

Below is this week's list of selected funding opportunities that may be of interest to Purdue faculty. Please review the opportunities and follow the links for additional details, eligibility requirements, and application instructions.

*As a reminder, the Purdue Office of the Executive Vice President for Research and Sponsored Program Services (SPS) have launched a [website](#) to provide the most up-to-date information to help ensure compliance by researchers who may have grants impacted by executive orders during this period of transition at the U.S. government and among U.S. federal agencies.*

### **Limited Submissions & Internal Coordination**

Limited Submission Preproposals should be submitted via Purdue's InfoReady portal (<https://purdue.infoready4.com/>). For any case in which the number of preproposals received is no more than the number of proposals allowed by the sponsor, the OOR will notify the PI(s) that an internal competition will be unnecessary. Questions should be addressed to [OORlimited@purdue.edu](mailto:OORlimited@purdue.edu).

### **NSF – TechAccess: AI-Ready America** – via InfoReady

**KEYWORDS:** *AI infrastructure, cyberinfrastructure, workforce development, data science, computing access, regional innovation, digital equity*

**FUNDING:** Up to \$4M | **INTERNAL DEADLINE:** April 20 | **SPONSOR DEADLINES:** June 16 (LOI); July 16 (Full Round 1) | **COST SHARE:** No | **LIMITED SUBMISSION:** Yes, one per institution

**DESCRIPTION:** Supports the establishment of Coordination Hubs to advance research, collaboration, and infrastructure development in AI-ready computing infrastructure and access. While the TechAccess program includes multiple program areas, only the Coordination Hubs track is being solicited in this cycle. Projects should enable cross-sector collaboration, shared research infrastructure, and coordination across academia, industry, and government to accelerate innovation in wireless systems and spectrum utilization.

### **NSF – Fostering Interdisciplinary Networks to Develop Emergent and Responsive Solutions (FINDERS FOUNDRY)**- via InfoReady

**KEYWORDS:** *K-12 STEM, AI education, workforce development, interdisciplinary teams, educational technology, learning innovation*

**FUNDING:** Up to \$150K (Planning) | **INTERNAL DEADLINE:** April 13 | **SPONSOR DEADLINE:** May 7 | **COST SHARE:** No | **LIMITED SUBMISSION:** 1 (Planning proposals only)

**DESCRIPTION:** Supports interdisciplinary teams to co-design innovative, technology-enabled solutions addressing challenges in K-12 STEM education and workforce development. This inaugural cycle supports Planning proposals only, which serve as the required entry point to future Development funding. Selected teams will be eligible to submit full Development proposals in November 2026.

### **DOC-NIST CHIPS Research and Development Office Broad Agency Announcement** – Internal Coordination Required

**DESCRIPTION:** NIST is soliciting proposals from eligible applicants for research, prototyping, and commercial solutions that advance microelectronics technology in the U.S., to be considered for funding by the CHIPS Research and Development Office (CRDO). Internal coordination is required. If you plan to submit a white paper for this BAA, you must contact Jessica Lawrence ([jlawrenc@purdue.edu](mailto:jlawrenc@purdue.edu)).

### **Selected Funding Opportunities**

#### **NSF - Dear Colleague Letter: Empowering and Educating Children to Thrive in a Digital Era**

**KEYWORDS:** *AI, digital literacy, youth development, online safety, education innovation, interdisciplinary research*

**FUNDING:** Varies by program | **DUE:** Varies by program | **COST SHARE:** Per program solicitation

**DESCRIPTION:** NSF encourages proposals that advance children's well-being, safety, and learning in the digital age through innovative technologies, including AI, and strategies that strengthen digital literacy. This Dear

Colleague Letter (DCL) highlights opportunities to develop tools, learning environments, and evidence-based approaches that support children's online safety, privacy, and educational outcomes. Projects may include AI-enabled learning systems, digital literacy initiatives, and interdisciplinary collaborations involving educators, technologists, and community stakeholders. Submissions must align with participating NSF programs (e.g., FINDERS Foundry, TechAccess: AI-Ready America) and follow their specific requirements.

#### [U.S. Department of Education – Educational Opportunity Centers Program](#)

**KEYWORDS:** Student access, workforce pathways, advising, apprenticeships

**FUNDING:** \$238K–\$1.3M annually (up to \$3M for state applicants) | **DUE:** May 14 | **COST SHARE:** No

**DESCRIPTION:** Supports programs that provide counseling and assistance to low-income, first-generation, and adult learners seeking to enter or re-enter postsecondary education. Projects must deliver services such as admissions and financial aid guidance, career advising, and economic literacy, with expanded emphasis on workforce-aligned pathways including apprenticeships, short-term credentials, and high-demand industry training.

