Behavioral Research Program (BRP)

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About BRP

BRP initiates, supports, and evaluates a comprehensive program of research, including basic behavioral and psychological science as well as the development, testing, and dissemination of interventions in cancer control areas such as tobacco use, diet and energy balance, and sun protection.

Select BRP Funding Opportunity Announcements

Behavioral Intervention Research for Cancer Prevention and Control PAR-18-018 (R21 Clinical Trial Optional)	Contact: Tanya Agurs-Collins collinsta@mail.nih.gov
Cancer-Related Behavioral Research through Integrating Existing Data PAR-16-256 (R01) and PAR-16-255 (R21)	Contact: Richard Moser moserr@mail.nih.gov
End-of-Life and Palliative Care Health Literacy PA-18-498 (R01 Clinical Trial Optional) and PA-18-499 (R21 Clinical Trial Optional)	Contact: Sylvia Chou chouws@mail.nih.gov
Fundamental Mechanisms of Affective and Decisional Processes in Cancer Control PAR-18-681 (R01 Clinical Trial Optional)	Contact: Rebecca Ferrer rebecca.ferrer@nih.gov
Mechanism for Time-Sensitive Drug Abuse Research PAR-18-064 (R21 Clinical Trial Optional)	Contact: Kelly Blake kelly.blake@nih.gov
Perception and Cognition Research to Inform Cancer Image Interpretation PAR-18-640 (R01 Clinical Trial Optional)	Contact: Todd Horowitz todd.horowitz@nih.gov
Physical Activity and Weight Control Interventions Among Cancer Survivors PAR-18-893 (R01 Clinical Trial Optional) and PAR-18-892 (R21 Clinical Trial Optional)	Contact: Frank Perna pernafm@mail.nih.gov
Predicting Behavioral Responses to Population-Level Cancer Control Strategies PAR-18-024 (R21 Clinical Trial Optional)	Contact: Rebecca Ferrer rebecca.ferrer@nih.gov
Oral Anticancer Agents: Utilization, Adherence, and Health Care Delivery PA-18-004 (R01 Clinical Trial Optional) and PA-18-014 (R21 Clinical Trial Optional)	Contact: Wendy Nelson wendy.nelson@nih.gov
Reciprocal Basic Behavioral and Social Linkages Between Sleep and Stress PAR-18-694 (R24 Clinical Trial Optional)	Contact: Kara Hall hallka@mail.nih.gov
Smoking Cessation in Socioeconomically Disadvantaged Populations PAR-18-251 (R01 Clinical Trial Optional) and PAR-18-250 (R21 Clinical Trial Optional)	Contact: Yvonne Hunt huntym@mail.nih.gov
Studying Cancer Communication in the New Media Environment PAR-18-638 (R01 Clinical Trial Optional) and PAR-18-639 (R21 Clinical Trial Optional)	Contact: Kelly Blake kelly.blake@nih.gov
Tobacco Use and HIV in Low and Middle Income Countries PAR-18-023 (R01 Clinical Trial Optional) and PAR-18-022 (R21 Clinical Trial Optional)	Contact: Mark Parascandola mark.parascandola@nih.gov
U.S. Tobacco Control Policies to Reduce Health Disparities PAR-18-675 (R01 Clinical Trial Optional) and PAR-18-674 (R21 Clinical Trial Optional)	Contact: Bob Vollinger bob.vollinger@mail.nih.gov

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Basic Biobehavioral and Psychological Sciences Branch (BBPSB) advances research in biobehavioral mechanisms and psychological processes to reduce cancer risk and improve outcomes.



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Health Behaviors Research Branch (HBRB) supports and catalyzes research on the discovery, development, testing, and implementation of effective strategies to promote healthy lifestyle behaviors for cancer prevention and control.



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Health Communication and Informatics Research Branch (HCIRB) advances research on the processes and effects of communication and informatics across the cancer control continuum.



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Tobacco Control Research Branch (TCRB) leads and collaborates on research and disseminates evidence-based findings to prevent, treat, and control tobacco use.

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Tools and Resources

- Family Life, Activity, Sun, Health, and Eating (FLASHE) Study
- Grid-Enabled Measures (GEM)
- Health Information National Trends Survey (HINTS)
- Smokefree.gov
- Tobacco Control Monograph Series

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