

May 2026



Grant Writing Workshop

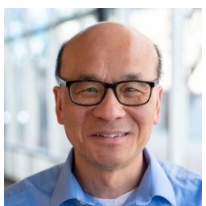


Grant Writing Workshop – Jim Bridges, PhD

Applying for a grant? NIH or other? Check out our Grant Writing Workshops program. These workshops are designed to provide critical input and constructive feedback for investigators at **any** level. All faculty and trainees are welcome! The sessions are customizable, interactive, and feature hands-on practical reviews from colleagues to help investigators sculpt a clear, compelling and persuasive grant proposal. Contact Coordinator [Holly Johnson](#) for details.

“I received outstanding and helpful comments from the reviewers.” Julia Woodcock, PhD, feedback from a workshop in April, 2026

Research Happy Hour



Research Happy Hour – Hong Wei Chu, MD

Please join us at the last Research Happy Hour for FY26. May 8, 2026, 3-5 pm, Molly Blank J104/105, Medical Science Concept Awardee presentations by: Kelsey Haist, PhD (with Katherine Hisert, MD, PhD and James Bridges, PhD); Alexandra McCubbrey, PhD; and Michelle Haas, MD

Workshop

Research Happy Hours will resume in the fall. Contact the [Office of Research Innovation](#) if there are focused topics you would like to see in FY27.

Accomplished Seminar

Workshop – Hong Wei Chu, MD

Kambez H. Benam, DPhil, Associate Professor of Medicine and Bioengineering, Director of Innovation and Entrepreneurship, University of Pittsburgh will be speaking about the Lung-on-a-Chip model on May 13, 2026 at 12:00 pm via Zoom only.

Speaker Nominations

His research interests and accomplishments include:



- Nature Methods (2015): “*Small Airway-on-a-Chip Enables Analysis of Human Lung Inflammation and Drug Responses in Vitro*”
- Nature Protocols (2020): “*A Microfluidically Compatible Modular Smoking Robot for Inhalation Exposure of In Vitro Cultures*”
- Founder of Translational and Multidisciplinary Lung Microengineering Lab
- ATS Respiratory Structure & Function Assembly Science and Innovation Rising Star
- Society of Toxicology Biotechnology Specialty Section Best Paper of the Year

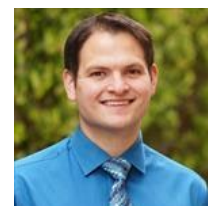
Research Hunger Games

Lab Highlights Request

Accomplished Seminar – Hong Wei Chu, MD

SAVE THE DATE

Nicholas Arger, MD, MAS, Associate Professor, School of Medicine, University of California San Francisco will be speaking on June 17, 2026 at 12:00 pm in Heitler Hall. His expertise is in sarcoidosis and research exploring immune mechanisms in the disease.



Genomics Facility

RFI on NIH Strategic Plan

Speaker Nominations – Hong Wei Chu, MD

FY27 speaker nominations for Research Workshops and the Accomplished Scientist Seminar series are now being accepted. Form was sent under separate email with a nomination deadline of June 30, 2026. Contact the [Office of Research Innovation](#) with any questions or to request the form.

Early Career
Investigators
Webinar

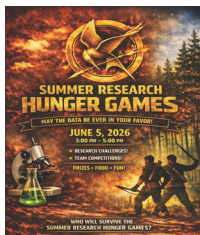
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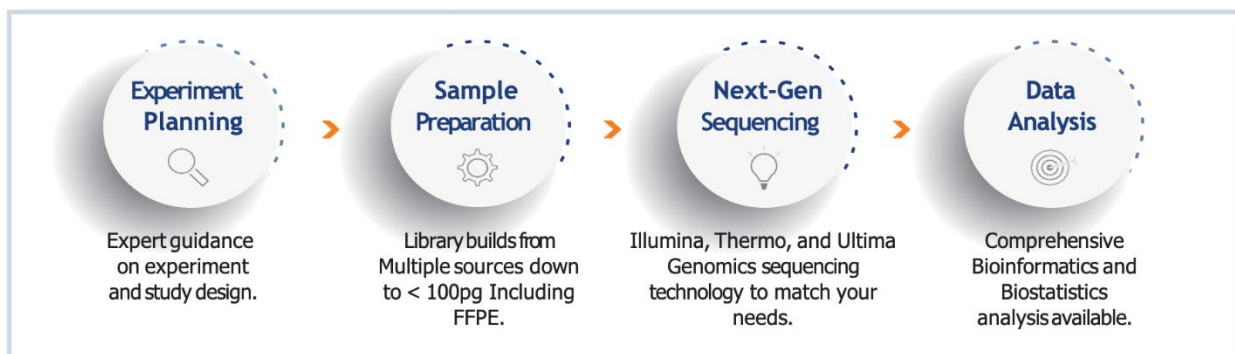
June 5, 2026, 3-5pm. Courtyard between Goodman and Morgridge Academy (Molly Blank rain location). Researchers at every level and all those who support research at NJH are all welcome! Food, games, prizes!

