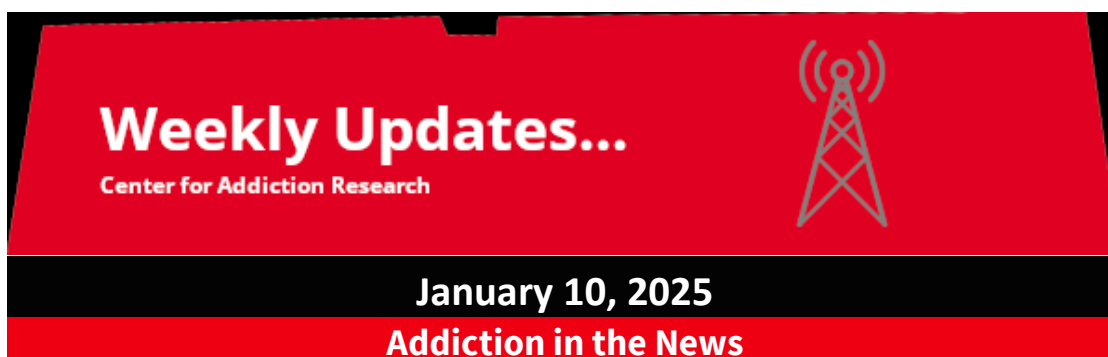


Welcome to the weekly newsletter from the Center for Addiction Research! Each newsletter includes highlights from addiction in the news topics, active funding opportunities offered by NIDA/NIAAA, and information about any new publications from CAR members. Please email Jen Rowe (roweji@ucmail.uc.edu) to change your communication preferences. Thank you.

Thank you for your interest in the Center for Addiction Research - our mission is to accelerate scientific progress in the prevention and treatment of substance use disorders and their consequences by fostering research collaborations across: 1) UC departments, colleges, and centers including Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center; 2) Local, regional, and state community and governmental partners; and 3) Other academic institutions and industry."



UC/ Regional News

OneOhio Local Funds – Grant Application is Open!

Applications are due via email submission on or before: February 14, 2025, at 11:59PM

Email application to: HCOneOhio@hamiltoncountyohio.gov

For this OneOhio 2025 Local Grant application, Board of County Commissioners, Hamilton County, Ohio ("BOCC") and the Office of Addiction Response ("OAR") and The Cincinnati Health Department ("CHD") have collaborated to issue a joint Grant for the disbursement of \$3.9M in OneOhio local funds. Submit your questions regarding the grant application process on or before: January 24, 2025, at 11:59PM to: HCOneOhio@hamiltoncountyohio.gov

OneOhio support staff will walk through the application process and facilitate Q&A during two open forums. Attend in-person or online for the dates/times listed below.

- In-Person: 138 E. Court Street - Room 610, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202.
- Online: Register for your preferred date by clicking the button(s) below:
 - **Monday, January 13, 2:00pm - 3:30pm**
 - **Wednesday, January 15, 9:00am -10:30am**

Ohio ranks among top 10 states with most painkiller misuse, study finds

COLUMBUS, Ohio (WCMH) – A study has revealed Ohio is among the top 10 states with the most residents who abuse painkillers. The United States is in the midst of

an opioid overdose epidemic, according to the Department of Health and Human Services. The epidemic is fueled by painkiller misuse, or taking prescription drugs in a manner other than what is prescribed. To discover where painkiller abuse is the most rampant, addiction resource website Find Recovery analyzed the percentage of people 12 years and older who reported misusing pain relievers per state between 2021 and 2022. The statistics were sourced from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration. Ohio and Maryland tied for having the...

Accidental overdose deaths in Trumbull County nearly cut in half in 2024

The drug epidemic may have loosened its grip in Trumbull County in 2024. Data released by the Trumbull County Coroner's office shows a significant decline in accidental overdose deaths. In 2024, 61 people died as a result of an accidental overdose. In 2023, that number was 112. "For years, we've been in the top ten of 88 counties in Ohio for overdose deaths," Trumbull County Mental Health and Recovery Board executive director April Caraway said. "With this year's number of 61, I think that will take us out of the top ten. And that's not a number you want to be involved in." Seven townships by zip code were reported to have 0 documented drug overdoses: Fowler-Hartford (44418), Mesopotamia (44439)...

