

# RCA UPDATE

July 13, 2020

## Funding Opportunity Edition

### New NIH Resources Available

RCA is working with Dr. Meg Bouvier, a neuroscientist-turned-fulltime-grantwriter, to provide her virtual, self-paced training course *NIH Ready: R Series*, a 4-part grantwriting course as well as *Deadline-Push*, a 10-week workplan that offers 10 weekly emails offering NIH expertise and up-to-the-minute strategies for submitting an R-series application. We're excited to bring you this flexible training resource.

#### How it Works

The course is hosted on [Meg Bouvier Medical Writing website](#). You'll need to register and watch the courses from there. Even if you're not actively working on a submission, we encourage you to [register now](#) in order to take full advantage of the offering. To complete registration:

- Click 'Add to Cart'.
- At checkout, apply your coupon code (**NDSU NIH TRAINING**)
- Add organizational email address, and create a unique password. Do not use your NDSU password.
- When you're ready, click Watch Now on [megbouvier.com](http://megbouvier.com).

Sign up for Dr. Bouvier's [mailing list](#), so you don't miss timely announcements and information on the Deadline-Push: 10-week workplan program.

To learn more about Dr. Bouvier, please see her [website](#). If you have any questions or need assistance with accessing the training, please contact the NDSU Research Development office at [ndsu.researchdev@ndsu.edu](mailto:ndsu.researchdev@ndsu.edu).

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## Beckman Foundation: Beckman Young Investigator Program - Chemical and Life Sciences

The Arnold and Mabel Beckman Foundation is accepting Letters Of Intent for its [Beckman Young Investigator \(BYI\) Program](#), which provides research support to promising young faculty members in the early stages of their careers in the chemical and life sciences. Through the program, grants of approximately \$600,000 over four years will be awarded in support of innovative, high-risk projects that show promise for contributing to significant advances in chemistry and the life sciences. Projects should represent a departure from current research directions rather than an extension or expansion of existing programs. Proposed research that cuts across traditional boundaries of scientific disciplines is encouraged. Proposals that open new avenues of research in chemistry and life sciences by fostering the invention of methods, instruments, and materials will be given additional consideration.

To be eligible, applicants must be within the first three years of a tenure-track position (or an equivalent independent research appointment) at a United States academic or nonprofit institution that conducts research in the chemical and life sciences. Applicants must also be a citizen or permanent resident of the United States at the time of application.

*Letter of Intent deadline: August 3, 2020*

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## **Cisco Research Center Funding Opportunities**

[Cisco Research Center](#) funds research projects related to improving the Internet, adjacent technologies, and networking. Current requests for proposals include:

- Pandemic / COVID-19 Science, Technology, and Social Impact;
- Machine Learning and AI for Networking and Beyond;
- Economic Impact of Cyber-risk;
- Intent-Based Networking for the Enterprise; and
- Integrated Circuit / Hardware Integrity.

[View the full list of open opportunities >>](#)

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## **DoD: Pancreatic Cancer Research Program**

The FY20 Defense Appropriations Act provides funding to the Department of Defense [Pancreatic Cancer Research Program](#) (PCARP) to support a collaborative pancreatic cancer research paradigm that reduces the burden of pancreatic cancer. Applications submitted to the FY20 PCARP must address one or more of the following Focus Areas:

- Understanding precursors, origins, and early progression of pancreatic cancer;
- Understanding the events that promote pancreatic cancer metastasis;
- Understanding the relationship between oncogenic signaling and the tumor microenvironment that drives drug resistance and therapeutic response;
- Integration of biologic and imaging biomarkers to drive more precise and earlier detection and prognosis;
- Defining viable tumor burden;

- Supportive care and patient-reported outcomes, quality of life, and perspectives during treatment and survivorship;
- New drug development targeted toward cancer sensitivity and resistance mechanisms including immune mechanisms of resistance (for correlative studies only);
- Development of pharmacological, immunological, or genetic interception approaches.

*Pre-proposal deadline: August 25, 2020*

[View other open funding opportunities from the Defense Health Program >>](#)

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## **NDSU Foundation: Impact Grants**

The NDSU Foundation Grants Committee is now accepting applications for the Impact Fund Grant Program for the 2020 academic year. The NDSU Impact Fund Grant Program provides funding for projects that make a significant impact on excellence and the educational experience for students at North Dakota State University. This program is supported by annual contributions from alumni and friends of the university.

