

# HEALTH SERVICES RESEARCH CENTER

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## GRANT SPOTLIGHT

### Dr. Raymond Lynch Receives R01 Funding for Veteran Access and Limitations to Organ Recovery (VALOR) Grant

A new NIH-funded grant, led by Health Services Research Center Associate Director Dr. Raymond Lynch, and Assistant Professor (co-investigator) Dr. Katie-Ross Driscoll, is designed to answer a novel question in U.S. healthcare: which patients receive high quality medical care for organ donation? In the U.S., organ procurement organizations (OPOs) are the federal contractors that work with all hospitals to identify, provide clinical care for, and procure organs from patients who are referred as potential organ donors. Yet, research from Dr. Lynch has shown that not all patients are provided timely, high-quality care for potential organ donation, due to high levels of unwarranted variation in clinical and community practice between OPOs. These disparities are especially pronounced at the largest integrated health system in the U.S.: the hospitals serving veterans, the Veterans Administration Medical Centers.

In published research, Dr. Lynch and collaborators demonstrated that patients at VA Medical Centers were 94.1% less likely to be organ donors than patients outside of VA Medical Centers. Shockingly, there were only 33 organ donors at VA Medical Centers between 2010-2019, and detailed analysis of VA electronic health records revealed more than 5,000 potential organ donor patients over the same time period.



“With the support of the National Institutes of Minority Health and Health Disparities, we have a truly unique opportunity to understand why veteran patients have low access care for organ donation,” says Dr. Lynch. “We are proud to work with more 17 OPO partners nationally, and the VA, to describe opportunities to improve organ donation care, and quality of care, as provided by OPO clinical staff to veteran patients. It’s an exciting time, and our Emory HSRC team is ready to use community-based research principles, complex analysis of health records, and all of our HSRC resources to improve care for veteran patients.”



“This is research that has the potential to increase the number of organ donors, and improve quality of care provided to veterans, in a very tangible way,” according to Dr. Ross-Driscoll. “I’m excited for our team, and the HSRC, to lead the way in applying what we have learned analyzing health data in close collaboration with the community of VA patients and providers. This is what we can do with our partners—we can help patients get better care, right now.”

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## HSR CENTER EVENTS

Health Services Research Seminar

"Improving the Quality of Surgical Quality Improvement"

Wed | 9/21/2022 | 2PM - 3PM | Virtual



**Nader Massarweh, MD, MPH**  
 Chief of Surgery  
 Atlanta VA Healthcare System  
 Vice Chair, Veteran Affairs  
 Emory Department of Surgery  
 Associate Professor of Surgery,  
 Emory Division of Surgical  
 Oncology

Nader Massarweh, MD, MPH, is Chief of Surgery at the Atlanta VA Healthcare System, Vice Chair of Veterans Affairs for the Emory Department of Surgery, and Associate Professor of Surgery for the Emory Division of Surgical Oncology. He received his MD degree at Tulane University. He then attended the University of Washington, where he received his MPH and completed his post-graduate research fellowship and general surgery residency. From 2012-2014, he did a complex general surgical oncology fellowship at MD Anderson Cancer Center. Prior to joining the faculty of the Emory Department of Surgery in 2021, Dr. Massarweh held positions at the Michael E. DeBakey Department of Surgery and the Section of Health Services Research at Baylor College of Medicine, was an investigator for the Center for Innovations in Quality, Effectiveness and Safety at the Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center, and a practicing surgical oncologist at the VA Medical Center. Dr. Massarweh has current R-01 level funding from both VA's Health Services Research and Development Service (HSR&D) as well as NIH/NHLBI. He has also previously had VA HSR&D Merit award as well as funding from the NIH/NCI and the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) for studies involving health services, health policy, and healthcare quality improvement.

