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### **Grant Recipients**

Congratulations to:

Thomas R. Koballa, from the College of Education, who received a research grant from the University System of Georgia.

Adrienne Cohen, from the Department of Sociology & Anthropology in the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, who received a research grant from the Bulloch County Hospital Authority.

Danda Rawat, from the Department of Electrical Engineering in the College of Engineering and Information Technology, who received a research grant from the National Science Foundation.

Fredrick Rich, from the Department of Geology & Geography in the College of Science and Mathematics, who received a research grant from the American Museum of Natural History.



The Georgia Southern Research Symposium will be held on Saturday, April 16, 2016 from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM at the Nessmith-Lane Conference Center on the Georgia Southern University campus. The Research Symposium is a conference style showcase of student and faculty research across multiple disciplines. Please join us at this event which will include speakers, posters, and presentation sessions from all academic disciplines. For additional information please click [here](#).

### **NIH Details Initiatives and Interest in Pursuing ‘Evidence-Based Funding’**

Michael Lauer, NIH’s new deputy director for extramural research has identified these short term priorities for the next year at NIH. In 2017 we will see...

- The National Institute of Health (NIH) plans to require the use of a single institutional review board (IRB) of record in multi-site human subjects funded research within the next year. This initiative is intended to become

effective in 2017 regardless of whether the federal regulation known as the Common Rule is revised to include this mandate or not.

- Expanded reporting of NIH-funded research to ClinicalTrials.gov will be issued as a firm requirement.
  - This policy proposes expanding requirements for registering specific trials, including unapproved, unlicensed, and uncleared product data.
  - The NIH also plans to require that if trial results are not published in a timely manner, they will need to be deposited in ClinicalTrials.gov.
  - Final reports will be required to be publicly posted at <https://report.nih.gov>.
- A new focus on scientific evidence for continuation in funding directions.

According to the NIH, all of these initiatives will help meet the ethical responsibility of researchers to publish results, even if the science is unsuccessful. To read more about these initiatives, click [here](#).

## NSF Launches 'INCLUDES' Initiative with New Website

(Available to PIs for 2017)



Inclusion across the Nation of Communities of Learners of Underrepresented Discoverers in Engineering and Science (NSF INCLUDES) is a comprehensive national initiative designed to enhance U.S. leadership in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) discoveries and innovations focused on NSF's commitment to diversity, inclusion, and broadening participation in these fields. NSF INCLUDES supports efforts to develop talent from all sectors of society to build the STEM workforce. The initiative aims to improve the preparation, increase the participation, and ensure the contributions of individuals from groups

that have traditionally been underrepresented and underserved in the STEM enterprise, including women, members of racial and ethnic groups, persons with disabilities, and persons with low socio-economic status. Significant advancement of these groups will result in a new generation of promising STEM talent and leadership to secure our nation's future in science and technology.

NSF's aim is that INCLUDES will be a strategic addition to create collaborative alliances between partner organizations with a shared goal in STEM inclusion, offering the potential to realize national impacts. For additional details, click [here](#).

## NIH-Wide Strategic Plan

The National Institute of Health (NIH) has issued its research strategic plan for Fiscal Years 2016-2020. Prepared at the request of Congress, the NIH designed their strategic plan to harmonize decision making across the Agency and complement the strategic plans of individual Institutes, Center, and Program Offices across the country. Their strategic plan will outline the following:

- unique opportunities in biomedical research,
- current NIH supported research,
- constraints confronting the community, and
- the overall mission of the NIH.



As the United States' biomedical research agency, the NIH continues to be a driving force to improve the health

of people around the world providing a vast majority of the funding to support scientist at universities, research institutions, and small businesses. To view their Strategic Plan in its entirety, click [here](#).

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