**Federal Funding Opportunity**

Preclinical Research on Model Organisms to Predict Treatment Outcomes for Disorders Associated with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities

*PAR-11-038*

**Purpose:**
This program seeks Investigator-initiated R01 applications that propose to identify, validate and/or calibrate physiologic and/or behavioral measures in preclinical animal models of disorders associated with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD), particularly in the pediatric population. This program specifically targets the development of outcome measures or biomarkers that can serve as informative endpoints in preclinical trials of therapeutic compounds and will predict the safety and efficacy of interventions in human clinical trials for these disorders.

**Objectives:**
This announcement addresses a significant need in the field: the identification of sensitive, reliable, and valid endpoints that can be used in preclinical animal testing and human clinical trials of therapeutic compounds for IDD. One of the goals of the proposed FOA is to align and validate outcome measures and biomarkers developed for preclinical animal testing with endpoints currently or potentially used in human trials. This solicitation is designed to stimulate and accelerate ongoing clinical and translational research in the IDDs.

**Support:**
Expected annual direct cost amount for individual awards is between $100K and $499,999. Budgets for direct costs of up to $500K per year may be requested for a maximum of $2,499,996 direct costs over a five-year project period. Funding opportunity may not exceed 5 years.

**Deadline:**
Standard dates for R01 submissions apply.


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**Important Reminder—NEW SYSTEM**

New Federal Progress Report Submission System

The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has mandated that federal agencies implement a federal-wide research performance progress report (RPPR) for submission of required annual or other interim performance reporting. The RPPR is an initiative to establish a uniform format that will become mandatory as of Spring 2013.

The RPPR final format consists of eight (8) components: Cover Page, Accomplishments, Products, Participants & Other Collaborating Organizations; Impact, Changes/Problems, Budgetary Information and Special Reporting Requirements - for agency specific requirements. The RPPR is accessed through the Principal Investigator’s eRA Commons account.

For additional information, timelines, training and points of contact, visit the NIH RPPR website, [http://grants.nih.gov/grants/rppr/](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/rppr/)
University of Utah Clinical Research Services

The University of Utah Clinical Research Center developed under the Woman and Child Institute, is a collaboration between The Department of Pediatrics and The Department of Obstetrics/Gynecology. The Clinical Research Center was established with a mission to provide clinical investigators and sponsors with comprehensive support services, research tools, personnel and facilities to conduct or facilitate clinical research studies. The Center has experience working with special populations including: neonatal, pediatric, adolescent, young adult, pregnant and geriatric participants including; diverse populations from ethnic minorities to geographically distant groups. Access to the Utah Population Database (UPDB) provides an advantage for high recruitment.

The Clinical Research Center functions as a "one-stop" clinical support agency. Contact the Center at any time before or during a clinical study for any of their research services.

- Protocol Design
- Multi-site Coordination
- Data Management
- Study Coordinator Personnel
- Budget & Contract Negotiation
- Recruitment & Retention Strategies
- Monitoring & Auditing
- Much more…..

To learn about the full research services offered by the Clinical Research Center, please contact:

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Annual Spring Conference is Approaching
University of Utah Woman and Child Institute

Spring Conference

Planning is underway for this year’s University of Utah Woman and Child Institute Spring conference. This year’s conference will focus on the contributions of the Utah Population Database (UPDB) to women and children’s health. It will feature plenary presentations by recipients of this year’s Program in Personalized Health Care/Utah Genome Pilot Project as well as breakout and poster sessions focused on women and children’s health.

The conference is scheduled to take place Friday, May 17th, 2013 from 8:00 am—3:00 pm on the University of Utah Health Science Campus. The call for abstracts for the poster breakout sessions will open in early 2013 and be due in April 2013. Further information regarding registration will be available in the coming months as well.

Please contact Kim Bloom, kim.bloom@hsc.utah.edu, or 801-587-8901 for further information.

View Past Issues...

Woman and Child Institute - Research Reporter

Want to view past issues of the Research Reporter? Go to the following website for archived issues:

http://medicine.utah.edu/pediatrics/neonatology/research/index.php
Need Some Additional Training?
Online NIH eRA Commons Training Pages

The eRA Commons system has many features which are required to be used in NIH’s electronic grant world. In order for you to maneuver successfully through the system, NIH’s Office of Extramural Research, Division of Communications and Outreach has developed a new eRA training page. The training page consolidates resources from various locations across the eRA website into one unified page, http://era.nih.gov/era_training/index.cfm

By clicking on each icon, you will have access to power point presentations, web-based tutorials, quick reference sheets, frequently asked questions (FAQs) and other helpful information. Now you can locate resource information quickly and easily.

Applause - Cheer - Congratulations!
University of Utah Beacons Of Excellence Award

The Department of Pediatrics’ Research Education Office and its Native American Research Internship (NARI) were honored to be recognized last month as a 2012 recipient for the University of Utah Beacons Of Excellence Award. The award recognizes and celebrates examples of “best practices” on the U of U campus by “recognizing excellence in providing transformational experiences to undergraduate students”.

A video produced about NARI for the awards ceremony can be viewed by following this link: http://advising.utah.edu/beacons-of-excellence/native-american-research-internship.php.