



MEZCOPH Research Communications Newsletter

September 19, 2025

We have several new Internal Funding Opportunities from the Provost's Investment Fund for students, staff, and faculty! See more information about each below.

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Announcements

- Calling all MEZCOPH Students! The 2026 Poster Forum planning sessions are beginning. Please join the first informational session Tuesday, September 23, 2025 at 12:30 pm in Drachman A122.
 - Lunch will be provided!
- The Tribal Opioid Summit is November 18th and 19th in Scottsdale, and they are looking for dynamic breakout presenters! The theme is *Restoring Balance: Strengthening Tribal Responses through Hope, Innovation, and Partnership*. The deadline to apply to present is October 3, 2025. [Click here to submit your proposal.](#)
- Feast for Your Brain 2025 is October 25, 2025 at the El Rio Neighborhood Center from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. If your research center, organization, or community partners are interested in hosting a table at the event, please reach out to Carolina Carrasco: carolinacarrasco@arizona.edu
- From ORP: \$20M investment in Arizona's Future: strategic investments are positioning the University and our state for long-term leadership and impact. Learn more about this major investment from ABOR and TRIF [here](#), and explore the initiatives below
 - [AI-Drive Health Care Innovation](#)
 - [Fusion Energy](#)
 - [Sustainable Mining](#)
 - [Space and National Security](#)

Fellowship Opportunities

- [NAIRR AI Fellows Program](#): Application Due- October 1, 2025

- Program dates from January to September 2026
 - Consultation with AI-based research projects and Training
 - \$5000 stipend
- [Global Health Emerging Scholars](#): Application Due- October 1, 2025
 - For pre- and post-doctoral trainees
 - An informational zoom session will be announced!
 - [Apply Here](#)
- [NIH Fellowship Funding Opportunities are here!](#)
 - Open to early career scientists, including predoctoral and postdoctoral level
 - Parent F30, F31, F32, and F33 opportunities

Seminars

- College-Wide Seminars: Research Roundup! - October 8, 2025 at noon
 - Topic: Health for Diverse Populations
 - Join us in person in Drachman A114 or [on zoom](#)
 - Students, Faculty, and Staff are invited to hear four of our faculty present about their research followed by Q&A
- Thank you to our Firefighter Health Researchers for their presentations at the first Research Roundup Seminar last week on September 10th

PRESENTATIONS:

Sleep Assistance



Patricia Haynes, PhD, CBSM, DBSM
Licensed Clinical Psychologist
Diplomate in Behavioral Sleep
Medicine

Infectious Risks



Katherine Ellingson, PhD CIC
Infectious Disease Epidemiologist

Reproductive Health



Leslie Farland, DSc
Associate Professor
Epidemiology and Biostatistics

Omics



Melissa Furlong, PhD
Assistant Professor
Community, Environment,
and Policy

Internal Funding Opportunities

- [Strategic Priorities Faculty Initiatives \(SPFI\)](#) - Fall Cycles Currently Open!
 - Supports hiring tenure-track and continuing-track faculty who focus on Community-Engaged Research, Outreach, and Service
 - Fall due dates: September 26, October 31, and November 21
- [Author Support Fund](#) - Applications available year-round, due last Friday of the month
 - Up to \$1500 to facilitate publications, creative works, manuscripts, etc.
- [Scholarly Engagement Fund \(NEW!\)](#) - Rolling application timeline, next due date is October 1, 2025
 - All University of Arizona faculty and staff are eligible to apply
 - Up to \$5000 to support hosting conferences, symposia, speaker series, etc.

