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Happy New Year! It’s hard to believe we are in a new year already!

Please click on the following links below to review some information and updates!

◊ **2015 NIH Regional Seminar:** May 6-8

Mark your calendar for the 2015 NIH Regional Seminar on Program Funding and Grants Administration in Baltimore, Maryland – May 6-8, 2015.

◊ **Update:** New Bio-Sketch format required for NIH grant applications for due dates on or after May 25, 2015

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**Kudos Corner**

Congratulations to Dr. Hyun Park, who received $20,000 from the Maryland Higher Education Commission for the New Nursing Faculty Fellowship.

Congratulations to Dr. Christopher Salice who received over $10,000 from the Maryland Department of the Environment for his project titled “HMI Dredge Material Monitoring”. This grant offers opportunity for local college students to gain practical work experience in the environmental field.
Sponsor: National Park Service  
Deadline(s): 2/9/2015

Description: The National Park Service’s (NPS) Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore (INDU) in Porter, IN, requests assistance monitoring water quality in Lake Michigan and flowing water lotic systems. The work will primarily involve working in the field collecting bacteriological, chemical, and biological samples as well as in an office setting downloading and entering data and performing quality assurance measures. Field work will involve working in the sun, rain, and varying temperatures in wetlands, flowing waters, and the near shore of Lake Michigan while handling fish, amphibians, and invertebrates.

Click here to view the RFP!

Sponsor: Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality  
Deadline(s): 4/8/2015

Supports postdoctoral research training (F32) in the social, medical, management or health sciences related to the delivery, financing or quality of health care services. Training should include making better decisions about health care in such areas as disease prevention, appropriate use of medical technologies, improving diagnosis and treatment utilizing comparative effectiveness research, and reducing racial and ethnic disparities.

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Sponsor: National Institutes of Health  
Deadline(s): 6/16/2015

Description: This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) encourages R21 grant applications for research that will employ rigorous scientific methods to test theoretically derived hypotheses to increase understanding of the science of drug use prevention within diverse populations and settings and across the lifespan.

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