Kentucky to get \$110M in historic opioid settlement with Kroger

COVINGTON, Ky. — Kentucky's Attorney General announced a historic \$110 million settlement with Kroger in the ongoing fight against the opioid crisis in the Bluegrass State. Attorney General Russell Coleman made the historic announcement Thursday in Covington at the Life Learning Center. Coleman said half of the \$110 million will be transferred directly to cities, counties, municipalities through a predetermined formula for their own programming. Every county will receive resources as well as municipalities. "I ran for this job to get back in the fight, to join many of you in pushing back on this crisis. That means holding all those accountable, who make these deadly drugs accessible" Coleman said. Coleman...

Overdose deaths are down as Kentucky turns a corner in fight against opioids | Opinion

While Kentucky ranks seventh highest for overdose deaths nationwide, according to the CDC, recent progress — including a 20% decrease in overdose deaths from June 2023 to June 2024 — shows we are turning a corner in the fight against the opioid crisis. Expanded federal support has allowed opioid treatment programs (OTPs) to better reach those in need. In my role as Regional Medical Director for Kentucky at Behavioral Health Group (BHG), I've seen recent flexibilities in action: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) policies that enable alternative care options like extended methadone take-home doses and mobile units are helping drive greater recovery statewide. In Kentucky...

Kentucky rolls out medical marijuana program, but Tennesseans aren't allowed to take part

FRANKFORT, Ky. (WKRN) — As of Wednesday, the Bluegrass State officially allows another sort of grass: medical marijuana. However, Tennesseans considering crossing state lines might have to think twice. Here's a look at the ins and outs of Kentucky's new law. "Our program will begin accepting applications for medical cannabis cards from Kentucky patients on January 1st, 2025," Kentucky Gov. Andy Beshear (D) said during a December update about the new program. What's allowed under Kentucky's new medical marijuana law, SB 47? If you are over 18 with a doctor's permission, you can buy medical cannabis in raw plant, edible, tincture, and — for those over 21 — vape form. If you're under 18, you'll need...

State allocates \$10M to rental housing for people recovering from addiction

INDIANAPOLIS - Hoosiers struggling with addiction or substance use disorders will soon have a slightly easier time finding a place to live. That's thanks to \$10 million in funding from the state's opioid lawsuit settlement. The Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority (IHCDA) announced this month that money will go towards four nonprofit developers who will build rental housing projects in four different cities designed for individuals recovering from addiction. The four communities are Indianapolis, Fort Wayne, Brookville and Terre Haute. In a news release, the IHCDA said Indiana Family and Social Services Administration's Division of Mental Health and Addiction and the Office of...

National News

Surgeon General Calls for Stronger Wording of Cancer Risk on Alcohol Packages

In a new report emphasizing the link between alcohol and cancer, U.S. Surgeon General Vivek Murthy, MD, MBA, calls for warnings on package labels similar to those required for cigarettes. The warning label is one of several recommendations to increase public awareness of alcohol's cancer risk and reduce the associated cancer burden. "Alcohol is a well-established, preventable cause of cancer responsible for about 100,000 cases of cancer and 20,000 cancer deaths annually in the United States -- greater than the 13,500 alcohol-associated traffic crash fatalities per year in the U.S. -- yet, the majority of Americans are unaware of...

Psilocybin shows potential for treating mental health disorders in people with cancer and addiction

One or two doses of psilocybin, a compound found in psychedelic mushrooms, may improve the mental health of cancer patients when accompanied by psychotherapy, a new report suggests. A second new study found that treatment with psilocybin resulted in lasting, positive personality changes in patients with alcohol use disorder. The first report's findings were published online Oct. 7 in the journal *Nature Mental Health*, and the second published online Jan. 1 in a special edition of *The American Journal of Psychiatry* focused on psilocybin research. In the first study, a team of experts at NYU Langone Health found that ...

