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Miriam's Message

Two notes this month:

We held the CSRD margin meeting on July 14 and expect that "Intent to Fund" notices will be sent to the field on Friday, July 22.

I am sharing the following, recently distributed by Grant Huang, MPH, PhD, who is our Deputy Chief R&D Officer/Enterprise Optimization and Director, Cooperative Studies Program:

"As you may know, the Cancer Moonshot 2.0 has been receiving a lot of attention within VA given our leadership and capabilities, particularly in research. I would like to make sure you are aware of the following funding opportunity by the Hope Foundation to establish a "Storefront" that will encourage more Southwest Oncology Group cancer clinical trials to be done in VA. The link to the announcement is here (please note the upcoming deadline) - [VA Storefront Support Program - The Hope Foundation](#)

"VHA Leadership have been very supportive in our efforts to enhance opportunities for more cancer trials in meeting transformative goals for increasing the integration of cancer care and trials within VHA. VA has had a successful Storefront model in VISN 1 and the hope is that more VISNs/VAMCs will consider this new opportunity to be connected with these efforts under the Moonshot. Furthermore, any successful application will be linked with the National Cancer Institute-VA partnership called NAVIGATE which has received Congressional support in their research appropriation to VA.

"If you have not yet considered it, please do discuss it with appropriate colleagues and consider submitting an application."

ORD DEI-sponsored Summer Research Programs Kick-off

In June, the first-ever ORD-sponsored Summer Research Program (SRP) welcomed 105 student participants at 21 VA sites across the country.

This program is a cornerstone of ORD's efforts to strengthen and diversify the VA scientific work force by offering research experiences to Veterans, children of Veterans, and underrepresented students at the high school level and above. Of note, the inaugural cohort of students include 64 college students, 8 graduate students, 11 high school students. VA is proud to welcome these future scientists and contributors to a proud, 95-plus year research tradition.



Charleston VA SRP participants attended a recent Women Of Science Event in Charleston, SC. VA SRP students, Sydney Isaacks and Olivia Jones, are pictured front center.

Questions related to Dr. Drgonova's Portfolios

Following the departure of Jana Drgonova, PhD, earlier this month, questions regarding the following portfolios she managed should be directed to the mailbox, VHABLRD-CSR@va.gov:

- Mental Health & Behavioral Sciences – Pre-Clinical
 - Neurobiology of Addictive Disorders
 - Neurobiology of Algesia (Pain), Analgesia & Analgesic Tolerance
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Research Supplement Applications Due August 1

The VA-ORD Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Working Group will be accepting applications for two supplement opportunities.

1. A reissuance of the mentored research supplements, “ORD Research Supplements to promote Diversity (RD-22-029)”
1. And a new RFA, to support collaborative partnerships between VA Merit Award investigators and investigators at non-VA institutions, including, but not limited to Minority Serving Institutions, “Research Supplements to Promote Collaborations to Enhance Diversity in VA Research (RD-22-030)”

Applications will be due **August 1**, through eRA commons. Both RFAs can be found at:

<https://vawww.research.va.gov/funding/rfa.cfm>

A recording of an informational webinar on these supplements is posted at: <https://www.research.va.gov/funding/diversity.cfm>

For more information, please contact Carol Fowler, PhD, (Carol.Fowler@va.gov).

CSR D DMC is Seeking Members

The CSR D Data Monitoring Committee (DMC), that provides data and safety monitoring for CSR D funded projects, is seeking new members. For more information, please contact DMC Manager Tamara Paine, DBA. (Tamara.Paine@va.gov).

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