Applications are accepted from faculty, staff, and recognized student groups. The Impact Grant Fund Program offers grants of \$20,000 to \$75,000.

The application form and additional information about the NDSU Impact Grant Program can be found at the NDSU Foundation website:

<https://www.ndsufoundation.com/impact-fund>.

For any further questions, please email Jennifer Reinhold, Grants Committee Liaison, at [jennifer.reinhold@ndsufoundation.com](mailto:jennifer.reinhold@ndsufoundation.com).

*Application deadline: July 27, 2020*

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## **NEH: Collaborative Research**

The Collaborative Research program aims to advance humanistic knowledge through sustained collaboration between two or more scholars. Collaborators may be drawn from a single institution or several institutions across the United States; up to half of the collaborators may be based outside of the U.S. The program encourages projects that propose diverse approaches to topics, incorporate multiple points of view, and explore new avenues of inquiry in the humanities for scholars and general audiences.

The 2020 solicitation will be posted October 1, 2020, in advance of the December 2, 2020 deadline. For planning purposes, reference the [2019 program guidelines](#).

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## **NEH: Summer Stipends**

[Limited submission grant programs](#) are those that indicate a limit on the number of proposals that may be submitted by an institution for a particular deadline. A selection process becomes necessary if more applicants express interest in applying than NDSU is allowed to submit to the grant program.

**NEH Summer Stipends: Pre-application due by 7/17/2020.**

[Pre-application instructions >>](#)

[NEH Summer Stipends](#) support individuals pursuing advanced research that is of value to humanities scholars, general audiences, or both. Recipients produce articles, monographs, books, digital materials, archaeological site reports, translations, editions, or other scholarly resources. Summer stipends:

- Are awarded to individual scholars;
- Support continuous full-time work on a humanities project for two months; and
- Support projects at any stage of development.

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## **NIH: Bridges to the Baccalaureate Research Training Program (T34) - Limited Submission Program**

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selection process becomes necessary if more applicants express interest in applying than NDSU is allowed to submit to the grant program.

**NIH Bridges to the Baccalaureate : [Notify RCA](#) by 7/15/2020, 4:00 p.m. if you are interested in submitting to this program.**

The goal of the Bridges to the Baccalaureate Research Training Program [[PAR-19-299](#)] is to provide structured activities to prepare a diverse cohort of community college students to transfer to and complete a bachelor's degree in biomedical research fields. This funding opportunity announcement provides support to eligible, domestic institutions to develop and implement effective, evidence-based approaches to biomedical training and mentoring that will keep pace with the rapid evolution of the research enterprise. The NIH National Institute of General Medical Sciences (NIGMS) expects that the proposed research training programs will incorporate didactic, research, mentoring, and career development elements to prepare trainees to bridge from the community college and complete the bachelor's degree in biomedical fields.

The Bridges to Baccalaureate Research Training Program requires strong partnerships between community colleges (or two-year colleges) and four-year baccalaureate degree granting institutions. One partner must be an institution that offers the associate degree as the highest science degree. The other institution must be a college or university granting baccalaureate degrees in disciplines relevant to the biomedical sciences. Two different scenarios are anticipated for these partnerships: (1) one baccalaureate degree granting institution as the lead applicant institution partnering with one or more associate degree granting institutions, or (2) one associate degree granting institution as the lead applicant institution partnering with one or more baccalaureate degree granting institutions. An eligible applicant or partner institution may participate in more than one Bridges to the Baccalaureate Research Training Program partnership if the multiple partnerships are strongly justified by the potential to magnify the programs' and institutions' outcomes. However, an institution may be the lead in only one Bridges to Baccalaureate Research Training Program at one time. To reinforce the strong partnerships, the Bridges to Baccalaureate Research Training Program requires the participation of at least one Program Director/Principal Investigator (PD/PI) from each partner institution. The program does not support single institutions offering both associate and baccalaureate degrees where graduates or transfers from the associate degree programs enter the baccalaureate programs, even if the students are moving to another department, school, or college.