More than half of college students report alcohol-related harms from others

More than half of US college students have experienced alcohol-related harms caused by others, according to the first national probability-based survey of such harms conducted in 20 years. The findings, published in the journal *Drug and Alcohol Review*, shed light on how others' drinking affects students' health, academics, and safety. "Our research reveals the far-reaching and often overlooked impact of alcohol on college campuses," says study lead author Jih-Cheng (Jack) Yeh, a Ph.D. candidate in health services and policy research at Boston University School of Public Health (BUSPH). "Alcohol-related harms extend...

How drinking alcohol can affect your health

With the new year comes Dry January and a new surgeon general's advisory on alcohol and cancer risk. Moderate drinking was once thought to have benefits for the heart, but better research methods have thrown cold water on that. "Drinking less is a great way to be healthier," said Dr. Timothy Naimi, who directs the Canadian Institute for Substance Use Research at the University of Victoria in British Columbia. On Friday, U.S. Surgeon General Dr. Vivek Murthy called for updating the existing surgeon general's health warning label on alcohol-containing beverages to include the risk of cancer. His proposal would require...

Feeling self-conscious is linked to teen binge drinking

Socially awkward young adults are more prone to regularly binge drink, but they back off their boozing bouts as they become older and more secure. A study published in the journal *Alcohol: Clinical and Experimental Research* shows that young adults who are more self-conscious appear to binge drink more often. However, these same self-conscious people had lower rates of binge drinking as they grew older, researchers discovered in a psychological experiment. "People who are self-conscious may be more sensitive to social norms and expectations and, therefore, drink more in their late teens and early twenties when...

Optogenetics approach reveals how alcohol use disorder impairs cognitive flexibility

Alcohol use disorder (AUD) affects about 400 million people worldwide and is a leading cause of serious illnesses such as cancer, cardiovascular disease, liver disease and stroke. Beyond these physical impacts, AUD profoundly disrupts brain functions critical for learning, memory and adaptability—key elements of cognitive flexibility. Now, researchers at the Texas A&M University College of Medicine have shed new light on how chronic alcohol use alters brain signaling pathways, specifically focusing on how it impairs cognitive flexibility. Their findings, recently published in *Science Advances*, demonstrate the significant role of cholinergic...

Preclinical study finds surges in estrogen promote binge drinking in females

The hormone estrogen regulates binge drinking in females, causing them to "pregame" -- consume large quantities of alcohol in the first 30 minutes after it's offered, according to a preclinical study led by scientists at Weill Cornell Medicine. The study establishes-for what is thought to be the first time-that circulating estrogen increases binge alcohol consumption in females and contributes to known sex differences in this behavior. The findings, published Dec. 30 in the journal Nature Communications, could lead to novel approaches for treating alcohol use disorder. "We know a lot less about what drives alcohol drinking behavior in...

Peer pressure still influences older adult alcohol consumption, says study

Think you're too old to cave to peer pressure when it comes to boozing? That's probably not so, a new study says. An adult's network of social connections plays a crucial role in how heavily they tend to drink, researchers reported Jan. 1 in the journal Alcohol: Clinical and Experimental Research. "Our results highlight the pivotal role of the social environment in shaping individual drinking behavior," regardless of a person's age, concluded the research team led by Maarten van den Ende, a postdoctoral researcher with the University of Amsterdam. The researchers found there are "feedback loops" between people and...

A THC breathalyzer? Research could lead to reliable cannabis breath test

Law enforcement will be out in force this holiday season, with saturation patrols and sobriety checkpoints on the lookout for impaired drivers. Yet 12 years after Colorado and Washington became the first U.S. states to legalize recreational cannabis, police still lack a reliable method for detecting whether someone smoked a joint or ate a gummy recently and whether they are too impaired to drive. Researchers at CU Boulder and the National Institutes of Standards and Technology (NIST) hope to help solve that problem, using a laboratory on wheels and state-of-the-art chemistry to map the peaks and declines of a cannabis...

Medical cannabis laws linked to increase in cannabis use disorders

Medical cannabis laws (MCLs) are associated with increased cannabis use disorder (CUD) and cannabis poisoning, while recreational cannabis laws (RCLs) are associated with increased cannabis poisoning, according to a study published online Dec. 23 in JAMA Psychiatry. Jayani Jayawardhana, Ph.D., from the College of Public Health at the University of Kentucky in Lexington, and colleagues examined the associations between state-level cannabis laws and CUD and cannabis poisoning in a longitudinal study involving adults aged 18 to 64 years. State-level CUD and cannabis poisoning diagnoses from January 2011 to December...

