



OPD WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Dear Chairs and Center/Institute Directors:

For updates and guidance related to Federal Executive Orders and other federal actions affecting federally funded research, please visit the [2025 Federal Transition and University Guidance webpage](#).

Please share these funding opportunities and related research news with your faculty.

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Research News

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AI Innovation Institute Small Grant Program

The Artificial Intelligence Innovation Institute (AI3) aims to advance core innovation in AI and its diffusion to nearly every industrial, societal, and scholarly sector. To facilitate strategic growth of AI across campus, AI3, with administrative support from the Office for Research and Innovation (OR&I), invites applications for a small grant program for projects in AI.

Deadline: Full proposals due **Monday, March 2, 2026** via the [AI Innovation Institute Small Grant Program portal](#) in InfoReady.

[Learn more in the Request for Applications](#)

SUNY Technology Accelerator Fund (TAF)

Description: The fund provides funding to support the translation of SUNY research-derived innovations from the lab to the market. TAF investments are highly competitive and support technology development milestones, such as feasibility studies, prototyping, and testing, to advance the commercial readiness of SUNY's most promising innovations.

Eligibility: Faculty, staff, and students from all disciplines and campuses across SUNY are encouraged to submit proposals for TAF Class of 2026 funding.

TAF is open to any high-potential SUNY technology that uniquely addresses an acute problem within a supportive market. TAF applications are especially encouraged for innovations closely aligned with SUNY's current strategic research priorities, including: AI for the public good; Quantum technologies; Next-generation semiconductors; Biotechnologies and medicine; and Energy and climate solutions. This program funds projects that will advance the commercial readiness of technologies aligning with the Topic Areas and Funding tracks (listed in the [SUNY TAF Class of 2026 Solicitation and Administrative Guidelines](#)).

All applicants are strongly encouraged to discuss their interest in submitting a Pre-Proposal with Intellectual Property Partners (contact information: jesse.lobenhofer@stonybrook.edu) prior to preparing and submitting a Pre-Proposal Application.

Award: \$50,000 per project

Deadline: Pre-proposals due March 16, 2026

Stony Brook Trustees Faculty Awards

Description: The Stony Brook Trustees Faculty Award recognizes promising early-career faculty for their significant contributions to research, scholarship, and art-making. These awards provide funding opportunities to support and advance their work in these areas. This award is offered by the Office of the Provost in collaboration with the Office for Research and Innovation.

Eligibility: Full-time, second-term assistant professors who have completed their review process and at least three years at Stony Brook

Deadline: Nominations due March 31, 2026

[Learn more about and submit a nomination to the Trustees Faculty Awards](#)

Reports and Articles of Interest

- [A deal has been reached to reauthorize the SBIR/STTR program for the next five years.](#)
- [Read about the recent DOE Genesis Mission University/Science Philanthropy Summit.](#)
- [Read about possible upcoming changes to NSF](#) include hiring additional staff and reducing the number of solicitations.

McAllister & Quinn Weekly Opportunity & Strategic Intelligence Overview

Every week, [McAllister & Quinn](#)'s Research Universities Practice sends out a weekly opportunity overview. These comprehensive lists encompass research and development opportunities relevant to R1 and R2 institutions across the Federal government. Visit [OPD's Grant Proposal Resource Repository](#) for the [latest overview](#) and an archive of previous overviews and other resources.

Upcoming Workshops

Below are upcoming internal and external workshops.
[The most updated list of events can be found on our website.](#)

Internal Workshops

Translating the Funding Landscape for Stony Brook Researchers: Semiconductors and Microelectronics

Hosted by: The Office of Proposal Development

When: March 9, 2026, 3 to 4 pm

Where: Stony Brook University (virtual)

[Learn more about and register for the Semiconductors and Microelectronics virtual presentation](#)

Translating the Funding Landscape for Stony Brook Researchers: Biotechnology

Hosted by: The Office of Proposal Development

When: March 25, 2026, 10 to 11 am

Where: Stony Brook University (virtual)

[Learn more about and register for the Biotechnology virtual presentation](#)

SUNY AI Symposium at Stony Brook: Scaling the NY AI Innovation Ecosystem

Hosted by: The State University of New York (SUNY), in partnership with the Office for Research and Innovation and the Artificial Intelligence Innovation Institute (AI3) at the State University of New York at Stony Brook

