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NIH Policy Supports Early Career Investigators

NIH announced a new policy that encourages funding of scientists who are early in their scientific careers and new to NIH. The goal is to "nurture a new cadre of promising scientists." NIH has created a new "Early Stage Investigator" category and will take it into account at the time of review and award. NIH hopes to support 1,650 or more new investigators in FY 2009.

[Read the full text of the announcement](#)

NSF Accepting Applications for Young Researcher Award

NSF is accepting applications for the Alan T. Waterman Award, considered NSF's highest honor for researchers under the age of 35 years. The award, named in honor of NSF's first director, is awarded each year to "recognize the talent, creativity, and influence of a singular young researcher." The award recipient will receive \$500,000 over a three-year period for scientific

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research or advanced study, in addition to recognition by NSF at an awards ceremony in Washington, DC. Please consider nominating exceptional researchers from our sciences. Nominations are due by December 5, 2008.

[Access more information about the award](#)

Science and Human Rights Coalition Forms

Scientific societies are beginning to recognize that the tools and methods of science can play a significant role in advancing human rights. Additionally, human rights practitioners are increasingly calling upon scientists to use their expertise to address human rights abuses. On January 14, 2009, a Science and Human Rights Coalition will be officially launched. The Coalition, brought together by the [American Association for the Advancement of Science's Science and Human Rights Program](#), will facilitate communications within and across scientific societies, and between scientific societies and the human rights community. To prepare for the launch, twenty scientific societies have spent the past year laying the groundwork. Learn more about the Science and Human Rights Coalition, its working groups, and the January 2009 launch featuring former United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and former President of Ireland, Mary Robinson, at <http://shr.aaas.org/coalition/index.shtml>.

A related program called "On-Call Scientists" provides an opportunity for individual scientists to use their expertise in volunteer work with human rights organizations. [Learn more about this initiative](#)

"Modeling Social Behavior" Conference Held at NIH

The [National Institute of General Medical Sciences](#) and the [Office of Behavioral and Social Sciences Research](#) held a conference on "Modeling Social Behavior" near the NIH campus on November 6-7, 2008. The purpose was to identify obstacles and opportunities in the emerging field. According to Jeremy Berg, Director of NIGMS, the conference was an effort to look at the diversity of perspectives on the topic and to work with OBSSR to "get some traction across NIH on this topic." Scientists from numerous disciplines (including psychology, sociology, and biology) came together to discuss how they conceptualize the field; identify the central scientific questions; and examine the types of data collected, key findings, and the range of analytic methods used. OBSSR's Acting Director, Christine Bachrach, expressed the need to develop a robust research agenda in the area.

[Watch video of the full event when it becomes available on the NIH site](#)

New NIH Policy on Resubmission

On October 8th, NIH announced a new policy that would allow researchers to resubmit amended proposals only once, instead of the current policy of allow-

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ing two resubmissions. New applications and competing renewal applications submitted for the January 25, 2009, review cycle or later, will allow only one amended application. If funding is not received after one resubmission, the project must be “substantially redesign[ed]” in order to be considered for funding. NIH reports that the change is part of a series of changes to the peer review system after an intensive, year-long review.

[Read the full details of this new policy](#)

Interactive VideoConference Series on Alcohol Research Announced

The [National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism](#) will host a free, interactive videoconference on Adolescent Development and Alcohol Use on December 9, 2008, at 2pm EST. Dr. Vivian Faden, Deputy Director of NIAAA's Division of Epidemiology and Prevention Research, and Dr. Patricia Powell, Chief of NIAAA's Science Policy Branch, will provide a 20-30 minute presentation on research developments in this area, while participants follow the presentation and slideshow on their own computer in real time. After the presentation, there will be an opportunity to interact with the presenters.

For details, send an e-mail to Fred Donodeo at fdonodeo@mail.nih.gov.