How legal pot may be reducing opioid prescriptions

In states where medical marijuana is legal, payments from opioid manufacturers to physicians have decreased significantly—suggesting that marijuana may be emerging as a viable alternative to opioids for pain management, according to new

research from the University at Buffalo School of Management. Available online ahead of publication in the Journal of the American Statistical Association, the study examined the impact of medical marijuana legalization on the financial incentives that opioid manufacturers provide to physicians. These payments often include consulting fees, conference travel and...

Early adoption of tobacco 21 policies can avert premature mortality, study suggests

Early adoption and implementation of Tobacco 21 (T21) policies, with a minimum legal access age for tobacco products of 21 years, is associated with potential premature mortality reductions, according to a study published online Dec. 20 in JAMA Health Forum. Jamie Tam, M.P.H., Ph.D., from the Yale School of Public Health in New Haven, Connecticut, and colleagues quantified potential reductions in smoking-attributable mortality associated with T21 policies. State-specific data on smoking initiation, smoking cessation, and mortality rates for 50 U.S. states and the District of Columbia were integrated with comprehensive data...

Smartwatch app uses motion sensors to help smokers quit

Whether people decide to make New Year's resolutions or not, they might want to lead a healthier lifestyle in 2025. According to a new University of Bristol-led study, smartwatches could help people give up smoking. The researchers tested a smartwatch fitted with a custom app that used the smartwatch's built-in motion sensors to detect typical smoking movements. The results, published in JMIR Formative Research, showed the technology has the potential to help more than two-thirds of trial participants quit the habit. Smoking is the primary cause of preventable illness and premature death, harming nearly every...

For young users, tobacco packets like Zyn are a nicotine trend that just won't quit

(CNN) — Tiny packets of nicotine have quickly become a big problem for parents and schools. They're available at gas stations and convenience stores under names like Zyn, O! Rogue, Juice Head and VELO. Although the products are supposed to be sold only to people over 21, a growing number of children have reported using these types of smokeless oral nicotine packets. Because they're relatively new to the market, parents and teachers may not know what to look for. And since young users don't have to stand outside and smoke or vape to get a nicotine fix, the products can be easy to hide and hard to spot. The tiny white pockets...

Reflecting on NIDA's 50th year and looking to 2025

This past year, NIDA commemorated its 50th anniversary, which made me reflect on how far addiction science has come in a half century—from the barest beginnings of an understanding of how drugs work in the brain, and only a few treatment and prevention tools, to a robustly developed science and multiple opportunities to translate that science into clinical practice. Yet the challenges we face around drug

use and addiction have never been greater, with annual deaths from overdose that have vastly exceeded anything seen in previous eras and the proliferation of increasingly more potent addictive drugs. Our...

Smartphone app can help reduce opioid use and keep patients in treatment, study shows

Patients with opioid use disorder can reduce their days of opioid use and stay in treatment longer when using a smartphone app as supportive therapy in combination with medication, a new study by The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio (UT Health San Antonio) shows. The cohort study of 600 underserved patients found that those who chose to use the app—which combines contingency management behavioral therapy and recovery support from peers—and alongside medication, reduced their days of opioid use by 35% compared with those treated with medication only. Additionally, app users...

Boston to distribute Narcan via vending machines, kiosks to prevent opioid overdoses

Boston will have four vending machines and eight indoor kiosks distributing life-saving Narcan and other harm reduction supplies in another step toward preventing overdose deaths, Mayor Michelle Wu and the Boston Public Health Commission announced. "Unfortunately, many people living with substance use disorder don't use harm reduction tools, like naloxone and clean syringes, due to stigma, lack of access or unawareness," said Public Health Commissioner Bisola Ojikutu. "These vending machines and kiosks are a low-cost, compassionate way to destigmatize harm reduction and expand access throughout..."