When: April 14 to 15, 2026

Where: Stony Brook University

[Learn more about and register for the SUNY AI Symposium at Stony Brook](#)

Translating the Funding Landscape for Stony Brook Researchers: Artificial Intelligence

Hosted by: The Office of Proposal Development

When: April 22, 2026, 2 to 3 pm

Where: Stony Brook University (virtual)

[Learn more about and register for the Artificial Intelligence virtual presentation](#)

External Workshops

High-Risk, High-Reward Research Symposium

Hosted by: NIH

When: March 4 to 6, 2026

Where: Bethesda, MD

[Learn more about and register for the HRHR Research Symposium](#)

2026 ARPA-E Energy Innovation Summit

Hosted by: ARPA-E

When: April 7 to 9, 2026

Where: San Diego, CA

[Learn more and register for the 2026 ARPA-E Energy Innovation Summit](#)

2026 QED-C Quantum Summit

Hosted by: QED-C

When: April 14 to 15, 2026

Where: Washington, DC

[Learn more about and register for the 2026 QED-C Quantum Summit by logging into your QED-C account](#)

SUNY Undergraduate Research Conference

Hosted by: SUNY Fredonia and SUNY Upstate Medical University

When: April 21 and 24, 2026

Where: Fredonia, NY and Syracuse, NY

[Learn more about and register for the SUNY Undergraduate Research Conference](#)

SUNY Graduate Research and Creative Activities Conference (GRC)

Hosted by: The Graduate Academic Programs and Research Committee of the University Faculty Senate, in collaboration with the SUNY Center for Professional Development

When: May 1, 2026

Where: Virtual

[Learn more about and submit an abstract to the SUNY Graduate Research and Creative Activities Conference](#)

2026 NORDTECH Annual Hub Meeting

Hosted by: The Graduate Academic Programs and Research Committee of the University Faculty Senate, in collaboration with the SUNY Center for Professional Development

When: June 3 to 4, 2026

Where: New York University Tandon School of Engineering's campus in Brooklyn, NY.

[Learn more about the NORDTECH Annual Hub Meeting](#)

Active Limited Competitions and Canvasses

All limited competitions are completed in [**InfoReady**](#). You can sign into InfoReady using your Net-ID and your [**stonybrook.edu**](#) email address. Please allow sufficient time to familiarize yourself with the portal prior to submitting. *Submitting by proxy? If you would like someone to submit an application on your behalf in InfoReady, please [**follow these instructions to designate them as your proxy**](#). Please note: Issues may arise and could negatively impact the review of an application if a proxy is not officially designated in this manner.*

Recent Federal Executive Orders and other federal actions affecting federally funded research have resulted in changes to some federal funding opportunities. Consequently, we may need to update our posted limited competitions to remain aligned with these ongoing adjustments. We encourage you to check [our website](#) regularly for the latest updates, in addition to canvass and internal competition details and instructions.

Program: [Pediatric Cancer Research Foundation Grants](#)

Sponsor: Pediatric Cancer Research Foundation

Type: Canvass

InfoReady Portal: [PCRF Portal](#)

Internal Deadline: February 27, 2026 at 11:59 pm

External Deadline: LOI due April 1, 2026; Invited applications due July 1, 2026

Institutional Limit: 1

Award Amount and Length: Emerging Investigator Fellowship Grants: Up to \$75K for 1 year

Program: [Packard Fellowships for Science and Engineering Program](#)

Sponsor: David and Lucile Packard Foundation

Type: Internal Competition [Packard Call for Pre-applications](#)

InfoReady Portal: [Packard Portal](#)

Internal Deadline: March 2, 2026 at 9 am

External Deadline: Nominations due March 15, 2026. Applications due April 20, 2026.