## **NIH Collaborative Program for Multidisciplinary Teams – Limited Submission Program**

Limited submission grant programs are those that indicate a limit on the number of proposals that may be submitted by an institution for a particular deadline. A selection process becomes necessary if more applicants express interest in applying than NDSU is allowed to submit to the grant program.

**NIH RM1: Notify RCA by 9/22/2020, 5:00 p.m. if you are interested in submitting to this program.**

This National Institutes of Health (NIH) funding opportunity announcement (FOA / PAR-20-103) is designed to support highly integrated research teams of three to six PD/PIs to address ambitious and challenging research questions that are important for the mission of the National Institute of General Medical Sciences (NIGMS) and are beyond the scope of one or two investigators. Collaborative program teams are expected to accomplish goals that require considerable synergy and managed team interactions. Project goals should not be achievable with a collection of individual efforts or projects. Teams are encouraged to consider far-reaching objectives that will produce major advances in their fields. Applications that are mainly focused on the creation, expansion, and/or maintenance of community resources, creation of new technologies or infrastructure development are not appropriate for this FOA.

## **NIH: Community Interventions to Address the Consequences of the COVID-19 Pandemic among Health Disparity and Vulnerable Populations (R01 – Clinical Trial Optional)**

This funding opportunity announcement [PAR-20-237] encourages applications to implement and evaluate community interventions testing 1) the impacts of mitigation strategies to prevent COVID-19 transmission in NIH-designated health disparity populations and other vulnerable groups; and 2) already implemented,

new, or adapted interventions to address the adverse psychosocial, behavioral, and socioeconomic consequences of the pandemic on the health of these groups.

*Deadline: August 28, 2020; December 1, 2020*

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## **North Central Sustainable Agriculture Research & Education Grant Program**

The North Central Region SARE (NCR-SARE) [Research and Education \(R&E\) Grant Program](#) is a competitive grant program for researchers and educators involved in projects that explore and promote environmentally sound, profitable, and socially responsible food and/or fiber systems.

Research and Education projects include a strong outreach component and significant farmer / rancher or other end user involvement from inception of the idea through implementation of the project. Many projects are interdisciplinary and/or multi-institutional, involving a broad range of agricultural interests. Project coordinators in the past have explored sustainable agriculture under the following topics: biocontrol, crop production, education / extension, networking, livestock production, marketing, quality of life, soil quality, value-added marketing, waste management, water quality, and weed control.

*It is anticipated that the 2020 call for proposals will be released in August for a pre-proposal deadline in October. [Track this opportunity >>](#)*

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## **NSF / NIST: Disaster Resilience Research Grants**

With this joint solicitation [[NSF 20-581](#)], the National Science Foundation (NSF) and the U.S Department of Commerce (DOC) National Institute for Standards and Technology (NIST) call for proposals for research to advance fundamental understanding of disaster resilience in support of improved, science-based planning, policy, decisions, design, codes, and standards.

*Letter of Intent deadline: August 14, 2020*

Full proposal deadline: September 15, 2020

[Track this opportunity >>](#)



## **NSF: Computational and Data-Enabled Science and Engineering**

Advanced computational infrastructure and the ability to perform large-scale simulations and accumulate massive amounts of data have revolutionized scientific and engineering disciplines. The goal of the Computational and Data-Enabled Science and Engineering (CDS&E) program ([NSF PD 20-8084](#)) is to identify and capitalize on opportunities for major scientific and engineering breakthroughs through new computational and data analysis approaches. The intellectual drivers may be in an individual discipline or they may cut across more than one discipline in various Directorates. The key identifying factor is that the outcome relies on the development, adaptation, and utilization of one or more of the capabilities offered by advancement of both research and infrastructure in computation and data, either through cross-cutting or disciplinary programs.

