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## OPD WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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March 13, 2026

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.](#)

#### Launch of Stony Brook Research Connect

[Stony Brook Research Connect](#), a comprehensive online portal designed to spotlight the depth, scale, and impact of the university's research enterprise and make it easier for collaborators to connect with Stony Brook experts, has been announced. The portal provides public access to more than 2,200 faculty profiles representing researchers from Stony Brook University and Stony Brook Medicine, along with over 100,000 grants, projects, publications and other scholarly works. The platform serves as a centralized gateway to discover Stony Brook researchers, explore their expertise and identify opportunities for partnership across disciplines.

[Learn more about Research Connect](#)

## **SUNY Technology Accelerator Fund (TAF)**

**Description:** The fund provides funding to support the translation of SUNY research-derived innovations from the lab to the market. TAF investments are highly competitive and support technology development milestones, such as feasibility studies, prototyping, and testing, to advance the commercial readiness of SUNY's most promising innovations.

**Eligibility:** Faculty, staff, and students from all disciplines and campuses across SUNY are encouraged to submit proposals for TAF Class of 2026 funding.

TAF is open to any high-potential SUNY technology that uniquely addresses an acute problem within a supportive market. TAF applications are especially encouraged for innovations closely aligned with SUNY's current strategic research priorities, including: AI for the public good; Quantum technologies; Next-generation semiconductors; Biotechnologies and medicine; and Energy and climate solutions. This program funds projects that will advance the commercial readiness of technologies aligning with the Topic Areas and Funding tracks (listed in the [SUNY TAF Class of 2026 Solicitation and Administrative Guidelines](#)).

All applicants are strongly encouraged to discuss their interest in submitting a Pre-Proposal with Intellectual Property Partners (contact information: [jesse.lobenhofer@stonybrook.edu](mailto:jesse.lobenhofer@stonybrook.edu)) prior to preparing and submitting a Pre-Proposal Application.

**Award:** \$50,000 per project

**Deadline:** Pre-proposals due March 16, 2026

## **Stony Brook Trustees Faculty Awards**

**Description:** The Stony Brook Trustees Faculty Award recognizes promising early-career faculty for their significant contributions to research, scholarship, and art-making. These awards provide funding opportunities to support and advance their work in these areas. This award is offered by the Office of the Provost in collaboration with the Office for Research and Innovation.

**Eligibility:** Full-time, second-term assistant professors who have completed their review process and at least three years at Stony Brook

**Deadline:** Nominations due March 31, 2026

[Learn more about and submit a nomination to the Trustees Faculty Awards](#)

## **Reports and Articles of Interest**

- [The NIH Office of Extramural Research plans to shorten and simplify NOFOs and implement other changes.](#)

- [The Senate advanced the NASA Authorization Act of 2026](#), which would fully fund major NASA activities for FY26 and increase funding for FY27.

- [A new Commission on US Quantum Primacy was announced](#), which will develop a national strategy to secure US leadership in quantum technologies.

- [The Quantum in Practice Act, which would incorporate quantum molecular simulation and modeling into the National Quantum Initiative, was reintroduced in the House.](#)

## **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

### **Translating the Funding Landscape for Stony Brook Researchers: Biotechnology**

**Hosted by:** The Office of Proposal Development

**When:** March 25, 2026, 10 to 11 am

**Where:** Stony Brook University (virtual)

[Learn more about and register for the Biotechnology virtual presentation](#)

### **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](#)

### **Translating the Funding Landscape for Stony Brook Researchers: Artificial Intelligence**

**Hosted by:** The Office of Proposal Development

**When:** April 22, 2026, 2 to 3 pm

**Where:** Stony Brook University (virtual)

[Learn more about and register for the Artificial Intelligence virtual presentation](#)

## External Workshops

### **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](#)

### **I-Corps Regional Course for Startups**

**Hosted by:** Binghamton University & University at Buffalo

**When:** April 13 to May 14, 2026 (A month-long course)

**Where:** Virtual

[Learn more about and apply to the I-Corps Regional Course for Startups by March 18](#)

### **2026 QED-C Quantum Summit**

**Hosted by:** QED-C

**When:** April 14 to 15, 2026

**Where:** Washington, DC

[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](#)

### **Conference on AI and Higher Education**

**Hosted by:** AAC&U

**When:** October 28 to 30, 2026

**Where:** Atlanta, Georgia, and Online

**Proposal Submission:** AAC&U invite faculty, staff, administrators, and institutional leaders to submit proposals that advance responsible, ethical, and effective AI use in higher education. Deadline: April 10, 2026.

