate professor or equivalent are also not eligible.
Award: $35,000 per year for two years. The foundation does not pay institutional overhead on this program.
Cost Share: Not required
Deadline(s): March 4, 2026

CyberAICorps Scholarship for Service (CyberAI SFS): Innovation Track Only

Sponsor: NSF
Discipline(s): AI, Cybersecurity
Description: The CyberAICorps Scholarship for Service (CyberAI SFS) program welcomes proposals that address AI and cybersecurity education and workforce development. CyberAI refers to using AI in cybersecurity as well as providing security and resilience for AI systems. The Innovation Track supports projects that enhance preparation of AI and/or cybersecurity professionals. Projects may expand existing educational opportunities, curricula, degree programs, educational pathways, methods and

interventions, and partnerships among institutions of higher education, government, and employers. These efforts may include, but are not limited to, the following: Develop and share cutting-edge instructional materials and methods in AI or its role in cybersecurity. Foster experiential learning through curricular innovations, competitions, and applied research in AI, cybersecurity, or their intersection across STEM domains. Expand professional development for researchers, educators, and practitioners in AI or cybersecurity at all levels. Integrate basic or advanced AI or cybersecurity training with other fields to address human interaction with AI systems. Build communities of practice with shareable datasets, AI models, and computing resources through partnerships.

Institutional Limit: There is no restriction for the Innovation Track. If you are interested in the Scholarship Track, which is limited to one per institution, please see the canvass on our Limited Competitions webpage.

PI Eligibility: As of the date the proposal is submitted, any PI, co-PI, or other Senior/Key project personnel must hold either: a tenured or tenure-track position, or a primary, full-time, paid appointment in a research, administration, or teaching position. For the Innovation Track, an individual must not participate as PI, Co-PI, or Senior Personnel on more than two (2) proposals submitted within any 12-month period.

Award: Innovation Track: The maximum award amount is $500,000 for up to 3 years.

Cost Share: Inclusion of voluntary committed cost sharing is prohibited.

Deadline(s): Innovation Track: April 3, 2026

Research Grants on Education: Small

Sponsor: Spencer Foundation

Anthropology, Philosophy, Psychology, Sociology, Law, Economics, History, Neuroscience

Description: This program is "field-initiated" in that proposal submissions are not in response to a specific request for a particular research topic, discipline, design, or method. Our goal for this program is to support rigorous, intellectually ambitious and technically sound research that is relevant to the most pressing questions and compelling opportunities in education. We seek to support scholarship that develops new foundational knowledge that may have a lasting impact on educational discourse. We recognize that learning occurs across the life course as well as across settings— from the classroom to the workplace, to family and community contexts and even onto the playing field—any of which may, in the right circumstance, provide the basis for rewarding study that makes significant contributions to the field. We anticipate that proposals will span a wide range of topics and disciplines that innovatively investigate questions central to education, including for example education, anthropology, philosophy, psychology, sociology, law, economics, history, or neuroscience, among others.

Institutional Limit: No limit

PI Eligibility: Principal Investigators (PIs) and Co-PIs applying for a Small Research Grant on Education must have an earned doctorate in an academic discipline or professional field. While graduate students may be part of the research team, they may not be named the PI or Co-PI on the proposal. PIs and PIs and Co-PIs may not submit more than one research proposal to the Spencer Foundation at a time. This restriction applies to the Small Grants Program, Large Grants Program, Racial Equity Research Grants Program, and Research-Practice Partnership Program. If the PI or any of the Co-PIs currently have a research proposal under consideration in any of these programs, they are required to wait until a final decision has been made on the pending proposal before they can submit a new proposal.

Award: Budgets up to $50,000 for projects ranging from one to five years.

Cost Share: Not required

Deadline(s): April 15, 2026

John and Polly Sparks Early Career Grant for Psychologists Investigating Serious Emotional Disturbance (SED)

Sponsor: American Psychological Foundation and The John and Polly Sparks Foundation

Discipline(s): Psychology, Emotional Disturbance

Description: The John and Polly Sparks Early Career Grant supports early career psychologists conducting research in the area of early intervention and treatment for serious emotional disturbance in children. The John and Polly Sparks Foundation partnered with APF to empower early career psychologists to produce scientifically-based research and programs that could provide models for broad-based applications across the country. You may add a Co-PI to your application. However, the applicant is the Principal Investigator (PI).

Institutional Limit: None

PI Eligibility: Applicants must be early career psychologists (no more than 10 years postdoctoral with a degree from an accredited university). International applicants may apply for APF funding if they meet the program's eligibility requirements and are from a country that has diplomatic relations with the United States.

Award: $22,000

Cost Share: Not required

Deadline(s): April 24, 2026

[Exploratory Grantmaking in Technology](#)

Sponsor: Alfred P. Sloan Foundation

Discipline(s): AI, Technology, Science

Description: The goal of this program is to continually monitor the landscape of emerging technology with the aim of identifying emerging new sectors, tools, and methods of working that we believe have potential, but which may not yet receive funding from mainstream/other sources. Exploratory grantmaking is intended to bring community needs and priorities into sharper focus and allow the Foundation to determine whether there is a clear strategy and potential impact in a specific area. Supported activities may include workshops and other expert convenings, early technology development and prototyping, landscape analyses, development of protocols and standards, initial research on and engagement with potential user communities, and demonstration or other proof-of-concept projects. Ideal focus areas lie at the intersection of research and technology, are sufficiently limited that the Foundation could make an impact with its available resources, and involve issues for which public or private funding is scarce or unavailable. Current areas the Foundation is exploring include: AI in Science and Automation in Science.

Institutional Limit: No limit

PI Eligibility: No restrictions

Award: Not listed. Previous awards range from $20,000 to $1,000,000+.

Cost Share: Not required

Deadline(s): Rolling deadline. Interested grantseekers should email a letter of inquiry of no more than two pages to technology@sloan.org.

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