Register here: [https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_ZlBfH1z\\_Qty\\_1p5G\\_6g-Pg](https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_ZlBfH1z_Qty_1p5G_6g-Pg)

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## HSR CENTER EVENTS

### Health Services Research Seminar

**"A Human Factors Approach to Strengthening Infection Prevention and Control"**

**Wed | 10/19/2022 | 2PM - 3PM | Virtual**



**Joel Mumma, PhD**

Research Director, Healthcare  
Human Factors Lab, Assistant  
Professor, Department of  
Medicine, Division of Infectious  
Diseases

Joel received his PhD in Engineering Psychology from the Georgia Institute of Technology in 2019. He is the Research Director of the Healthcare Human Factors Lab, an Assistant Professor in the Division of Infectious Diseases, and has an adjunct faculty appointment in the Nell Hodgson Woodruff School of Nursing at Emory University. His research focuses on the role of human behavior in the prevention and control of infectious diseases and the factors shaping those behaviors using high-fidelity simulations of clinical activities and viral surrogates. Understanding these factors informs interventions (e.g., training or workflow redesign) to improve the safety and efficiency of patient care. Currently, he has work sponsored by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Register here: [https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_8CpewXVWQZqkCSmujflVew](https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_8CpewXVWQZqkCSmujflVew)

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## HSR CENTER EVENTS

### Trainee Research in Progress

"Dialysis Facility Processes Leading up to Referral for Kidney Transplant: A Qualitative Study"

Wed | 10/26/2022 | 11AM - 12PM ET | Location TBD

The HSR Center Trainee Research in Progress meetings are an informal way to get feedback from HSR Center faculty, staff, and peers on research in progress. Trainees at all levels are welcome to present their research in progress. If you are interested in presenting your research, please email Melisa Meza at [melisa.meza@emory.edu](mailto:melisa.meza@emory.edu)

#### Presenters:



**Adam Wilk, PhD**  
Assistant  
Professor  
Department of  
Health Policy and  
Management  
Rollins School of  
Public Health



**Jenny  
McDonnell, MA**  
PhD/MPH  
candidate  
Department of  
Sociology /Rollins  
Schol of Public  
Health

Join the TRIP here: <https://zoom.us/j/97684568731>

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## HSR SEMINAR HIGHLIGHTS

### "Inequitable Access to Live Donor Kidney Transplant for Patients from Racialized Communities in Canada - Potential Causes and Possible Solutions"

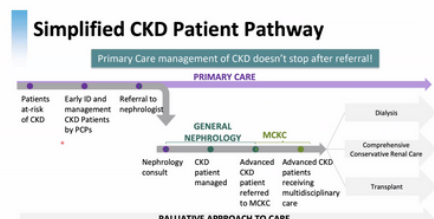
Thank you to those who were able to join us in-person or virtually for Dr. Istvan Mucsi's presentation. Dr. Mucsi is a transplant nephrologist and clinician investigator at the Ajmera Transplant Centre and Division of Nephrology at the University Health Network (UHN) in Toronto. He is an Associate Professor of Medicine at the University of Toronto. He studies potentially modifiable factors underlying inequities in the utilization of live donor kidney transplant among patients from racialized communities. Dr. Mucsi's research has focused primarily on understanding and reducing psychosocial and ethnocultural barriers to kidney transplant (KT) and living donor KT. With his research team and collaborators, he is working on adapting culturally appropriate education resources to enhance transplant related knowledge, to reduce disparities and to enhance access to KT and to living donor KT in Toronto, Canada.



His research is done in partnership with African, Caribbean and Black, Chinese and South Asian community organizations, patient partners and professionals from those communities. Among the barriers identified by his research are: stigma, mistrust, education gaps, immigration status, and racism/discrimination which are all factors that affect access to health in these communities.



Kidney care pathways in Ontario – potential GAPS



The Health Care Policy Contribution Program, UHN-MSH AMO Innovation Fund, UHN, Kidney Health Education and Research Group, CIHR IRSC, UHN Foundation.



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## LOCAL EVENTS

### Blue Sky Group: The Intersection of Technology and Mental Health

Wed | 9/07/2022 | 12PM-1:30PM ET | Virtual

Join researchers and clinicians from across the Georgia CTSA for a session on The Intersection of Technology and Mental Health.

Blue Sky Groups are unstructured meetings that provide a unique opportunity for attendees to drive the agenda and catalyze future collaborations and research opportunities.

The discussion will be opened by Dr. Rosa I. Arriaga, PhD, Georgia Tech, a leading researcher in this field.

