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Subject: TUESDAY Campus Research Update: COVID-19 New Federal Guidelines and Opportunities

Update: National Science Foundation (NSF)

- **NEW:** On March 27, NSF released an updated list of programs with extended deadlines due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The list can be found at https://www.nsf.gov/bfa/dias/policy/covid19/covid19_deadlines.pdf.

Update: Department of Homeland Security (DHS)

- **NEW:** U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) has announced measures to assist applicants and petitioners who are responding to certain Requests for Evidence (RFE), Notices of Intent to Deny (NOID), Notices of Intent to Revoke (NOIR), and Notices of Intent to Terminate (NOIT). For an RFE, NOID, NOIR, or NOIT with an issuance date listed on the request, notice or decision between March 1, 2020 and May 1, 2020, USCIS will consider any response received within 60 calendar days of the response due date before any action is taken. Please visit uscis.gov/coronavirus for latest facts and other USCIS updates.

Update: National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH)

- **NEW:** NEH has provided an FAQ “Funding for NEH Applicants and Grantees Impacted by the Coronavirus,” which addresses questions related to the CARES Act. The FAQ notes, “NEH plans to announce funding opportunities for eligible organizations seeking support for at-risk humanities positions and projects at cultural nonprofits that have been impacted by the coronavirus. More information will be announced on our website and through social media by April 30, 2020.” The FAQ is available at https://www.neh.gov/COVID19_FAQs.

Update: National Institutes of Health (NIH)

- **NEW:** The National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences (NCATS) issued a Notice of Special Interest (NOSI) to solicit research proposals on “the 2019 novel coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2) and the disease it causes, i.e., “coronavirus disease 2019” (COVID-19)”. With this NOSI, NCATS is specifically interested in supporting research that repurposes existing drugs or biologics that have already begun or completed a Phase I clinical trial. Additional information, including more details on specific types of studies NCATS seeks to support and the different award mechanisms it will use to fund these projects, is available at <https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-TR-20-012.html>.

Update: Department of Defense (DOD)

- **NEW:** The Army Futures Command’s (AFC) Army Applications Laboratory (AAL) has expressed significant interest in new technologies to support the Army’s COVID-19 response including innovative medical equipment, therapeutics, diagnostics, and vaccines. AAL has set up a webpage at <https://calendly.com/cv-aal> for organizations to schedule a brief phone call to discuss their ideas for technologies that support diagnosis, care, and the protection of healthcare providers, active duty service members, their families, and communities from COVID-19. AAL is a new organization, stood up under Army Futures Command headquarters in Austin, that seeks to work with industry and outside partners to find technology solutions to further the Army’s modernization priorities. More information can be found at <https://aal.army/>.

- **NEW:** The U.S. Army’s Medical Technology Enterprise Consortium (MTEC) released a pre-announcement March 30 for a forthcoming Request for Project Proposals (RPP) to rapidly develop and deploy the National Emergency Telecritical Care Network (NETCCN), a cloud-based, low-resource, stand-alone health information management system for the creation and coordination of flexible and extendable “virtual critical care wards.” The program is focused on preparation for COVID-19-related critical care capability shortages. The RPP will focus on enhanced development of integrated technologies and clinical workflows to establish and rapidly scale virtual wards and extend intensive care to traditional and non-traditional and temporary healthcare facilities, specifically leveraging existing technologies that can be adapted from other use cases to establish NETCCN. DOD anticipates total funding of \$30 million to \$37 million in FY 2020 and anticipates up to six awards under the program. The pre-announcement can be found at https://beta.sam.gov/opp/245ccb8f39a4423ab26468225e5e788c/view?keywords=covid&sort=-modifiedDate&index=opp&is_active=true&page=1&organization_id=100000000. MTEC membership is not required for the submission, but membership will be required for applicants recommended for awards. More information on joining MTEC can be found at <http://mtec-sc.org/how-to-join/>.

Stay healthy,

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