[Learn more about, register for, and/or submit a proposal to the Conference on AI and Higher Education](#)

## **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](mailto: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:** [Collaborative Program Grant for Multidisciplinary Teams \(RM1 - Clinical Trial Optional\)](#)

**Sponsor:** NIH

**Type:** Canvass

**InfoReady Portal:** [Collaborative Program Grant for Multidisciplinary Teams Portal](#)

**Internal Deadline:** March 13, 2026 at 11:59 pm

**External Deadline:** May 27, 2026

**Institutional Limit:** 2

**Award Amount and Length:** Up to \$1.5M direct costs per year for up to 5 years

**Program:** [Research Grants](#)

**Sponsor:** RRF Foundation for Aging

**Type:** Canvass

**InfoReady Portal:** [RRF Portal](#)

**Internal Deadline:** March 20, 2026 at 11:59 pm

**External Deadline:** LOI due May 1, 2026; Full proposal (by invite only) due August 5, 2026

**Institutional Limit:** 1 per department

**Award Amount and Length:** Awards are typically made in the \$50K to \$300K range over 1 to 3 years.

**Program:** [Pathway to Stop Diabetes](#)

**Sponsor:** American Diabetes Association

**Type:** Canvass

**InfoReady Portal:** [ADA Pathway to Stop Diabetes Portal](#)

**Internal Deadline:** March 25, 2026 at 11:59 pm

**External Deadline:** May 19, 2026

**Institutional Limit:** 2: one basic science/preclinical research and one translational science. Each nomination can be for either Initiator or Accelerator

**Award Amount and Length:** Accelerator Award: \$325K per year for up to 5 years. Initiator Award: Up to \$100K per year in Phase 1, up to \$325K per year in Phase 2. The award period is up to 7 years.

**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:** Concept paper submission due June 15, 2026. Phase I 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.](#)

### [Public Scholars](#)

**Sponsor:** NEH

**Discipline(s):** History, Social Science, Humanities, Western Civilization, American History

**Description:** The Public Scholars program offers grants to individual authors for research, writing, travel, and other activities leading to the creation and publication of well-researched nonfiction books in the humanities written for the broad public. The 2026 Awards for Faculty competition will accept only projects for research in American history and culture and Western civilization. Competitive applications must focus on topics in the history, culture, and government of the United States in any period from the Colonial Era to the present, or topics in Western civilization from antiquity to the present. NEH encourages submissions from independent scholars and junior scholars.

**Institutional Limit:** No limit

**PI Eligibility:** You may not accept or hold any other NEH individual award, including a Chairman's Award to Individuals, in the same federal fiscal year. You must have written at least one nonfiction book published by a university or trade press and be credited as its sole author. You may not meet this requirement with a co-authored volume, an edited collection of essays or anthology, a scholarly edition, a translation, a dissertation, a book that has not been published by the application deadline, or a self-published book. (Self-published books include books published by a press that requires payment from the author to the press as a condition of publication). U.S. citizens residing domestically or abroad and foreign nationals who have lived in the U.S. or its jurisdictions for at least the three years prior to the application deadline.

**Award:** \$30,000 to \$60,000 for 6 to 12 months. \$5,000 per month for full-time work; prorated for part-time.

**Cost Share:** Not required

**Deadline(s):** April 22, 2026

### [Quantum Benchmarking Initiative Topic \(QBIT\) Stage A](#)

**Sponsor:** DARPA

**Discipline(s):** Quantum Computing

**Description:** The Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) is issuing a Quantum Benchmarking Initiative topic (QBIT) to solicit innovative approaches addressing challenges related to quantum computing. The QBIT will examine approaches to constructing a utility-scale fault-tolerant quantum computer and computational workflows that include quantum compute steps. Proposed research should investigate approaches that enable revolutionary advances in design, engineering, testing, and evaluation of such systems. Specifically excluded is research that primarily

results in evolutionary improvements to the existing state of practice. The purpose of this QBIT is to encourage new entrants to QBI, ensuring DARPA has visibility into all approaches and potential solutions. QBI will use a multi-stage approach to determine viable paths to building a USQC. This process will be divided into Stage A (Plausibility), Stage B (Research and Development Plan), and Stage C (Validation and Co-Design), where each new stage represents an increased level of scrutiny into performer-proposed system designs. DARPA is currently soliciting abstracts for Stage A efforts only. Information regarding Stages B and C is provided solely for context on the overall program structure and is not part of the current solicitation under this QBIT.

**Institutional Limit:** No limit

**PI Eligibility:** No restrictions

**Award:** Up to \$1,000,000 for 6 months

**Cost Share:** Not required

**Deadline(s):** Abstract Responses Due: July 31, 2026. Full Proposal Responses Due: September 30, 2026

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