

# HEALTH SERVICES RESEARCH CENTER

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## GRANT AWARD SPOTLIGHT

### HSR Center Pilot Grant Recipient



**Gabriela Cohen, MD**

Assistant Professor  
Division of Geriatrics and  
Gerontology  
Department of Medicine  
Emory University School of  
Medicine

Dr. Gabriela Cohen was recently co-awarded the DOM FAME grant with the HSR Center for her proposed research entitled “What matters most for patients with dementia and their caregivers: An analysis of Dementia Care in an Outpatient Geriatrics Clinic”.

The Department of Medicine FAME (Fostering the Academic Mission in the Emory DOM) grant program is designed to provide support for clinical faculty to dedicate up to 20 percent of their professional time to scholarly activity including research, education, mentoring, and quality improvement projects. Each year, one of the FAME grants is supported by the Health Services Research Center and provided an HSR Center intern to assist with the research.

Dr. Cohen, an Assistant Professor in the Department of Medicine, Division of Internal Medicine, will be interviewing geriatric patients with dementia at the Grady Hospital Geriatrics Clinic with a goal of identifying what health outcomes matter most to this patient population. Many of these complex patients have fragmented care with multiple physicians and numerous medications, and also face substantial social risk factors due to the impact of social determinants of health that impact the quality of life for these patients and their caregivers.

“These results will be used to help our health systems better understand how to best help patients and connect resources to ensure patients’ health goals are met,” said Dr. Cohen. Other investigators on this research proposal include Dr. Kenneth Hepburn and Dr. Molly Perkins from the Division of Geriatrics and Gerontology.

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## HSR CENTER EVENTS

### Trainee Research in Progress

**"Early access to kidney transplantation among patients with lupus nephritis"**

**Wed | 8/03/2022 | 1PM-2PM ET | Virtual + WMB Conference Room 1112**

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)



**Presenter:**

**Laura McPherson**

PhD candidate

Department of Epidemiology

Rollins School of Public Health

**Summary:**

Kidney transplantation is one of two treatment options for patients with lupus nephritis-associated end-stage kidney disease (LN-ESKD), although there is little information regarding access to early steps in the kidney transplant process for this patient population. The proposed research project will use a multilevel approach to evaluate access to referral for an evaluation at a kidney transplant center (the first step in the kidney transplant process) in patients with LN-ESKD by examining socioeconomic and health system factors that may be impacting referral access. The results of this project could be used to inform interventions that focus on timely referral for kidney transplant and ultimately improve long-term outcomes among LN-ESKD patients. This talk is a practice session for a PhD dissertation proposal at the end of the month.

**Join the TRIP here: <https://emory.zoom.us/j/94142686825>**

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## HSR CENTER EVENTS

### Health Services Research Seminar

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

**Wed | 8/24/2022 | 2PM - 3PM | Virtual + WMB Training Room 1109**



**Istvan Mucsi, MD, PhD**  
Transplant Nephrologist and  
Clinician Investigator  
Amjera Transplant Center and  
Division of Nephrology, University  
Health Network (UHN), Toronto

Istvan Mucsi, MD, PhD 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 University of Toronto. He studies potentially modifiable factors underlying inequities in the utilization of live donor kidney transplant among patients from racialized communities. This work is done in partnership with African, Caribbean and Black, Chinese and South Asian community organizations, patient partners and professionals from those communities. He employs both quantitative and qualitative research methodologies. These research projects inform the co-development of educational resources and clinical pathways supporting those communities to explore treatment options for kidney failure. He is the lead of the education pillar of the "Enabling Access to Kidney Transplantation" provincial (Ontario) strategy lead by the Ontario Renal Network. His

other research program is focusing on physical and emotional symptoms that are important determinants of quality of life of patients with kidney disease and solid organ transplant. He is validating tools developed by the Patient Reported Outcomes Measurement Information System (PROMIS®) and working on integrating these tools in the clinical workflow and to develop clinical response pathways for better patient centered care. He is a member of the UHN Transplant Outcome Research Group and the UHN PROM/PREM Clinical Advisory group. He is an expert advisor of the "Data innovation platform" of the Canadian Donation and Transplant Research Program and the European Cooperation in Science and Technology. He is the Hungarian national representative in the PROMIS Health Organization International Network.

**Register here: [https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_JdUYdE3USkCwh-Z7Nobocw](https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_JdUYdE3USkCwh-Z7Nobocw)**

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## HSR SEMINAR HIGHLIGHTS

### "Pediatric Transplantation Research Updates" Presented By Dr. Julien Hogan

Thank you to those who were able to join us in-person or virtually for Dr. Julien Hogan's presentation. Dr. Hogan is an Adjunct Assistant Professor with the Department of Surgery, a visiting faculty, and pediatric nephrologist from Paris. Dr. Hogan discussed updates on his research in Pediatric Transplantation in collaboration with Emory University and the University of Paris. Dr. Hogan's research found associations with gender disparities in access to kidney transplants in children.