“Mockingjay? More like mocking-slay.”

Lab Highlights Request

Please send your lab accomplishments and highlights for FY26 to the [Office of Research Innovation](#) by the end of May.

Genomics Facility



The National Jewish Health Genomics Facility is a full-service, integrated genomics core staffed by experienced laboratory scientists specializing in genomics-based assays. The facility provides expert support from study design through data analysis, with a particular strength in handling challenging specimens.

Available services include RNA and DNA isolation, cell and nuclei preparation, RNA-seq, whole-genome and whole-exome sequencing, targeted DNA/RNA panels, single-cell and multiomic assays, epigenomic profiling, spatial transcriptomics, and biomarker discovery. Investigators have access to a broad range of genomic platforms—including the Illumina NextSeq 2000, Thermo Fisher Ion Torrent, 10X Genomics Controller and CytAssist, and the Ultima Genomics UG 100 sequencer—allowing flexible technology selection to meet project needs. The Genomics Facility works closely with the analysis core to provide comprehensive bioinformatics and biostatistics support, ensuring rigorous and biologically meaningful results.

If there is interest in using the Genomic Facility services, please contact [Trey Farmer](#), Lab Manager, to discuss laboratory support and pricing.

RFI on NIH Strategic Plan

Submit your [feedback](#) on NIH's Goals across the three Priorities in the Strategic Plan Framework for fiscal years 2027-2031. Responses due by May 26, 2026.

Early Career Investigators Webinar

National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) – Advancing Biomedical Careers: Strategies for successful F and K Awards [Webinar](#) is designed for early career investigators to clarify the NIH application and peer review process and highlight the key elements of competitive F and K award applications. Sessions will cover NIAID research priorities, strategies for developing strong proposals, and effective use of NIH tools and resources. Participants will gain insight from NIAID program staff and Scientific Review Officers from the Center for Scientific

Review (CSR) on how applications are evaluated and how to approach submissions and resubmissions. Interactive breakout sessions will offer opportunities to engage directly with program officers and review staff for tailored guidance. This virtual free webinar is May 6-7, 2026.

Common Forms Compliance Update – Action Required

Per NIH Notice [NOT-OD-26-079](#), Common Forms compliance deadlines have been accelerated. Effective May 7, 2026, system warnings will convert to hard errors, and any submission using noncompliant Biosketch or Other Support forms will be rejected.

All investigators must link eRA Commons, ORCID iD, and SciENcv accounts and recreate Common Forms from scratch. Reuse, renaming, or modification of previously generated forms is not permitted and will result in submission failure.

Additional updates include the reinstatement of Research Security Training (RST) Certification ([NOT-OD-26-017](#)), required for applications due on or after May 25, 2026. Certification is completed at the time of form download and must be reflected in the submitted version. Also, forms now allow zero person months on the Current and Pending (Other) Support Form.

NJH resources, including a step-by-step training from [Ruby Nugent](#) and her [training video](#), are available to support compliance. For assistance, contact [Anna Gonzales](#) in Grants Management or your departmental grants manager.

NIH Review Service

The updated Late Application Submission Policy and End of Continuous Submission ([NOD-OD-26-064](#)) will go into effect on May 25, 2026. NIH will accept Continuous Submission applications through August 10, 2026 (the end of the continuous submission receipt period for the June/July standard due dates) for assignment to January 2027 Council.