Honoring Albert Bandura



Albert Bandura, PhD

Dr. Albert Bandura, the David Starr Jordan Professor of Social Sciences in Psychology at Stanford University, is featured in the FABBS program which honors outstanding individuals. Dr. Laura Carstensen (Stanford University) and Dr. Jay McClelland (Stanford University) nominated Bandura for this honor and contacted colleagues and friends to contribute to this effort.

Bandura is an innovative scholar whose pioneering work in social cognitive theory has served as a rich resource for academics, practitioners, and policy makers alike across disciplinary lines. His illustrative career includes groundbreaking work spanning a broad range of areas. His seminal research on social modeling expanded our view of human learning and the growing primacy of this mode of learning in this electronic era. His later research on self-regulatory mechanisms laid the theoretical foundation for his theory of human agency. These diverse programs of research blend his theoretical interests with an abiding concern for the use of our knowledge for human enlightenment and betterment.

Congratulations to Albert Bandura on this honor.

[Learn more about Bandura's career and contributions](#)

[View the gallery of scientists who have previously been honored in this way](#)

Recipients of NIH Director's Awards Examine Behavioral and Social Factors

The [Office of Behavioral and Social Sciences Research](#) of the National Institutes of Health reports that three recipients of the 2008 NIH Director's Pioneer and New Innovator Awards will examine behavioral and social factors. These awards allow recipients to "pursue exceptionally innovative approaches that could transform biomedical and behavioral science." The Pioneer Awards are open to scientists at any stage of their career, while only early career scientists are eligible for the New Innovator Awards. Applications for the 2009 award will be available in December. Please note that there is a special application and evaluation process for the awards. Scientists from our fields are encouraged to apply.

[Learn more about the 2008 recipients](#)

Announcements

Appointments

Raynard Kington Appointed Acting Director of NIH

Raynard Kington, M.D. Ph.D., has begun his position as Acting Director of the NIH. Dr. Kington was previously Principal Deputy Director of the NIH where he served for five years. In that capacity, Kington worked closely with the NIH Director to provide overall leadership, policy direction, and coordination of research and training programs for NIH's 27 Institutes and Centers. Before 2003, Kington served in other positions at NIH, including Director of the Office of Behavioral and Social Sciences Research.

New Director Leading Office for Human Research Protections

Jerry A. Menikoff, M.D. J.D., recently became the Director of the Office for Human Research Protections (OHRP), the federal agency that has a principal oversight role for human research protections in the U.S. Dr. Menikoff comes to OHRP from NIH where he served as director of the Office of Human Subjects Research. Prior to NIH, he chaired the human subjects committee and hospital ethics committee at the University of Kansas Medical Center. According to the Department of Health and Human Services, Dr. Menikoff is currently on leave from the University of Kansas where he holds the position of associate professor of law, ethics, and medicine. OHRP's acting director, Dr. Ivor Pritchard, has returned to his position as senior advisor to the OHRP Director.

Member Society Highlights

American Psychological Association: APA seeks applications for its 2009 CARE Imprinting Awards. The awards provide mentoring and networking opportunities for junior investigators in behavioral neuroscience, comparative psychology, experimental analyses of behavior, and psychopharmacology and substance abuse. Materials are due November 20, 2008.

[Find out more information](#)

Human Factors and Ergonomics Society: Although voting problems this election year seemed minor in comparison to prior years, problems still remain with ballot and voting machine design. HFES experts were interviewed about what hurdles remain and how HFES research can help.

[Read the full article](#)

Funding Opportunities

NSF

[Major Research Instrumentation Program](#)