Discussion topics may include, but are not limited to:

- How can gold-standard practices in your area of expertise be supported/streamlined/improved by technology?
- How can technology help bridge the disparities gap? • What are the known funding opportunities?
- What are the cross-institutional collaborative research opportunities in this space?

Share your experience, learn from others, enjoy opportunities for interdisciplinary networking and find potential collaborators!

**Registration is required and is very limited. Click [here](#) to reserve your spot.**

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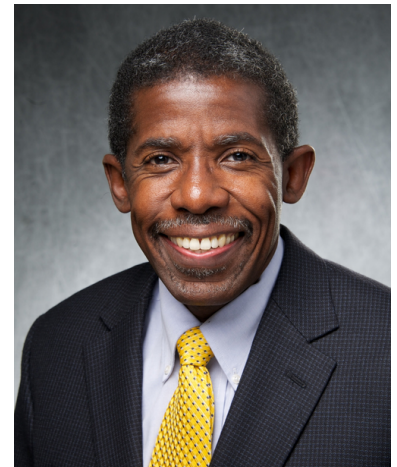
## LOCAL EVENTS

### Emory Department of Medicine Annual Research Day

Thurs | 10/27/2022 | 7:45AM - 5PM ET | Emory Student Center

The annual Department of Medicine Research Day has celebrated research efforts across the department since 2008. The event brings together researchers from all divisions and provides an opportunity to share exciting new findings, facilitate scientific exchange, and identify potential new collaborations.

This year's event will include featured research talks from Emory faculty, both oral and poster presentations, as well as a keynote address from E. Dale Abel, MD, PhD, William S. Adams Distinguished Professor of Medicine, and chair and executive medical director of the Department of Medicine at the David Geffen School of Medicine and UCLA Health. Dr. Abel has had a distinguished career in endocrine and metabolism research. His pioneering work on glucose transport and mitochondrial metabolism in the heart guides his current research interests: molecular mechanisms responsible for cardiovascular complications of diabetes. Recent work has focused on mitochondrial mechanisms that mediate inter-organ crosstalk that may influence the pathophysiology of insulin resistance and mitochondrial pathways linking metabolism with increased risk for atherothrombosis.



For questions about Research Day, please contact [Sarah McClellan](#).

Register [here](#).

Visit the Emory DOM website [here](#) for details about this event.

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## LOCAL EVENTS

### Diabetes and COVID-19: A Bi-directional Relationship

Georgia Center For Diabetes Translation Research Seminar Series

Mon | 11/07/2022 | 12PM-1PM ET | Virtual

Presenter:



#### Jess Harding, PhD

Assistant Professor, Department of  
Surgery, Department of Medicine, Emory  
University School of Medicine;  
Department of Epidemiology, Rollins  
School of Public Health, Emory  
University

Join us for GCDTR's next seminar series presentation hosted by the Design and Evaluation for Equity Core, featuring a talk by Jessica Harding, PhD. Dr. Harding is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Surgery/Medicine at Emory University. She is an epidemiologist with extensive experience in conducting chronic disease research at population and system levels in both academic and government settings. She received her PhD from Monash University, Melbourne, Australia, in 2016, and completed a post-doctoral research fellowship at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention where her research focused on describing population-level trends in diabetes and related complications in the United States. At Emory, Dr. Harding is working on improving data collection and quality related to kidney disease and transplantation as a member of the Transplant Health Services and Outcomes Research Program. Dr Harding also has interest in health equity research and the role of social determinants of health as it pertains to people with diabetes and kidney disease.

Dr. Harding is a recipient of a Pilot & Feasibility Program Grant from the Georgia Center for Diabetes Translation Research at Emory University. In her project, she is examining the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the diabetes care processes within a large integrated healthcare system.

Register [here](#).



Georgia Center for  
Diabetes Translation  
Research



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## GRANT OPPORTUNITY

### WHSC Synergy Awards - Request for Proposals

The Woodruff Health Sciences Center (WHSC) announces the next cycle of the WHSC Synergy Awards to support new collaborative projects between the schools, centers, and faculty of the WHSC.