#### [NIJ – Research and Evaluation on Violence Against Women](#)

**KEYWORDS:** *Criminal justice, violence prevention, victimization, applied research, public safety, evaluation, policy impact*

**FUNDING:** Up to \$180K | **DUE:** May 18 (May 12 preferred) | **COST SHARE:** No

**DESCRIPTION:** Supports rigorous research and evaluation projects focused on violence against women, including prevention, intervention, and justice system responses. Projects should generate actionable findings to inform policy and practice, with an emphasis on applied research and partnerships with criminal justice or community-based organizations.

#### [PCORI – Comparative Effectiveness & Clinical Research \(Cycle 2 2026\)](#)

**KEYWORDS:** *Comparative effectiveness, pragmatic trials, patient-centered outcomes, clinical research, healthcare delivery, research methods*

**FUNDING:** Varies (multi-million; PLACER up to ~\$20M) | **DUE:** April 28 (LOI); Sept. 1 (Full, by invitation) | **COST SHARE:** No

**DESCRIPTION:** PCORI's Cycle 2 2026 funding announcements support large-scale, patient-centered comparative effectiveness research and related methodological innovation. Opportunities include Broad Pragmatic Studies, Phased Large Awards for Comparative Effectiveness Research (PLACER), Improving Methods for Patient-Centered Comparative Effectiveness Research, and Addressing Sensory Health Needs Across the Lifespan. All programs emphasize stakeholder engagement, real-world applicability, and generating actionable evidence to improve patient and health system decision-making. **Applicant Town Hall: [April 6, 2026; 12 pm \(ET\)](#)**

#### [Cystic Fibrosis Foundation – Research Grant Programs AND Cystic Fibrosis Foundation – Path to a Cure \(PTAC\) Awards \(Multiple Mechanisms\)](#)

**KEYWORDS:** *cystic fibrosis, biomedical research, translational science, pulmonary disease, therapeutics, clinical research, pilot studies*

**FUNDING:** Varies by mechanism (Pilot awards typically ~\$50K–\$125K; larger research awards can exceed \$300K+) | **DUE:** Varies by program cycle. Multiple programs currently open; some April LOIs due. | **COST SHARE:** No

**DESCRIPTION:** The Cystic Fibrosis Foundation supports a suite of research funding mechanisms spanning basic, translational, and clinical research aligned with improving outcomes for individuals with cystic fibrosis. Opportunities include Pilot and Feasibility Awards for early-stage or exploratory work, Research Grants for established projects, and select clinical or therapeutics-focused programs. Awards support innovative studies in disease mechanisms, drug development, infection, inflammation, and patient-centered outcomes. Investigators should review individual program cycles for specific deadlines and eligibility.

### **Alzheimer's Association – Health Services Research (HSR-ARRD)**

**KEYWORDS:** *Dementia care, health services research, care delivery, health equity, diagnostics*

**FUNDING:** up to \$250K | **DUE:** May 6 (LOI); July 22 (Full) | **COST SHARE:** No

**DESCRIPTION:** Supports research to improve dementia detection, diagnosis, and care delivery. Focus areas include access, care coordination, and health equity, with emphasis on actionable, system-level improvements

### **OTHER**

### **NIH: Inside NIH Review: Study Section Insights, Scoring Changes, and Proposal Strategy Webinar**

**DESCRIPTION:** The Office of Research will host the second session of the *NIH Updates & Insights* webinar series focused on recent and upcoming federal administrative and review changes impacting proposal preparation and submission. This session will discuss NIH Data Management & Sharing Plan updates, updated NIH review criteria and scoring, structural changes in the study section process, and will feature a panel reflection on proposal discussion trends, strengths/weaknesses, and resubmission strategies. This webinar is designed for faculty, research administrators, and staff involved in NIH proposal development and submission and will be held on **April 3, 2026, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (ET)**. [REGISTER HERE](#)

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Purdue's open limited submission competitions, templates, and limited submission policy may be found at <http://www.purdue.edu/research/funding-and-grant-writing/limited-submissions.php>.

Please contact Sue Grimes ([sgrimes@purdue.edu](mailto:sgrimes@purdue.edu)) or Kristi Reynolds ([reyno240@purdue.edu](mailto:reyno240@purdue.edu)) with any questions.

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