Severe maternal morbidity up in Medicaid-enrolled pregnant women with opioid addiction

The rate of opioid use disorder (OUD) is high in Medicaid-enrolled pregnant women, and they have a high rate of severe maternal morbidity (SMM), according to a study published in JAMA Network Open. Samantha G. Auty, Ph.D., from the Boston University School of Public Health, and colleagues identified 96,309 pregnant women with OUD enrolled in Medicaid in 47 states with 108,975 deliveries in a cross-sectional study to estimate the rates of SMM. The researchers found that across states, the mean rate of OUD among pregnant women enrolled in Medicaid was 324.8 per 10,000 live births. In this group, the mean unadjusted rate...

Leading researcher explains how viewing addiction as a brain disorder improves treatments

This week, we are reporting on some promising treatments for two of the deadliest drugs in America: opioids and alcohol. William Brangham sat down with one of the nation's leading researchers who is studying America's addictions and how we can better address them. My next guest is one of the researchers who helped establish that addiction is in fact a brain disorder, that taking certain drugs over time can

change how our brains actually work. Dr. Nora Volkow is the head of the National Institute on Drug Abuse, which is part of the NIH and is one of the world's biggest funders of research into drug abuse and addiction. Dr. ...

Science behind genetic testing for identifying risk of opioid misuse remains unproven, says study

Opioid misuse and specifically opioid use disorder (OUD), continues to represent a significant U.S. public health threat, with more than 6 million Americans aged 12 and older meeting the criteria for OUD in 2022. Efforts to ease the crisis have included the development of genetic testing to identify individuals most at risk for OUD. New research, published in JAMA Network Open, questions the usefulness of 15 genetic variants from an algorithm meant to predict OUD risk that was recently granted pre-marketing approval by the Food and Drug Administration. It found that the testing could lead to both false positive and false...

Stimulant Users Are Caught in Fatal 'Fourth Wave' of Opioid Epidemic

In Pawtucket, Rhode Island, near a storefront advertising “free” cellphones, J.R. sat in an empty back stairwell and showed a reporter how he tries to avoid overdosing when he smokes crack cocaine. KFF Health News is identifying him by his initials because he fears being arrested for using illegal drugs. It had been several hours since his last hit, and the chatty, middle-aged man’s hands moved quickly. In one hand, he held a glass pipe. In the other, a lentil-size crumb of cocaine. Or at least J.R. hoped it was cocaine, pure cocaine — uncontaminated by fentanyl, a potent opioid that was linked to about 75% of all...

Syringe Exchange Fears Hobble Fight Against West Virginia HIV Outbreak

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — More than three years have passed since federal health officials arrived in central Appalachia to assess an alarming outbreak of HIV spread mostly between people who inject opioids or methamphetamine. Infectious disease experts from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention made a list of recommendations following their visit, including one to launch syringe service programs to stop the spread at its source. But those who’ve spent years striving to protect people who use drugs from overdose and illness say the situation likely hasn’t improved, in part because of politicians who contend that...

ADHD drug shows promise for treating methamphetamine dependence

A prescription medication used to treat attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) could be repurposed as the first pharmacotherapy for people with methamphetamine dependence, according to a study published in Addiction. Results from the landmark "LiMA" trial show that the psychostimulant lisdexamfetamine can drastically reduce the need to use methamphetamine among those who are dependent on the illicit drug. Lead author and addiction medicine specialist Professor Nadine Ezard, who is Director of the National Center

for Clinical Research on Emerging Drugs (NCCRED), said the results were promising. "There...

Studies find time-release medication keeps adults with ADHD on track, lowers substance use risk

Adults with attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) who use an extended-release medication are more likely to continue the treatment and have a lower risk of developing substance use disorder, according to two West Virginia University studies. "There is a lot of information about childhood and adolescent ADHD, but very few talk about adult ADHD," said Abdullah Al-Mamun, a data scientist and assistant professor in the WVU School of Pharmacy Department of Pharmaceutical Systems and Policy. "It's a behavioral disease which can be always treated. You just have to take your medications regularly. If you don't, symptoms...

Does substance use change the brain's structure, or does brain structure predispose some to substance use?

