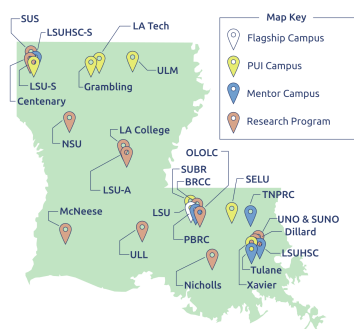**News, Opportunities and Deadlines for Aug. 2017**

LBRN Competition for Research Projects

The purpose of this release is to solicit Letters of Intent for new project proposals to be funded by the LBRN. The RFAs for each funding programs listed here can be accessed using the clicking on the respective title. The expected start date for these projects is May 1, 2018. The selection and distribution of these projects by the Steering Committee will be based on the quality of the proposal and the needs of the LBRN program. Proposed projects should be consistent with the program's focal research areas. All interested researchers are encouraged to contact Dr. Ramesh Subramanian ramji@lsu.edu prior to submitting a proposal to ensure that the proposed research is eligible for inclusion in this program. The letter of intent should be submitted using the LBRN-InfoReady-Review online form (use the links below) no later than 4:30 pm on September 11, 2017. Only those applicants who submit the LOI will be able to submit a proposal.

RFAs (click on title to download proposal information)

1. Letter of Intent for LBRN Full Projects 2018-2021
2. Letter of Intent for LBRN Pilot Projects 2018-2019
3. Letter of Intent for LBRN Shared Instrumentation 2018-2019
4. Letter of Intent for LBRN Startup Projects 2018-2020
5. Letter of Intent for LBRN Translational Projects 2018-2019

Gilliam Fellowships for Advanced Study

The Gilliam Fellowships for Advanced Study support exceptional graduate students who are committed to increasing diversity among scientific leaders, especially those students who will go on to become faculty members at colleges and universities. These three-year fellowships will be awarded to advisor-student pairs, with each pair comprising an eligible graduate student engaged in her/his PhD dissertation research and the thesis advisor. In 2018, we anticipate making 30-35 awards. The program announcement that provides details about the program, including eligibility criteria, can be downloaded from http://www.hhmi.org/gilliam.

As program director of the INBRE program, you are the designated nominator and may nominate two advisor-student pairs.

- Who may be nominated. In 2018, HHMI will make awards to advisor-student pairs nominated by institutions and programs invited by HHMI.

The nominated PhD students must be NIGMS training grant eligible (i.e. U.S. citizens or permanent residents) from racial, ethnic, and other underrepresented groups in the sciences, including those from disadvantaged backgrounds; or alumni of the HHMI EXROP program, and be at the appropriate program stage of their PhD training.

The nomination document will be a key part of the material reviewed by the review panel. The nomination will include responses to six questions about how the advisor-student pair fits the eligibility criteria and requirements specific to this fellowship. The questions must be completed by a knowledgeable senior institutional representative who can speak and commit on the institution's behalf.

1. What is the evidence that the Thesis Advisor has the interest, demonstrated ability, and commitment to successfully develop the talents of students, especially those from underrepresented groups?
2. What is the specific evidence that the training grant or graduate program is able and committed to developing a diverse and inclusive talent pool?
3. What is the evidence that the training grant or graduate program is a good match for the student nominee's professional interests?
4. How will HHMI's Gilliam Fellowship for Advanced Study help the graduate program improve its ability to develop an outstanding and diverse pool of Ph.D. graduates?
5. What is the evidence that the student nominee shows high promise as a scientific investigator and has potential for leadership in the academic and scientific community?
6. What is the evidence that the student nominee has a commitment to diversity and inclusion?

The deadline for submission of your nominations is 2:00 p.m. ET, November 3, 2017. After HHMI has received the information for each advisor-student pair, we will contact the nominees directly with instructions for submitting an online application. It is the responsibility of the nominated pairs to submit a complete application to HHMI by the February 1, 2018, deadline. Institutions and applicants will be notified of the outcome of the competition via email in June 2018.

Questions may be directed to Megan Lassig, Program Coordinator, by phone at (301) 215-8511 or e-mail to gilliam@hhmi.org. For technical questions related to the electronic nominee submission, a toll-free number and online help service will be available when the designated individual logs into the electronic nomination system.

NIH Extramural Nexus (NIH/OD)

![NIH | National Institutes of Health — Office of Extramural Research](logo)

- **Fiscal Policy and Salary Cap Guidance for 2017**

Now that the NIH fiscal year 2017 budget is signed into law, NIH published its final fiscal policy and salary cap guidance for this year.

