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# Research Administration Newsletter

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## Funding Opportunities

### **Fight for Sight**

Announces new award supporting research in the field of **Retinitis Pigmentosa**.

Fight for Sight, the Pioneer in Eye Research, announces a new award, the Fight for Sight/Nowak Family Grant, aimed at stimulating new and novel research that advances our understanding of x-linked retinitis pigmentosa.

Investigators must be on the faculty of a Department of Ophthalmology within the United States. Eligible candidates may have funding to support existing retinitis pigmentosa research; however, this award should provide seed money for new and unfunded projects. The award will consist of \$40,000 over two years and can be used to support salaries or supplies and equipment. Special consideration will be given to junior faculty transitioning to independent researchers.

Candidates are encouraged to submit their application before the **deadline of July 1, 2006**. For guidelines or to apply for the *Fight for Sight/Nowak Family Grant*, please visit our website, [www.fightforsight.com](http://www.fightforsight.com). For more information please contact Janice Benson, Assistant Director @ (212) 679-6060.

### **International Research Collaboration – Behavioral, Social Sciences (FIRCA-BSS) [R03]**

The main objectives of the FIRCA program are to: (1) support collaborative research efforts between NIH-funded scientists and developing country scientists (referred to as the "Foreign Collaborator") on research of high scientific merit, relevant to global health and of mutual interest and benefit; and (2) help build research capabilities and foster further sustained and productive research and research collaborations at the foreign site.

## NIH Announcements

### **May 2006 Contents:**

News From the Director of OER: NIH Communication Plan Launched

Dr. Zerhouni Testifies Before House and Senate: \$28.4 Billion FY 2007 Budget Requested

Review of F32 Grant Applications to be Streamlined

Genome-Wide Association Studies

Request for Public Comment: *Policy Issues Associated with Undertaking a Large U.S. Population Cohort Project on Genes, Environment, and Disease*

Continuing Series on Programs in the OER Extramural Nexus: The Office of Extramural Programs

Frequently Asked Questions About NIH/Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality Electronic Submission Verification Process Change

Additional Frequently Asked Questions

Percent Effort to Person Months FAQs and Calculator Now Available

Who is a New Investigator?

Science in the News

- Institute and Center News Links Announcements
- Electronic Submission Web Site Gets New Look and Feel
- Enrichment for Nonhuman Primates Resource: Six-Booklet Series Now Available

Recent NIH Guide for Grants and Contracts Notices

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/partners/0506Nexus.htm>



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## Other Resources

### **Pharmaceutical Education Associates w/ collaboration from Pfizer proudly presents...**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Ophthalmic Drug Development and Delivery Summit.

This conference is designed to help you, as a pharmaceutical scientist or executive, keep abreast of the latest advances in ophthalmic drug delivery and development. In addition to learning about the most recent technological advances, you'll benefit from this in-depth look at toxicology and pharmacokinetics.

September 19-20, 2006  
Hilton San Diego/Del Mar, California

<http://www.pharmedassociates.com/conference.aspx?ccode=p258>

### **American Society for Cell Biology (ASCB)**

The American Society for Cell Biology (ASCB) was founded in 1960 to bring the varied facets of cell biology together. The Society's purpose is to promote and develop the field of cell biology. Its objectives are achieved through the scholarly dissemination of research at its Annual Meeting and Summer Meetings in its publications. The ASCB strives to ensure the future of basic scientific research by providing training and development opportunities for students and young investigators, and also by keeping Congress and the American public informed about the importance of biomedical research. Since its founding, the ASCB has grown to more than 11,000 members. Members are located throughout the United States and in 50 other countries.

For more information please visit the ASCB website at [www.ascb.org](http://www.ascb.org)

### **USC Human Subjects Newsletter**

Contains information pertinent to protection of research subjects including:

- [Ethical Principles](#)
- [Policies and Federal Agencies](#)
- [Forms and Instructions](#)

- [HIPAA](#)
- [Guidance for Researchers](#)
- [Education and Resources](#)
- [For the General Public](#)

<http://www.usc.edu/admin/provost/oprs/news/archives/index.html>

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