The CDS&E program welcomes proposals in any area of research supported through the participating divisions that address at least one of the following criteria:

- Promote the creation, development, and application of the next generation of mathematical, computational and statistical theories and tools that are essential for addressing the challenges presented to the scientific and engineering communities by the ever-expanding role of computational modeling and simulation and the explosion and production of digital experimental and observational data.
- Promote and encourage integrated research projects that create, develop and apply novel computational, mathematical and statistical methods, algorithms, software, data curation, analysis, visualization and mining tools to address major, heretofore intractable questions in core science and engineering disciplines, including large-scale simulations and analysis of large and heterogeneous collections of data.
- Encourage adventurous ideas that generate new paradigms and that create and apply novel techniques, generating and utilizing digital data in innovative ways to complement or dramatically enhance traditional computational,

experimental, observational, and theoretical tools for scientific discovery and application.

- Encourage ideas at the interface between scientific frameworks, computing capability, measurements and physical systems that enable advances well beyond the expected natural progression of individual activities, including development of science-driven algorithms to address pivotal problems in science and engineering and efficient methods to access, mine, and utilize large data sets.

The CDS&E program is not intended to replace existing programs that make awards that involve computation and the analysis of large data sets. Rather, proposals submitted to the CDS&E program must have a significant component of cyber development or cyber science that goes well beyond what would normally be included in these programs.

*Deadlines vary by Directorate; see the [Program Guidelines](#) for more information.*

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## **NSF: Dynamics of Integrated Socio-Environmental Systems**

The Dynamics of Integrated Socio-Environmental Systems (DISES) Program [[NSF 20-579](#)] supports research projects that advance basic scientific understanding of integrated socio-environmental systems and the complex interactions (dynamics, processes, and feedbacks) within and among the environmental (biological, physical and chemical) and human ("socio") (economic, social, political, or behavioral) components of such a system. The program seeks proposals that emphasize the truly integrated nature of a socio-environmental system versus two discrete systems (a natural one and a human one) that are coupled. DISES projects must explore a connected and integrated socio-environmental system that includes explicit analysis of the processes and dynamics between the environmental and human components of the system.

PIs are encouraged to develop proposals that push conceptual boundaries and build new theoretical framing of the understanding of socio-environmental systems. Additionally, we encourage the exploration of multi-scalar dynamics, processes and feedbacks between and within the socio-environmental system.

Deadline: November 16, 2020



## NSF: Major Research Instrumentation – Limited Submission Program

Limited submission grant programs are those that indicate a limit on the number of proposals that may be submitted by an institution for a particular deadline. A selection process becomes necessary if more applicants express interest in applying than NDSU is allowed to submit to the grant program.

**NSF MRI: Notify RCA by 9/15/2020, 5:00 p.m. if you are interested in submitting to this program.**

The National Science Foundation Major Research Instrumentation (MRI) Program [[NSF 18-513](#)] serves to increase access to multi-user scientific and engineering instrumentation for research and research training in our Nation's institutions of higher education and not-for-profit scientific/engineering research organizations. An MRI award supports the acquisition or development of a multi-user research instrument that is, in general, too costly and/or not appropriate for support through other NSF programs. **Cost sharing of precisely 30% of the total project cost is required.**

Based on the NSF 18-513 solicitation, an MRI proposal may request support for either the acquisition or development of a research instrument.

- Track 1: Track 1 MRI proposals are those that request funds from NSF greater than or equal to \$100,000 and less than \$1,000,000. Two proposal submissions are allowed per organization.
- Track 2: Track 2 MRI proposals are those that request funds from NSF greater than or equal to \$1,000,000 up to and including \$4,000,000. One proposal submission is allowed per organization.

**LIMITED SUBMISSION:** The MRI program requires that an MRI-eligible organization may, as a performing organization, submit or be included as a significantly funded subawardee in *no more than three MRI proposals*. Each performing organization is limited to a maximum of three proposals in the “Tracks”

as defined above, with no more than two submissions in Track 1 and no more than one submission in Track 2.



## NSF: Research Traineeship - Limited Submission Program

Limited submission grant programs are those that indicate a limit on the number of proposals that may be submitted by an institution for a particular deadline. A selection process becomes necessary if more applicants express interest in applying than NDSU is allowed to submit to the grant program.