This announcement seeks proposals for novel research projects led by faculty of the Woodruff Health Sciences Center schools and centers. These awards are meant to spark new, synergistic interactions between investigators and potentiate scientific achievements of the highest quality and impact.

Collaborations across all WHSC entities are eligible for consideration, and proposals must each include, at a minimum, two Principal Investigators who are faculty members (with a primary appointment) from two different schools in the WHSC (SOM, SON or RSPH). The collaboration should represent a substantive contribution by each of the partners at the two (or more) institutions.

Synergy Awards will consist of up to \$100,000 with an award term of one year. Applicants must present a credible plan describing how they will make substantial progress with one year of funding. Carryover of funds to a second year will be considered with justification under special circumstances.

**The application deadline is September 30, 2022.** Funding is anticipated to begin December 15, 2022, and 7-10 Synergy Awards are anticipated.

Submit proposals and direct all inquiries to Barbara Walsh ([barbara.walsh@emory.edu](mailto:barbara.walsh@emory.edu)) and Gayathri Srinivasan ([gayathris@emory.edu](mailto:gayathris@emory.edu)).



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## GRANT OPPORTUNITY

### GA CTSA Pilot Grant Program - Request for Proposals

Emory University has received a commitment from a donor to support seed grants for studies of Post-Acute Sequelae of COVID-19 (PASC) or Long COVID. We are soliciting proposals that generate preliminary data and refine research strategies for subsequent extramural grant applications. Studies can involve basic, translational, or clinical studies of any aspect of Post-Acute Sequelae of COVID-19 (PASC) or Long COVID. Applications leveraging the extensive Emory RECOVER sites - [RECOVER Atlanta webpage](#), are also encouraged although this is not a requirement for this RFP.

**Funding** - Applications may request budgets to \$50,000 in total costs, including 10% indirect costs. The total number of awards to be made is variable based on merit and funds requested; a maximum of \$300,000 total costs will be awarded in this round.

**Eligibility** - Full-time faculty from Emory University may submit proposals. One proposal may be submitted per faculty member. Any faculty member who has a current grant with overlapping aims is not eligible to apply.

#### Timeline

- **October 3, 2022 at 5:00 PM - proposals due**
- November 1, 2022 - applicant award notification
- November 15, 2022 - earliest anticipated pilot grant start date
- November 14, 2023 - pilot grant end date

Applicants should submit materials using the [online application](#) **no later than 5:00 PM (no exceptions) on Monday, October 3, 2022.**

**View the full Request for Proposals [here](#).**

For all application questions, please contact: Bekeela Davila at [Bekeela.davila@emory.edu](mailto:Bekeela.davila@emory.edu)



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## GRANT OPPORTUNITY

### SOM Imagine, Innovate and Impact (I<sup>3</sup>) Venture Research Awards

The Dean of the Emory School of Medicine (SOM) is soliciting innovative research proposals to catalyze promising early-stage concepts with commercial potential that do not yet qualify for funding from external sources. In the current round of I3 Venture Research Awards, grants will be considered for proposals with the potential to shape, de-risk, or scale up a potential new drug or technology in medicine (diagnostic, therapeutic, device or software) in less than one year.

#### Funding

- Awards will be made in \$1,000 increments, up to \$20,000 in total direct costs. Budgets should be rounded off to the nearest \$1,000.
- The total of number of awards to be made is variable based on merit and funds requested; a maximum of \$100,000 will be awarded in this round.

#### Eligibility

- Cannot be duplicative of current funding at the time of award
- Faculty may participate in more than one proposal and may serve as PI on more than one proposal
- Faculty PI with a primary appointment in the Emory SOM at the rank of Assistant Professor or above at an FTE or 0.5 or higher
- Collaborations are strongly encouraged but not required. If the proposal includes a non-SOM entity, that second entity must agree to fund its share of the budget if awarded.

#### Timeline

- **October 4, 2022 - Proposals due by 5:00 pm**
- November 18, 2022 - Applicant award notification
- December 1, 2022 - Project start date
- November 31, 2023 - Project end date (Up to 1-year No Cost Extension (NCE) may be granted with strong justification. Funds not expended by 24 months will be returned to SOM.)