In general, NIH will restore reductions to non-competing continuation awards made this year while we were operating under a pending budget (continuing resolution). Additional details on fiscal operations, including specific funding strategies for ICs and any exceptions, will be posted at the NIH funding strategies page.

- **Next Generation Researcher Policy Announcement – Coming Soon**

In June, NIH announced plans for a new initiative to provide additional support to the next generation of researchers. We will be announcing policy details this month. Stay tuned to the notices published in the NIH Guide for Grants and Contracts. We will also include an announcement here on the NIH Extramural Nexus & Open Mike blog site, when the policy is published.

- **Grants Administration & Policy Workshops That Will Have You Asking…"Why Didn't I Attend Sooner?"**

Update: The two day seminar has reached capacity today. However, the following workshops are still available to attend without seminar registration: **Human Research Reviews: Mastering the Process**, **Intellectual Property – Understanding Requirements and Recipient Responsibilities**, and **Intellectual Property – A Hands-on Demonstration of iEdison.** Further details below.

To register for one of the available workshops above, please email conferences@rippleeffect.com.

Thank you for your interest! – *NIH Regional Seminar Staff, August 15, 2017*

NIH Multi-Institute Small Business Workshop

NIH Conferences & Events

The National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) is hosting a Multi-Institute Small Business Workshop for SBIR/STTR stakeholders in and around Louisiana. Biotechnology entrepreneurs from Socially or Economically disadvantaged backgrounds, new faculty, post-doctoral fellows, and all other innovators who are interested in starting new biomedical enterprises are encouraged to attend.

Information

- Date: **Thursday, September 7, 2017 - Friday, September 8, 2017**
- Time: **8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. CT**
- Location: **New Orleans Downtown Marriott, 859 Convention Center Boulevard, New Orleans, LA**

Panel discussions will include the National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities (NIMHD) and the Center for Scientific Review (CSR).

More Information

ABRCMS Student Travel Award

The *Annual Biomedical Research Conference for Minority Students* (ABRCMS) is one of the nation's largest STEM conferences for minority undergraduate

students. Over the course of four days students present their research, explore over 350 exhibit booths, and network with schools and peers from across the nation. Undergraduate sophomores, juniors, seniors, postbaccalaureates, and community college students who have completed at least 30 credit hours are encouraged to submit an abstract for poster or oral presentation. Travel awards are available for first time presenters.

Apply for a travel award by **August 25th** and **Abstract are due by September 8th**.

LSU HPC@LSU | Training | Weekly

Our first HPC training will be held on Wednesday, August 30 at 9:00 AM in 307 Frey Computing Service Center and broadcast through WebEx for remote users.

Note that all HPC trainings will start at 9:00AM.

Wednesday, August 30, 2017: Introduction to Linux

The aim of this training is to get users familiar with using Linux systems e.g. the HPC resources. This training will cover basic Linux commands and editors (emacs and vi) on Linux systems. Anyone who is interested in learning about using a Linux based computer is encouraged to attend. If you are not familiar with using a Linux system particularly creating/writing files then this course is a prerequisite for the forthcoming training on HPC User Environment 1 & 2.

This training is *mandatory* for HPC users who are not familiar with using a Linux/Unix system.

Prerequisite: Access to a Linux/Unix based computer i.e. Linux (VirtualBox images provided at HPC website), Mac OSX and Windows with Cygwin and Bash installed.

Next two HPC Trainings:

Wednesday, September 6, 2017: HPC User Environment 1, Job Management with PBS

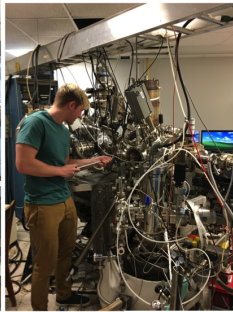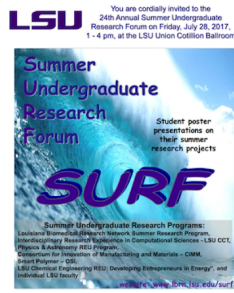**Wednesday, September 13, 2017: HPC User Environment 2, Job Management with PBS**

This training provides an overview of the HPC/LONI general account and allocation policies, hardware and software environments, queuing system, compiling programs, writing submit scripts, running and monitoring jobs on HPC systems.

This training is a *mandatory* two day training event for all HPC/LONI new users held on September 6 and September 13.

Prerequisite: Familiarity with Linux/Unix commands and editors

Please visit http://www.hpc.lsu.edu/training/tutorials.php for more details and register using the link provided.

Congratulations to all the teams that completed the LBRN Summer Research Program 2017. It was an incredible experience getting to work with these teams and watch them develop over the ten weeks.