**NSF NRT: Notify RCA by 9/15/2020, 5:00 p.m. if you are interested in submitting to this program.**

The National Science Foundation (NSF) Research Traineeship (NRT) program [[NSF 19-522](#)] is designed to encourage the development and implementation of bold, new, and potentially transformative models for STEM graduate education training. The NRT program seeks proposals that explore ways for graduate students in research-based masters and doctoral degree programs to develop the skills, knowledge, and competencies needed to pursue a range of STEM careers. The program is dedicated to effective training of STEM graduate students in high priority interdisciplinary research areas, through the use of a comprehensive traineeship model that is innovative, evidence-based, and aligned with changing workforce and research needs. The NRT program addresses workforce development, emphasizing broad participation, and institutional capacity building needs in graduate education. Strategic collaborations with the private sector, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), government agencies, national laboratories, field stations, teaching and learning centers, informal science centers, and academic partners are encouraged.

**LIMITED SUBMISSION:** Based on the NSF 19-522 solicitation, an eligible organization may participate in *two proposals* per competition. **Participation includes serving as a lead organization, non-lead organization, or subawardee on any proposal.** Organizations participating solely as evaluators on projects are excluded from this limitation.



## Simons Foundation: Collaborations in Mathematics and the Physical Sciences

The aim of the [Collaborations in Mathematics and the Physical Sciences](#) program is to stimulate progress on fundamental scientific questions of major importance in mathematics, theoretical physics and theoretical computer science.

*Letter of Intent Deadline: October 1, 2020*

See also: [Targeted Grants in Mathematics and Physical Sciences](#), a program to support high-risk projects of exceptional promise and scientific importance.

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## Social Science Research Council: Covid-19 Rapid-Response Grants

The Social Science Research Council (SSRC) [seeks proposals](#) from across the social sciences and related fields that address the risks, opportunities, and challenges posed by public health surveillance stemming from the Covid-19 pandemic. SSRC specifically encourages proposals that interrogate the role the public and private sectors may play in mitigating or exacerbating the health crisis, the effects of which are already unevenly distributed.

The Covid-19 pandemic has already laid bare the vast differences in available infrastructure, long-term support, and economic security available to different segments of society. As we develop solutions that will necessarily marry state intervention with technological development—exposure notification, wearables, contact tracing, and the federation of varied forms of personal data, such as electronic health records, geolocation information, and consumer data—we must also pause to reflect on how choices made now will structure political, social, and public health risks and opportunities on the horizon. As societies expand efforts to conduct contact tracing and mass testing, or engage in rapid transitions to remote work and learning, it is imperative that social researchers ask critical questions and provide frameworks and methods that address these interventions with focused attention to issues of power, inequality, and social impact.

While new knowledge is urgently needed, in the conditions of the present moment many social research methodologies are either not possible or require adaptation

in order to protect the health and safety of both researchers and research subjects. The Rapid-Response Grants will thus support innovative research projects that deploy remote research methods to shed light on both the short- and potential long-term implications of public health interventions for a range of rights, liberties, and public goods. Subjects may include, but are not limited to:

- Contact tracing and public health surveillance;
- Voting access and rights amid “lockdowns” and widespread social distancing;
- Disparities in the collection, representation, and use of health data;
- The digital divide in remote work and learning, education, and public health;
- Precarity of labor and work in the tech industry or gig economy;
- Remote organizing, campaigning, and social movements;
- The impact of predictive algorithms on the provision of social welfare and policing.

These topics are illustrative. Applicants are welcome to propose others. Projects illuminating the experiences of historically marginalized people are especially encouraged, as are those that can constructively inform policy responses across communities and institutions. This program is open to researchers who hold a PhD in any social science discipline or related interdisciplinary field.

*Proposals are accepted on a rolling basis; the first review period begins August 31, 2020.*

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## **Export Controls Roundtable: Foreign Influence**

These Roundtables are designed to be discussions regarding specific topics and are less formal than webinars. There will be a 1-2 slide formal presentation providing background on the subject, and two discussion leaders will lend their experience to the group. Participants will be encouraged to share their own knowledge as well as ask questions, hopefully leading to a successful group discussion. The direction of the conversation is entirely dependent on the group.

### **Foreign Influence**

Wednesday, July 22, 2020 - 11:00 AM

Facilitators: Sharon May and Julie Sherwood

Safeguarding research on campus against foreign threats from some foreign governments seeking to influence, interfere and in some cases steal scientific

research and intellectual property has been the subject of warnings by national security and law enforcement officials over the past several years. To date, cases have been brought against professors, scholars and students from universities and research institutions across the US. This roundtable will open the discussion on the issue of foreign influence on American university campuses to protect federally funded research projects from cyberattacks, theft, and other foreign threats while we work to balance between security and maintaining openness and international academic collaboration.