**Applicants should submit materials using [InfoReady](#) no later than 5:00 p.m. (no exceptions) on Tuesday, October 4, 2022.**

View the full Request for Proposals [here](#).





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Nader Massarweh MD, PhD  
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## GRAND ROUNDS

### Emory School of Medicine Grand Rounds

**School of Medicine Grand Rounds occur every Tuesday from 12PM - 1PM.**

Grand Rounds are offered in the Emory University Hospital Auditorium (2E) from September through June. We encourage faculty from all divisions, residents, fellows, and medical students to attend. Each presentation is followed by a brief Q&A session.

Subscribe to the Grand Round mailing list here:

<https://med.emory.edu/departments/medicine/education/cme-grand-rounds.html>

Archived sessions can be viewed [here](#).

### Department of Surgery Grand Rounds

**Surgical Grand Rounds occur every Thursday from 7AM - 8AM.**

Surgical Grand Rounds are held on Thursday mornings in the Emory University Hospital Auditorium, with the option to attend and participate virtually via Zoom. The EUH Auditorium is located on the 2nd floor of the hospital, E-Wing, Room E205.

Information on upcoming Surgical Grand Rounds can be found [here](#).

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## NATIONAL EVENTS

### Casual Inference Methodologies for Evaluating Health Care Policy

Surgical Outcomes Club Methodology Series

**Tue | September 13, 2022 | 6PM ET | Virtual Webinar**

Surgical Outcomes Club (SOC), Association for Academic Surgery (AAS), and the AcademyHealth Surgical and Perioperative Care Interest Group (AH-SPIG) members are invited to participate in a quarterly jointly moderated, 60-minute virtual Health Services Research methodology series for an opportunity to receive updates in our field of research, share progress, and set the stage for future collaborations and opportunities. The first 30-minutes of each session will be a pragmatic didactic lecture followed by an interactive discussion and Q&A session. Participants are encouraged to submit questions ahead of time.

Featured Speakers:

**Andrew Ryan, PhD**, Brown University

**Kyle Sheetz MD, MS**, University of California San Francisco

Visit the Surgical Outcomes Club website [here](#) for more details.

Register [here](#).



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## NATIONAL EVENTS

### **Environmental Reproductive Justice: a Solution-Based Approach to Women's Health Disparities**

NIMHD Division of Intramural Research Health Disparities Interest Group

**Tue | September 13, 2022 | 10:30AM - 11:30AM ET | Virtual Webinar**

Join NIMHD for the next NIH Health Disparities Interest Group and NIMHD DIR joint seminar.

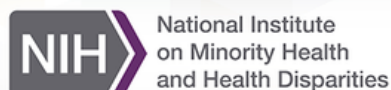
Featured Speaker:



**Tamarra James-Todd, Ph.D., MPH**  
Mark and Catherine Winkler Associate  
Professor of Environmental Reproductive  
Epidemiology  
Director, Environmental Reproductive  
Justice Lab  
Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health,  
Harvard University

Visit the NIMHD website [here](#) for more details.

Watch the seminar using [this link](#).





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## NATIONAL EVENTS

**Surgical Outcomes Club 18th Annual Scientific Session**

Sun | October 16, 2022 | 8AM- 3PM PT | San Diego, California

John R. Clarke Keynote Speaker:



**Michael Barry, MD, MACP**  
Massachusetts General Hospital

Discussion and Insights:

***Pragmatic Trials: The Next Generation of Randomized Control Trials***

Featured Speakers:

Michael D'Angelica, MD, FACS, Memorial Sloan Kettering

Giana H Davidson, MD, MPH, FACS, University of Washington

***Shared Decision Making***

Featured Speakers:

Katherine Chan, MD, MPH, University of North Carolina

Carrie Cunningham, MD, MPH, Massachusetts General Hospital

Luke Funk, MD, MPH, FACS, University of Wisconsin-Madison

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## NATIONAL EVENTS

### Save the Date: 2022 PCORI Annual Meeting

**Wednesday, October 26, 9AM EST - Thursday, October 27, 2:30PM EST |  
Virtual**

The PCORI Annual Meeting brings together members of the healthcare community, including researchers, patients, caregivers, clinicians, insurers, health system representatives, and other stakeholders. The event serves as a report to the nation on PCORI's progress in funding initiatives to determine which care approaches work best, for whom, and under what circumstances. This year's meeting will include both in-person and virtual attendance as PCORI continues to closely monitor the situation with COVID-19 and variants, with your safety being a top priority. Join this meeting for two plenary sessions, 14 breakout sessions, almost 50 poster presentations, PCORI booths, and more!