Their research has shown that in both Europe and the US, female gender is associated with lower rates of registration on the waiting-list, lower access to transplantation and longer time from start of dialysis to wait listing. A few factors contributing to these differences are longer transplantation work-up, lower willingness to undergo transplantation and higher DSA levels. Their research also found that longer follow-up time is associated with a higher chance of receiving preemptive transplantation.

We look forward to seeing Dr. Hogan's future work on this topic and the implications it has on health services and implementation strategies for increasing accessibility to kidney transplantation.

#### Results: Simulation

In France, the 2017-2021 Organ Transplant Plan set the following goals:

- To reduce the time to waitlisting
- To increase the number of transplant from living donors (23%)



Simulation parameters: 50% preemptive listing and 50% of first kTx from LD

<sup>25</sup>Parmentier et al. *Pediatr Nephrol* 2020; Harambat et al. *Am J Transplant* 2013

#### Gender disparities in access to kTx in children

Rapid access to renal transplant waiting list in children: impact of patient and centre characteristics in France

Julien Hogan<sup>1</sup>, Emille Senepe<sup>1</sup>, Marie-Alice Macher<sup>1,2</sup>, Justine Buchetta<sup>1</sup>, Florentine Garcia<sup>1</sup>, Annie Laboche<sup>1</sup>, Tam Ulinski<sup>2</sup>, Jerome Harambat<sup>1,3</sup> and Cécile Couchoin<sup>1</sup>

Table 3. Odds ratios of wait registration on the renal waiting list within 6 months after RRT onset associated with patient characteristics

Univariate analysis	Multivariate analysis				
	OR	95% CI	P	OR	95% CI
Age < 8 (2/3)			< 0.001		
Gender					
Male	1			1.41	(0.84-2.35)
Female	1.49	(1.07-2.06)	0.018		
Living donor prior to renal transplant	4.26	(2.28-7.97)	< 0.001	4.29	(2.38-7.82)
Unilateral abnormality	1.37	(0.96-1.97)	0.14	1.14	(0.81-1.62)
Completed or toxic abnormalities	1			1	
Children	2.48	(1.30-4.42)	0.005	1.85	(0.88-3.89)
Risk of post-transplantation recurrence	3.36	(1.13-9.10)	0.03	2.45	(1.07-5.67)

Objective: Assess gender disparities in access to kTx in children and investigate its causes

<sup>25</sup>Hogan et al. *NDT* 2023

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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 | 8AM - 5PM ET | Emory Student Center

#### Call for Abstracts:

All Department of Medicine faculty, fellows, residents, and students (whose primary mentor is a member of the Department of Medicine) are invited to submit an abstract. There is a limit of two abstracts per presenting author. **Deadline: Monday, August 22 at 11:59 p.m. EST.** Submit abstracts [here](#).

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](#).

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

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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

- September 15, 2022 at 5:00 PM - proposals due
- October 14, 2022 - applicant award notification
- November 1, 2022 - earliest anticipated pilot grant start date
- October 31, 2023 - pilot grant end date

Applicants should submit materials using the [online application](#) **no later than 5:00 PM (no exceptions) on Thursday, September 15, 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)



# CONTINUING EDUCATION!

QUALITATIVE RESEARCH WORKSHOP  
ONLINE Workshops Now Open for Registration, August 2022

**Qualitative Research Methods ONLINE, August 8-12, 2022. 1-4pm EST. Cost: \$850 (Students \$650).** This online workshop includes asynchronous material and synchronous real-time sessions 1-4pm each day. It provides a comprehensive overview of the principles and skills for qualitative data collection, suitable for anyone involved in designing, conducting, evaluating, training or managing qualitative research.

**Mentored Qualitative Methods Session, ONLINE, August 22, 2022. 1-4pm EST. Cost \$200.** This 3-hour online session enables you to bring your own qualitative research project or proposal and receive expert individual mentoring on your project. This session is most suitable for those currently working on a project or proposal using qualitative or mixed methods and need further guidance. Prerequisite: registrants must have participated in a QUAL-WORKS Qualitative Research Methods workshop to register; this may be in any previous year.

**Qualitative Data Analysis ONLINE, August 15-19, 2022. 1pm-4pm EST. Cost \$850.** This online workshop includes synchronous material and asynchronous real-time sessions 1-4pm each day. It integrates principles with skills for conducting rigorous qualitative data analysis. It is suitable for anyone wishing to analyze qualitative data or those who supervise or train research staff. An understanding of qualitative data collection is beneficial but not required.