[Cyber-Enabled Discovery and Innovation](#)[Developmental and Learning Sciences](#)[Science of Science and Innovation Policy](#)[Research and Evaluation on Education in Science and Engineering](#)**NIH**[Brain Imaging Studies of Negative Reinforcement in Humans \(R01\)](#)[Brain Imaging Studies of Negative Reinforcement in Humans \(R21\)](#)[Small Grants for Behavioral Research in Cancer Control \(R03\)](#)[Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Research Centers 2009 \(P30\)](#)[Biobehavioral Research Awards for Innovative New Scientists \(BRAINS\) \(R01\)](#)[Behavioral Pharmacology and Genetics: Translating and Targeting Individual Differences \(R03\)](#)[Research on Integrity in Collaborative Research \(R21\)](#)[International Research Collaboration on Drug Abuse and Addiction Research \(R01\)](#)[International Research Collaboration on Drug Abuse and Addiction Research \(R21\)](#)[International Research Collaboration on Drug Abuse and Addiction Research \(R03\)](#)[Neuroimaging in Obesity Research \(R01\)](#)[Health Services Research on the Prevention and Treatment of Drug and Alcohol Abuse \(R01\)](#)[Health Services Research on the Prevention and Treatment of Drug and Alcohol Abuse \(R21\)](#)[Health Services Research on the Prevention and Treatment of Drug and Alcohol Abuse \(R03\)](#)[Secondary Data Analyses for Substance Abuse Research \(R21/R33\)](#)[Interactions between Physical Activity and Drug Abuse \(R01\)](#)***Funding Notices***[Updates and Reminders on NIH Policy Pertaining to Grants to Foreign Institutions, International Organizations and Domestic Grants with Foreign Components](#)***Courses***[Short Courses on Mathematical, Statistical, and Computational Tools for Studying Biological Systems \(R25\)](#)

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Created to take over a substantial part of the educational mission of the Federation of Behavioral, Psychological, and Cognitive Sciences on behalf of its constituent sciences, FABBS focuses its efforts in three directions. One is to educate the public about the contributions of these important fields to the well-being of individuals and society. A second is to educate Congressional staff and others in the Federal Government about our sciences. The third is to facilitate productive dialogue between scientists and relevant stakeholders in the public and private sector on topics at the intersection of science and public policy, such as human subject protections and new but risky scientific directions. We urge you to respond generously. The President of FABBS is Susan Fiske (Princeton University).

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[Society for Personality and Social Psychology](#)
2/5/09 - 2/7/09 (Tampa, FL)

APRIL 2009
[Association for Applied Psychophysiology and Biofeedback](#)
4/1/09 - 4/4/09 (Albuquerque, NM)

[Society for Industrial and Organizational Psychology](#)
4/2/09 - 4/4/09 (New Orleans, LA)

[American Educational Research Association](#)
4/13/09 - 4/17/09 (San Diego, CA)

MAY 2009
[Association for Behavior Analysis International](#)
5/22/09 - 5/26/09 (Phoenix, AZ)

JUNE 2009
[International Behavioral Neuroscience Society](#)
6/9/09 - 6/14/09 (Manzanillo, Mexico)

[Behavior Genetics Association](#)
6/17/09 - 6/20/09 (Minneapolis, MN)

[Society for Behavioral Neuroendocrinology](#)
6/25/09 - 6/27/09 (East Lansing, MI)

JULY 2009
[Cognitive Science Society](#)
7/30/09 - 8/1/09 (Amsterdam, Netherlands)

AUGUST 2009
[Society for Mathematical Psychology](#)
8/1/09 - 8/4/09 (Amsterdam, Netherlands)

[American Psychological Association](#)
8/6/09 - 8/9/09 (Toronto, ON, Canada)

SEPTEMBER 2009
[Society for Research In Psychopathology](#)
9/10/09 - 9/13/09 (Minneapolis, MN)

OCTOBER 2009
[Society of Multivariate Experimental Psychology](#)
10/15/09 - 10/17/09 (Portland, ME)

[Society for Experimental Social Psychology](#)
10/8/09 - 10/10/09 (Gleneden, OR)

[Human Factors and Ergonomics Society](#)
10/19/09 - 10/23/09 (San Antonio, TX)

[Society for Psychophysiological Research](#)
10/21/09 - 10/24/09 (Berlin, Germany)

NOVEMBER 2009
[National Academy of Neuropsychology](#)
11/11/09 - 11/14/09 (New Orleans, LA)

[Psychonomic Society](#)
11/19/09 - 11/22/09 (Boston, MA)

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11/19/09 (Boston, MA)

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