**Spots are limited. Please email [sharon.may@ndsu.edu](mailto:sharon.may@ndsu.edu) to reserve your space.** *Sessions will be limited to around 20 participants to maximize discussion.*

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## **Webinar: NSF's Future of Work at the Human-Technology Frontier**

Wednesday, July 22, 2020

12:00pm-1:00pm

**[Register for Webinar >>](#)**

The Government-University-Industry Research Roundtable (GUIRR) will host a webinar on NSF's [Future of Work at the Human-Technology Frontier](#) (FW-HTF) program, which was initiated in 2016 as one of the NSF 10 Big Ideas. FW-HTF supports convergent research integrating considerations of future technology, future workers, and future work. Here, "future technology" refers to advances in engineering, computer science, or other relevant fields, with the potential to create new human-technology work partnerships; "future workers" refers to advances in the fundamental understanding of individual workers, work teams, workplaces, and work organizations; and "future work" refers to advances in the fundamental understanding of educational, organizational, societal, or economic factors, considering both benefits and risks.

Please join GUIRR for an overview of the objectives of the FW-HTF program, with illustrative examples highlighting the diversity of work domains encompassed by the program. **Jordan Berg**, Program Director in the Directorate for Engineering at NSF; and **Chia Shen**, Program Director for the Directorate for Education & Human Resources at NSF will present.

There is no cost to this webinar, **but registration is required**. A confirmation email will be issued prior to the event containing the webinar URL. [Register for Webinar >>](#)

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## AAAS Research Competitiveness Program Webinars

The American Association For The Advancement Of Science (AAAS) Research Competitiveness Program (RCP) has worked for more than two decades designing and leading assessments, proposal review processes, and data-driven evaluations for S&T projects, universities, foundations and state and national governments. This free online event series shares insights and leads discussions on a range of topics related to careers as researchers and academic leaders.

- **Being an Excellent Proposal Reviewer: Efficiency, Effectiveness, and Service to the Community**  
July 22, 2020; 12:00-1:00pm  
[Learn more and register >>](#)
- **Rebooting Your Research Program**  
August 3, 2020; 2:00-3:15pm  
[Learn more and register >>](#)
- **Paper Authorship Requirements and Responsibilities: A Decision Tree**  
August 12, 2020; 2:00-2:30pm  
[Learn more and register >>](#)
- **Lessons from 10,000 Peer Reviews: Top Reviewer Criticisms and How to Avoid Them**  
August 26, 2020; 12:00-1:30pm  
[Learn more and register >>](#)

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## Department of Energy Summer Webinar Series

This free webinar series will connect early- and growth-stage companies, accelerators and incubators, and university entrepreneurial scientists and engineers to the latest program initiatives and partnering opportunities from the Department of Energy (DOE). It will provide attendees with an opportunity to hear

from DOE senior leaders and program managers, those who are the administrators and decision-makers for current and upcoming funding and partnering opportunities. All webinars are scheduled for 12pm (Noon) CT. [Learn more and register >>](#)

- **July 23:** See the Light - The National Synchrotron Light Source and Other Tools of Discovery
- **August 6:** Energy I-Corp for DOE's SBIR / STTR Programs
- **August 13:** The DOE Technology Commercialization Fund
- **August 20:** DOE and the Federal Lab Consortium - What's in it for you?
- **September 4:** DOE's Prize Competitions and Challenges
- **September 11:** The Laboratory Partnership Service
- **September 18:** Wells Fargo Innovation Incubator (IN2) and the NREL Industry Growth Forum

*Past webinars are available to watch on-demand.*

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## **SBIR / STTR Preparation Webinar**

### **Commercialization Planning for SBIR / STTR Proposals**

Tuesday, July 28, 2020 - 8:30am-1:00pm

Learn the essential components of an effective plan, how to find and use cost-effective market research to direct your efforts, which supporting documents you will need, and other tips for writing a winning plan.

[Learn more and register >>](#)

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