

## OPD WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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February 20, 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.

#### **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](#)

## **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(s):** Pre-proposals due March 16, 2026

### **Reports and Articles of Interest**

- The Department of Labor releases its [AI Literacy Framework](#) to encourage AI literacy training across the public workforce and education systems.
- Philanthropies selectively [mitigate damage](#) from lost federal science funding.
- Current NIH director will [serve as acting director of the CDC](#); prior CDC director to be nominated to lead NSF.

### **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: Semiconductors and Microelectronics**

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

**When:** March 9, 2026, 3 - 4 pm

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

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

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

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

**When:** March 25, 2026, 10- 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, 2-3 pm

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

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

## External Workshops

**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:** [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:** [Energy Frontier Research Centers \(EFRCs\)](#)

**Sponsor:** DOE

**Type:** Canvass

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

**Internal Deadline:** February 26, 2026 at 9:00 am

**External Deadline:** Required pre-application due April 1, 2026; Full proposals due July 1, 2026

**Institutional Limit:** 3

**Award Amount and Length:** \$3M - \$4.5M per award per year (\$12M - \$18M per award for a 4-yr period)

**Program:** [National Quantum and Nanotechnology Infrastructure Program](#)

**Sponsor:** NSF

**Type:** Internal Competition [NQNI Call for Pre-applications](#)

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

**Internal Deadline:** Feb. 27, 2026 at 9 am

**External Deadline:** LOIs due March 16, 2026. Applications due May 14, 2026.

**Institutional Limit:** 1

**Award Amount and Length:** Individual NQNI Sites: \$500,000 - \$2,000,000/year, for up to 5 years. Coordinating Office: separate award of \$700,000/year.

**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

### FY 2026 Implementation of the U.S. Integrated Ocean Observing System (IOOS)

**Sponsor:** NOAA

**Discipline(s):** Oceans, Atmosphere, Marine Science, Ecosystems, Coastal Communities

**Description:** The work of the U.S. IOOS supports NOAA's mission: to understand and predict conditions in the ocean, coasts, and atmosphere; to share that knowledge and information with others; and to conserve and manage coastal and marine ecosystems and resources. Decision makers, businesses, managers, scientists, and communities at local, regional, and national levels all use U.S. IOOS information tailored to their needs to: Improve predictions of ocean and weather conditions and their effects on coastal communities and the nation; Improve the safety and efficiency of maritime operations; More effectively mitigate the effects of natural and anthropogenic hazards; Improve national and homeland security; Reduce public health risks; More effectively protect and restore healthy coastal ecosystems; and Enable the sustained use of ocean and coastal resources. Through this funding opportunity, awarded U.S. IOOS regional partners shall continue conducting activities that support regional priorities while advancing regional contributions to national goals. In particular, NOAA is interested in projects that provide timely and tailored information and data integration to support the priorities of public mission agencies at national, regional, state, local, and tribal levels.

**Institutional Limit:** No limit

**PI Eligibility:** No restrictions

**Award:** \$5,000,000 per year for no greater than 60 months

**Cost Share:** None required

**Deadline(s):** April 11, 2026 - Full proposals must be received no later than 11:59 PM (EDT) (60 days after Publish date).

### 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](mailto:technology@sloan.org).

### [Democracy, Ethics, & Public Trust](#)

**Sponsor:** Henry Luce Foundation

**Disciplines:** Democracy, News, Journalism, Public Policies and Services, Social Sciences

**Description:** The Democracy, Ethics, and Public Trust (DEPT) Initiative helps grantees reimagine and reinvigorate democratic culture and practices by expanding networks and encouraging new research and approaches. DEPT turns its goals into reality by funding institutions and projects designed to create equitable and accessible media and information ecosystems, and by fostering enthusiastic community participation in policy development. The Democracy, Ethics, and Public Trust Initiative welcomes proposals related to its [three focus areas](#): 1) Information Ecosystems; 2) Communities and Governments; and 3) Confidence in Democracies. Interested applicants should contact Stony Brook Advancement's Director of Development, Althea Hicks ([althea.hicks@stonybrook.edu](mailto:althea.hicks@stonybrook.edu)).

**Institutional Limit:** None

**PI Eligibility:** No restrictions

**Award:** \$10,000 to \$1,000,000. The Foundation determines grant duration and renewals based on many factors including the scope of the project and its performance and impact.

**Cost Share:** None

**Deadline:** Rolling. Grant applications for this program are typically submitted by invitation only, however the Foundation reserves a limited amount of funding for unsolicited proposals submitted via concept notes. Proposals are recommended to the Luce Foundation's board of directors for consideration three times each year in March, June, and November.

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