**Mentored Qualitative Analysis Session ONLINE, August 23, 2022. 1pm-4pm EST. Cost \$200.** This 3-hour online session enables you to bring your own qualitative research project or data and receive expert individual mentoring on data analysis. This session is most suitable for those currently working on a project and ready to plan data analysis or who are conducting analysis and need further guidance. Prerequisite: registrants must have participated in a QUAL-WORKS Qualitative Data Analysis workshop to register; this may be in any previous year.

All QUAL-WORKS workshops are now available online and open for registration. To register or learn more: <http://tinyurl.com/rsph-qr>

For inquiries: [qualworks@emory.edu](mailto:qualworks@emory.edu) or 404-727.3152.







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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

### The 25th NIMH Conference on Mental Health Services Research

**August 2-3, 2022 | 11AM - 6PM ET | Virtual**

The National Institute of Mental Health is excited to virtually host the 25th NIMH Conference on Mental Health Services Research (MHSR): Transforming Challenges into New Opportunities.

This premier meeting brings together leading mental health services researchers, as well as clinicians, mental health advocates, and federal and non-federal partners. MHSR 2022 will highlight scientific opportunities for the next generation of high-impact research to drive mental health care improvement.

The main virtual conference events are scheduled August 2-3, 2022 and will feature keynote presentations, plenary panels, symposia, posters, and talks 'Forecasting the Future of Mental Health Services Research.'

**Registration is free of charge however space is limited. Register today [here!](#)**



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## NATIONAL EVENTS

### Patient Safety and Health Worker Retention - Twin Crises

**August 23, 2022 | 1PM - 2PM ET | Virtual | Academy Health Sponsored Event**

Our nation faces an urgent need to address both highly prevalent patient safety events and the increasing numbers of health care professionals leaving the workforce. These two persistent and challenging problems preceded the pandemic but have worsened during the past two years; and they are not unrelated. With fewer and less experienced peers, frontline workers cannot maintain the same safety standards. No health care system, hospital or nursing facility has escaped health care's Great Resignation. Solutions to the twin crises are inseparable.

This webinar features a timely discussion among some of our nation's pioneer leaders in health care safety research and policy. Speakers will explore the reasons underlying our unfinished agenda on patient safety and consider what real progress we can make in this unique moment.

**Registration is free of charge. Register today [here!](#)**



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## NATIONAL EVENTS

**Surgical Outcomes Club Methodology Series**

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

**"Casual Inference Methodologies for Evaluating Health Care Policy "**

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. Registration opens August 9, 2022.



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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

Visit the Surgical Outcomes Club website [here](#) for more details. Registration opens Monday, August 1.

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## NATIONAL EVENTS

### Save the Date: 2022 PCORI Annual Meeting

**Wednesday, October 26 - Thursday, October 27, 2022 | Arlington, VA + online**

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.

More details about the meeting will be available soon. Check for updates [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.

**Abstract Submission Deadline: August 25, 2022**

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

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

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## FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

### George H. A. Clowes, Jr., MD, FACS, Memorial Research Career Development Award

This award is offered through the generosity of The Clowes Fund, Inc., of Indianapolis, IN. Its purpose is to provide support for the research of a promising young surgical investigator. The award consists of a stipend of \$45,000 for each of five years and is not renewable thereafter.

**The deadline to submit an application is August 15, 2022.** All applicants will be notified of the outcome of the selection process by October.

#### Award requirements

- The award is restricted to a Fellow or Associate Fellow of the College who has completed an accredited residency in general surgery, vascular integrated surgery, cardiothoracic integrated surgery, or plastic surgery. All within the preceding seven years, not including time off for maternity leave, military deployment, or medical leave, and has received a full-time faculty appointment at a medical school accredited by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education in the United States or by the Committee for Accreditation of Canadian Medical Schools in Canada. The applicant's academic appointment may not be above the level of assistant professor. Applicants should provide evidence (by publication or otherwise) of initial productive efforts in laboratory research.
- The American College of Surgeons Scholarships Committee will not consider applicants who have already received research career development type awards over \$25,000 from professional societies, or the ACS Faculty Research Fellowship, not including intramural K awards. The Committee will give preference to applicants who have received or are working toward a K08 or K23 NIH grant. It is the responsibility of the recipient to notify the College's Scholarships Administrator to request approval if another source of scholarship or fellowship funding is received.

Learn more [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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### 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:

- **August 15, 2022 (3 p.m. ET):** Optional applicant webinar. Registration is required. Register [here](#).
- **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.

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation



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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.

**Applications are accepted on a rolling basis.**

Please contact your RAS unit and Nicole Dancz ([nicole.dancz@emory.edu](mailto:nicole.dancz@emory.edu)) to inform them of your intent to submit.

**For more information and how to apply, please visit the [website here](#).**

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## RESEARCH RESOURCES

Looking for resources to aid in your research endeavors?

Check out research resources highlighted by the HSR Center [here](#) such as:





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