Institutional Limit: 2

Award Amount and Length: \$875K over 5 years

Program: [Breast Cancer Alliance Research Grants Program](#)

Sponsor: Breast Cancer Alliance

Type: Internal Competition [BCA Research Grants Call for Pre-applications](#)

InfoReady Portal: [BCA Research Grants Portal](#)

Internal Deadline: March 2, 2026 at 9 am

External Deadline: LOI due March 31, 2026; Full application (by invitation) due July 30, 2026

Institutional Limit: 1 (either XP or YIP)

Award Amount and Length: YIG: \$125K over 2 years; XP: \$100K over 1 year

Program: [Energy Frontier Research Centers \(EFRCs\)](#)

Sponsor: DOE

Type: Internal Competition [EFRC Call for Pre-applications](#)

InfoReady Portal: [EFRC Portal](#)

Internal Deadline: March 12, 2026 at 9 am

External Deadline: LOI due April 1, 2026; Full proposals due July 1, 2026

Institutional Limit: 3

Award Amount and Length: \$3M - \$4.5M per award per year (\$12M - \$18M per award for a 4-yr period)

Program: [W.M. Keck Foundation Research Program](#)

Sponsor: W.M. Keck Foundation

Type: Internal Competition [W.M. Keck Foundation Call for Pre-applications](#)

InfoReady Portal: [Keck Foundation Portal](#)

Internal Deadline: April 15, 2026 at 11:59 pm

External Deadline: June 15, 2026 to schedule concept counseling which takes place between July 1 and August 15, 2026. Phase 1 application due November 1, 2026.

Institutional Limit: 8 concepts

Award Amount and Length: Typical grants are awarded \$1M to \$1.3M over 3 years

Noteworthy Funding Opportunities

The Office of Proposal Development actively curates a list of recently released funding opportunities in priority research areas.

[The most updated list of noteworthy funding opportunities can be found on our website.](#)

[2026 Emergent Phenomena in Quantum Systems \(EPIQS\) Materials Synthesis Investigators and Moore Synthesis Fellows](#)

Sponsor: Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation

Discipline(s): Quantum Computing, Materials Sciences

Description: The Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation is inviting pre-applications for the 2026 Materials Synthesis Investigators and Moore Synthesis Fellows competition as part of its Emergent Phenomena in Quantum Systems (EPIQS) Initiative. Through EPIQS, the foundation seeks to accelerate breakthroughs in quantum materials—solids and engineered structures that exhibit novel quantum phases of matter and emergent electronic phenomena. The program aims to advance new synthesis approaches, facilitate the discovery of new quantum materials, improve the quality of existing materials, and strengthen the status of synthesis experts in U.S. academia.

Institutional Limit: None

PI Eligibility: EPIQS Investigator award: applicant's primary appointment must be as tenured, tenure-track, or research faculty at a U.S. academic institution. Individuals holding adjunct or emeritus appointments are not eligible. Moore Synthesis Fellow award: applicant must be a current U.S.-based faculty member whose first tenure-track appointment began in 2024 or later. Individuals whose first tenure-track appointment will begin after the pre-application deadline of March 27, 2026, are also eligible, provided they have formally accepted the position. Past and current Moore Foundation grantees – both EPIQS and non-EPIQS – are eligible unless they are non-compliant with grant requirements (e.g., currently overdue reports or other violations of their grant agreements). Applicants eligible for both programs may apply to only one this year.

Award: The anticipated award amounts are \$1,800,000–\$1,900,000 for Materials Synthesis Investigators and \$1,300,000–\$1,400,000 for Moore Synthesis Fellows. The award period is up to 6 years.

Cost Share: Not required

Deadline(s): Pre-application due March 27 2026; Eligible and highly competitive applicants will be invited to submit full proposals in late April.

[Science of Organizations \(SoO\)](#)

Sponsor: NSF

Discipline(s): Economics, Business, Policy, Communication, Psychology

Description: The Science of Organizations (SoO) program funds basic research that yields a scientific evidence base for improving the design and emergence, development and deployment, and management and ultimate effectiveness of organizations of all kinds. SoO funds research that advances our fundamental understanding of how organizations develop, form and operate. Successful SoO research proposals use scientific methods to develop and refine theories, to empirically test theories and frameworks, and to develop new measures and methods. Funded research is aimed at yielding generalizable insights that are of value to the business practitioner, policy-maker and research communities.

Institutional Limit: None

PI Eligibility: No restrictions

Award: Not listed

Cost Share: Not required

Deadline(s): Full proposal accepted anytime

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