You may also submit within the late application period, if within four calendar weeks before or after the due date, any PD/PI named on the application participates in

- An NIH peer review study section or special emphasis panel
- An NIH Board of Scientific Counselors, Program Advisory Committee, or an NIH Advisory Board or Council

This specific review service is the only pre-authorized reason for a late submission (i.e., automatically accepted once review service information provided in the cover letter is confirmed). Other types of NIH activities and services for other federal agencies or private organizations are not acceptable reasons for late submission.

New Data Management and Sharing Plan

NIH announced that they will require a new template for the [Data Management and Sharing Plan](#) effective May 26, 2026. The good news is that this template is much simpler and shorter to complete. **You must use this new format for all June 5 R01 applications and June 16 R21 applications.**

NIH has updated their [Writing a Data Management and Sharing Plan](#) to reflect the new elements and provides helpful tips for preparing DMS plans.

New Policy: Research Grant Application Submission Timeline

The Research Grant Application Submission Timeline was presented by Dr. Downey at the April 15 Research Town Hall. A summary of the full policy (available in PowerDMS) is below:

Effective: Applications with sponsor deadlines on or after June 1, 2026

Applications must be submitted to SPO prior to **8:00 AM** at least **ten (10) NJH business days** prior to the sponsor's submission deadline, *including the deadline day*. Applications should be final and complete, except for the specific aims, research strategy, and references.

Additional revisions and changes to the submitted materials, including the abstract, budget, key personnel, etc. will NOT be allowed unless formally requested by SPO as part of the institutional review process.

The final and complete specific aims, research strategy, and references must be submitted to SPO prior to **8:00 AM** at least **five (5) NJH business days** prior to the sponsor's submission deadline, *including the deadline day*. At that time, the application must be ready for submission.

Revisions and changes to the final application will NOT be allowed unless formally requested by SPO as part of the institutional review process.

Example: Internal Due Dates for NIH June 5 Deadline

- Friday, May 22, 8:00 AM – Initial application due to SPO 10 Business Days Prior to June 5 (not including weekends or Memorial Day holiday):
- Monday, June 1, 8:00 AM – Final application due to SPO 5 Business Days Prior to June 5

Please plan accordingly. Early coordination with your grant administrators is essential as these timelines do not include time necessary for application preparation, departmental review, and routing. For questions regarding the policy, please contact your department leadership.



Explore the almost 400 NIH grant opportunities at <https://grants.nih.gov/funding/explore-nih-opportunities#:~:text=Tobacco%20Regulatory%20Science,OD%2D25%2D008>

NHLBI TOPMed: Omics Phenotypes of Heart, Lung, and Blood Disorders (X01 - Clinical Trial Not Allowed); NIH, NHLBI; X01; November 6, 2025-February 7, 2028; [PAR-25-447](#)

NIH Exploratory/Developmental Research Project Grant (Parent R21 Basic Experimental Studies with Humans Required); NIH, NEI, NIA, NIAAA, NICHD, NIDCD, NIDA, NIMH, NINR, NCCIH; R21; February 16, 2025-October 16, 2027; [PA-25-307](#)

Chemical Countermeasures Research Program (CCRP) Initiative: Basic Research on The Deleterious Effects of Acute Exposure to Ultra-Potent Synthetic (UPS) Opioids (R01 Clinical Trial Not Allowed); NIH, NIDA, NIAID, NIHHLBI; R01; November 18, 2025-November 18, 2027; [RFA-DA-26-034](#)

Shared Instrumentation Grant (SIG) Program (S10 Clinical Trial Not Allowed); NIH, ORIP, NEI, NIA, NIBIB, NIGMS, NIMH; S10; June 2, 2025-June 1, 2027; [PAR-24-265](#)

NHLBI Outstanding Investigator Award (OIA) (R35 Clinical Trial Optional); NIH, NHLBI; R35; February 19, 2025-February 19, 2027; [RFA-HL-26-002](#)

NHLBI Program Project Applications (P01 Clinical Trials Optional); NIH, NHLBI; P01; January 25, 2024-September 25, 2026; [PAR-24-065](#)