A study led by researchers from the Indiana University School of Medicine, Washington University in St. Louis, and other institutions has identified neuroanatomical differences in children associated with early substance use initiation. Early-age substance use is strongly associated with a heightened risk for substance use disorders (SUDs) and other adverse outcomes later in life. Neuroanatomical changes in brain structure have been linked to substance use, especially in youth when the brain is undergoing substantial development. But are the changes seen in substance user brains primarily a result of the substance...

Many in need of substance use disorder treatment are not receiving it

A gap persists between the need for and receipt of substance use disorder (SUD) treatment among U.S. individuals, according to a research letter published in JAMA Network Open. Ligang Liu, Pharm.D., from The Ohio State University in Columbus, and colleagues described treatment needs, treatment receipts, perceived needs, and treatment barriers for SUD. The analysis included annual reports for the National Survey on Drug Use and Health (2013 to 2023; 657,583 participants). The researchers found that the prevalence of individuals needing SUD treatment increased from 8.2% in 2013 to 17.1% in 2023, with the prevalence of...

In New Year, Medicaid to Cover Addiction and Healthcare Services Youth Transitioning Out of Prison and Jail

Starting January 1, 2025, states are required to provide screening and diagnostic services and targeted case management to Medicaid- and Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)-eligible youth and young adults prior to and after their release from correctional facilities. This requirement is part of Section 5121 in the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2023 (P.L. 117-328), which was signed into law on December 29, 2022, and applies to state prisons, local jails, tribal jails and

prisons, and juvenile detention and youth correctional facilities. Under the new federal law and recent Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)...

Research shows ketamine use is on the rise in U.S. adults: New trends emerge

A study analyzing data from the National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH) found that past-year recreational ketamine use among adults has increased dramatically since 2015, including significant shifts in associations with depression and sociodemographic characteristics such as race, age and education status. The study, published online in the Journal of Affective Disorders, was led by Kevin Yang, M.D., a third-year resident physician in the Department of Psychiatry at UC San Diego School of Medicine. Ketamine use has shown promise in clinical trials for several mental illnesses, including treatment-resistant...

HIV is spiking in new hot spots. Here's what's being done to control it

Darwin Tenoria first learned about HIV when he was on his deathbed. He was 27 and weighed just 70 pounds. "I died for two minutes and I was revived in the hospital," he remembers. When he woke up, he says, "my doctor asked me: 'Did you undergo HIV testing before?' I said: 'What's HIV? What's that?'" His test came back positive. Tenoria began treatment. When his health stabilized, he was determined to do something. He quit his office job and became an HIV educator. Now, 10 years after his near-death moment, he is stunned by what is happening in his native Philippines. The disease is spiking dramatically. "We used to call [the HIV...]

Funding Opportunities



GRANTS & FUNDING

NIH Central Resource for Grants and Funding Information

[PAR-25-347](#)

[Substance Use/Substance Use Disorder Dissertation Research Award \(R36 Clinical Trials Not Allowed\)](#)

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[Notice of Intent to Publish a Funding Opportunity Announcement - Alcohol-HIV/AIDS Program Project Comorbidities, Coinfections, and Complications Research: Intervention and Cross-Cutting Foundational Research \(P01 Clinical Trial Optional\)](#)

[RFA-DA-25-074](#)

[Ex Vivo Models for Studies at the Intersection of HIV and Addictive Substance Use \(R01 Clinical Trial Not Allowed\)](#)

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[Cutting-Edge Basic Research Awards \(CEBRA\) \(R21 Clinical Trial Optional\)](#)

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[Grand Opportunity in Medications Development for Substance-Use Disorders \(U01 Clinical Trial Optional\)](#)

[PAR-25-329](#)

[Development of Medications to Prevent and Treat Substance Use Disorders and Overdose \(UG3/UH3 - Clinical Trial Optional\)](#)

[PAR-24-329](#)

[Development and Testing of Novel Interventions to Improve HIV Prevention, Treatment, and Program Implementation for People Who Use Substances \(R34 Clinical Trial Required\)](#)

[PAR-25-354](#)

[Multidisciplinary Studies of HIV/AIDS and Aging \(R01 Clinical Trial Optional\)](#)

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[Multidisciplinary Studies of HIV/AIDS and Aging \(R21 Clinical Trial Optional\)](#)

UC Foundation Funding Opportunities

Please contact Carol Russell at (513) 556-6169 or carol.russell@uc.edu **at least 5 business days before the deadline**, prior to applying to the below opportunities, to ensure coordination and to facilitate assistance with approaches.