- [Provost's Graduate Interdisciplinary Program \(GIDP\) Finishing Fellowship](#) - Nomination Deadline October 20, 2025
 - \$25,000 awarded to one graduate GIDP student in the last semester of their master's or doctoral program
 - Students must be nominated and may not directly apply
- [Bridge Funding Investment Program](#)

External Funding Opportunities

- [Burroughs Wellcome Fund: Climate Change and Human Health Seed Grants](#) - Due October 23, 2025 (rolling application, next due in January)
 - \$2,500 to \$50,000
 - Zoom sessions available to address questions
 - Contact Farron or Sara from UA Foundation for more information and support
 - Farron.shanahan@uafoundation.org
 - Sara.mathis@uafoundation.org
- [Science, Mathematics, and Research for Transformation \(SMART\) Scholarship for Service Program](#) - Due December 5, 2025
 - For Bachelor's, Master's, or PhD students in STEM fields
 - Can receive full tuition, stipend, internships, and DoD civilian employment
- [NIH Extramural Loan Repayment Programs \(LRP\)](#) - Due November 20, 2025
 - Up to \$100,000 in qualified educational debt repayment with a two-year award
- [Flinn Foundation Seed Grants](#) - Due October 31, 2025 (Due internally October 27th)
 - \$100,000 over 18 months
 - Please email sponsor@arizona.edu for more information

Research Talent Pool

- The Fall 2025 Talent Pool is live! If you are looking to hire short-term support for your research projects, please take a look at the people in our internal Talent Pool ([linked here](#)), and posted in the hub under staff, research resources)
 - One-minute video to explain and demonstrate the Talent Pool: <https://www.loom.com/share/c096126609a14ebc8adaa9d4e2408026?sid=70acaf32-29c9-44ad-9217-414106833315>
 - If you would still like to be added to this semester's Talent Pool, please fill out this survey: https://uarizona.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9tUegjflbYCoqCa.
- Our PEAR Center's Data Core can be included on grants to build, manage and/or analyze data in a cost-effective manner. They are highly skilled working with community partners to provide data management systems or conduct trainings on data entry and providing ongoing support. Please contact Maia Ingram maiai@arizona.edu

Grant Application

- Our grant application process with Pre-Award remains the same! Email them at preaward@arizona.edu as soon as possible to notify them of your intent to write a proposal.
- Research Development Services webpage with tools and templates for proposal development: <https://research.arizona.edu/development/proposal-development/proposal-preparation>

News Releases

From Southwest Environmental Health Sciences Center

- [Exposure to VOCs in Auto Repair Shops in Tucson, Arizona](#)
 - Featuring Drs. Paloma Beamer, Scott Carvajal, Dean Billheimer, Nathan Lothrop, and Maia Ingram
 - Co-authors and previous MEZCOPH students: Jocelyn Fimbres (MS), Carolina Quijada (BS), Marvin Chaires (BS, MPH), Fernanda J. Camargo (BS), Emma V. Gallardo (BS), Rietta Wagoner (BS, MPH, PhD), and Nicolas Lopez-Galvez (PhD) and Dr. Denise Moreno Ramirez, a NIEHS T32 Postdoctoral Fellow.

Contact Us

- Share your publications for the internal update: email Shipherd shipherd@arizona.edu the title, journal, online link, and include other MEZCOPH folks listed as authors!
- Send us photos from your research! Yes, I'm talking to YOU! [Click this link](#) to submit a story and photos!
- For IRB-related questions and general research inquiries, email Suzanna at COPH-Research@arizona.edu
- If you find any research training opportunities or funding opportunities that may be helpful to share in a future newsletter, or for more information about something in this edition, email Bethany at bshaheen@arizona.edu

Links to More Information

- University Research Updates: [Federal Funding Updates page](#) (requires netID login)
- [RII Research Development Grants](#) - Including faculty seed grants and much more!
- [NIA Funding Opportunities](#) - National Institute on Aging's issue of funding opportunities and other related notices
- [Pivot](#) is a searchable database of available external funding opportunities from federal, non-federal and international sponsors, free access using your NetID.
- [Foundation Directory Professional by Candid](#) is a searchable database for foundation grants. We have access through the library using your NetID.
- Research Development Services [Newsletter listservs](#) (The Current, Limited Submissions, and International Research)

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