Breakout sessions will include presentations focused on the following areas:

- Applying for PCORI funding
- COVID-19 pandemic
- Health equity and disparities
- Intellectual and developmental disabilities
- Maternal health

**Registration is now open for the 2022 PCORI Annual Meeting. Register [here](#).**

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## NATIONAL EVENTS

### Workshop on Housing and Obesity: Gaps, Opportunities, and Future Directions for Advancing Health Equity

**Monday, November 14 - Tuesday, November 15, 2022 | Virtual**

The overall goal of this workshop is to accelerate research on the role of housing insecurity—including housing affordability, quality, stability, and its neighborhood context— on behaviors and pathways underlying risk for obesity-related health disparities across the lifespan. The workshop will emphasize existing research that connects housing policies and programs with obesity and also address methods for housing and obesity research, including study design, measures, data linkages and analytic approaches. The event will highlight interventions focused on addressing housing as a social need and that also move upstream to address housing as a core social determinant of health. The workshop will include engaging and interactive discussions to identify key research questions for advancing health equity research priorities relevant to diverse sectors and identify opportunities to create research partnerships and collaborations across Federal, regional and local housing programs.

The workshop is a two-day, online event and is free and open to the public. The meeting will bring together a diverse group researchers, leaders, and experts from a range of disciplines, including housing, obesity, health disparities, health equity, public health, and other relevant fields. The event will feature panel presentations, poster sessions, breakout sessions, and interactive discussions.

Registration is required. Register [here](#). Registration deadline is November 9, 2022. Learn more about this event [here](#).



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## NATIONAL EVENTS

### 15th Annual Conference on the Science of Dissemination and Implementation in Health

(Re)Building Better Systems: Being Proactive, Nimble, and Responsive

December 11-14, 2022 | Walter E. Washington Convention Center |  
Washington, DC

Through a combination of plenaries, workshops, breakout, and poster sessions, the 15th Annual Conference on the Science of Dissemination and Implementation in Health, co-hosted by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and AcademyHealth, supports the collective understanding of the research agenda, puts forth new findings, and identifies research priorities to set the field up for the next decade.

This year's theme, **(Re)Building Better Systems: Being Proactive, Nimble, and Responsive**, will build upon lessons learned about rapidly changing community health and clinical settings to envisioning new models for conducting D&I science that respond to the shifting needs of diverse systems and populations, and use flexible and rigorous methodologies to anticipate challenges and ongoing change. To make large-scale gains in health at a population level, we must consider the integration of scientific discoveries within varied contexts and populations, in the face of dynamic evidence, competing demands, and diverse stakeholder priorities.

View event details [here](#).

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## CALL FOR SUBMISSION

### **Implementation Science to Address Health Disparities and Improve the Equitable Implementation of Proven Interventions in the Americas**

Manuscript submission is now open for a new Open Access article collection on “Implementation Science to Address Health Disparities and Improve the Equitable Implementation of Proven Interventions in the Americas” in collaboration with *Frontiers in Public Health*.

The aim of this Research Topic is to gather the latest implementation science advances towards health equity and facilitate the assessment of progress made to date. The editors of this topic are particularly interested in research efforts that focus on incorporating implementation science into routine health care, and public health settings to improve equity and impact on population health in North and South America.

This Research Topic welcomes qualitative, quantitative and mixed methods studies. Article types may include original research, systematic reviews, methods articles, case reports, and commentaries.

**Manuscript Submission Deadline: October 24, 2022**

You can learn more about the collection [here](#).