Grants Promote Smoking Cessation in Low- and Middle-Income Countries

Deadline: January 17, 2025, 7:00 AM ET

The Global Action to End Smoking (GA) has issued an RFP for Advancing Innovative Smoking Cessation Through Dissemination, Implementation & Training Grants. Grants of up to \$500,000 over a maximum of 12 months will be awarded. Consistent with its charitable mission, the organization seeks proposals for innovative grant programs that disseminate science-based information about smoking cessation

tools that are available to people who smoke; their healthcare providers; health journalists, including the wider media community; and the general public. This funding opportunity aims to fund diverse strategies within GA's strategic plan relating to its dissemination, implementation, and training (DIT) workstream, tailored to the needs of respective countries or populations, that increase awareness of locally available cessation options and their importance, correct widespread misperceptions about the relative risk of nicotine compared to combusted tobacco, and disseminate accurate and consistent messaging about the potential role of reduced-risk nicotine products for smokers who cannot or will not quit using traditional interventions. GA encourages strong implementation research that examines the important and dynamic contextual factors that may influence the effectiveness of interventions in specific LMICs, or for marginalized populations in HICs. Strategic goals of this RFP are to identify the most promising programs for DIT, build capacity for DIT programs around the world, and generate widely accessible case studies that share local and contextualized findings about how to design and implement effective interventions, including description of the country-specific barriers and facilitators to successful implementation. Eligible institutions include academic, think-tank, and health-related research and science centers, as well as other collaborating centers and institutions with experience in related subject areas such as public health, behavioral health, psychology, epidemiology, economics, disease prevention, and health communications. Previous experience in research related to smoking cessation, tobacco control, marginalized populations, or harm reduction-informed approaches to public health is desirable but not required. Proposals should be submitted by entities registered in their country of origin with an ability to accept grants from not-for-profit foundations incorporated in the United States.

[Psychiatric Association to Recognize Minority-Serving Mental Health Programs](#)
[Deadline: January 31, 2025](#)

The American Psychiatric Association Foundation invites applications for its Awards for Advancing Minority Mental Health. Grants of \$5,000, a plaque, and recognition in APA/APAF publications and websites will be awarded to mental health and wellness organizations in support of programs that raise awareness of mental illness in underserved minority communities, including the need for early recognition, the availability of treatment and how to access it, and the cultural barriers to treatment; increase access to quality mental health services for underserved minority communities; and improve the quality of care for underserved minority populations, particularly those in the public health system or with severe mental illness. To be eligible, programs and organizations must have been in operation for at least two years.

American Psychological Foundation Grants Help Efforts to Alleviate Trauma

Deadline: February 21, 2025

The American Psychological Foundation invites applications for two Trauma Psychology Grant awards. The first **grant** of up to \$3,750 will be awarded in support of innovative work to alleviate trauma. Applicants must have a demonstrated knowledge of trauma and trauma research and have demonstrated competence and capacity to execute the proposed work. Applicants must be early career psychologists (doctoral-level psychologists who are no more than 10 years post-doctoral) and affiliated with a nonprofit charitable, educational, and scientific institution, or governmental entity operating exclusively for charitable and educational purposes. The Foundation also invites applications for the **Dr. Christine Blasey-Ford Grant**. This award will provide up to \$3,750 to support graduate students and early-career researchers conducting innovative work focusing on the understanding, prevention, and/or treatment of the consequences of exposure to traumatic events such as sexual assault, sexual harassment, and/or rape. Applicants must be a graduate student or early-career psychologist (a doctoral level psychologist who is no more than 10 years postdoctoral); be affiliated with a nonprofit charitable, educational, and scientific institution, or governmental entity operating exclusively for charitable and educational purposes; and have a demonstrated knowledge of trauma and trauma research.

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