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## FUNDING ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Apply Now: Conference Grants Focused on Advancing Health Services Research from AHRQ**

AHRQ is accepting applications from organizations or individuals seeking funds to sponsor conferences to advance health service research. Applications may focus on research development; research design and methodology; dissemination and implementation; and research training, infrastructure and career development.

AHRQ is especially interested in supporting conferences that demonstrate strategies that include plans for disseminating complementary conference materials and products beyond the participants attending the event. Regionally-based conferences are acceptable with the expectation that plans will be developed for national dissemination. Such strategies might include, but are not limited to, submitting articles for publication, posting information on a website, and seeking formal opportunities to discuss conference information with others.

The agency invites applications from eligible public or nonprofit private colleges or universities, including minority-serving institutions of higher education, or individuals with the knowledge and resources to carry out research as program directors or principal investigators. Applicants from historically Black colleges and universities, Hispanic-serving institutions, Asian-American Native American Pacific Islander-Serving Institutions and Tribally Controlled Colleges and Universities are also strongly encouraged to apply.

Click [here](#) to view the announcement in the AHRQ website.

Click [here](#) to access the Notice of Funding Opportunity.

For questions, email [R13conf@ahrq.hhs.gov](mailto:R13conf@ahrq.hhs.gov).



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## FUNDING ANNOUNCEMENT

### Systems for Action: Systems and Services Research to Build a Culture of Health

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

Systems for Action (S4A) is a signature research program of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) that helps to build the evidence base for a Culture of Health by rigorously testing new ways of connecting the nation's fragmented medical, social, and public health systems. New strategies and tools are needed to help medical, social, and public health systems work together to dismantle structural racism and improve health and well-being for all.

S4A studies a variety of novel approaches for aligning systems, using rigorous scientific methods to determine their impact on health and health equity. This 2022 call for proposals (CFP) will provide funding for a new cohort of research studies to produce new, actionable evidence about how to help medical, social, and public health systems collaborate to address structural barriers to health and health equity, including racism and the social conditions that impact health.

Applicants are eligible to apply for the Impact Study award category only if they have completed a pilot study of their proposed system alignment approach and can provide documentation about results that confirm the feasibility of the approach and its acceptability to key actors.

#### Key Dates:

- **September 6, 2022 (3 p.m. ET):** Deadline for receipt of optional, one-page letter of intent via email to [systemsforaction@cuanschutz.edu](mailto:systemsforaction@cuanschutz.edu) or submitted via Qualtrics [here](#).
- **October 5, 2022 (3 p.m. ET):** Deadline for receipt of full proposals.
- **January 15, 2023:** Grant start date (subject to change if review period runs longer than expected).

Visit the RWJF website [here](#) for more details.

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## FUNDING ANNOUNCEMENT

### **Robert Wood Johnson Foundation - Evidence for Action: Innovative Research to Advance Racial Equity**

Evidence for Action prioritizes research to evaluate specific interventions (e.g., policies, programs, practices) that have the potential to counteract the harms of structural and systemic racism and improve health, well-being, and equity outcomes. We are concerned both with the direct impacts of structural racism on the health and well-being of people and communities of color (e.g., Black, Latina/o/x, Indigenous, Asian, Pacific Islander people, and other races and ethnicities)—as well as the ways in which racism intersects with other forms of marginalization, such as having low income, being an immigrant, having a disability, or identifying as LGBTQ+ or a gender minority.

This funding is focused on studies about upstream causes of health inequities, such as the systems, structures, laws, policies, norms, and practices that determine the distribution of resources and opportunities, which in turn influence individuals' options and behaviors. Research should center on the needs and experiences of communities exhibiting the greatest health burdens and be motivated by real-world priorities. It should be able to inform a specific course of action and/or establish beneficial practices, not stop at characterizing or documenting the extent of a problem.

While they will consider research on various aspects of health equity, they prioritize studies of interventions that are designed to reduce race-based disparities (e.g., by confronting a root cause of disparities or targeting benefits to those experiencing the greatest burdens). RWJF is particularly interested in strategies focused on developing healthy and equitable communities; supporting the needs of children, families, and caregivers; and fostering alignment among health care, public health, and social service systems.

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