The Science of Family Research: Research Training and Funding Opportunities

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Training Opportunities for Family Research: Across Early, Mid to Senior Career Stages

**Barriers**

- Research training opportunities are designed by the applicant
- Demands for time by applicant
- Availability of training opportunities specific to family research

**Supports**

- Various NIH training mechanisms
  - Ks & Ts (mentored career awards, mid-career awards, and senior career awards; and fellowships)
- Short term training opportunities
  - Research education awards (R25s), conference grants (R13s) (e.g. Family Research Consortium Summer Institute)

For more information on NIH research training see: [http://www.nih.gov/science/](http://www.nih.gov/science/)
Funding for Integrated Quantitative/Qualitative Behavioral and Biobehavioral Family Research

**Barriers**

- Creating multi-disciplinary teams
- Dissemination of models for integration of quantitative and qualitative methods
- “Qualitative and Quantitative Research: Two Cultures” (Hooper, 2008).
- Potential for increased costs for mixed methods research

**Supports**

- Multiple PI status facilitates multi-disciplinary collaborations and team science
- Increased understanding for integration of mixed methods in clinical research
  [http://symptomresearch.nih.gov/tablecontents.htm](http://symptomresearch.nih.gov/tablecontents.htm)
- Innovations and technologies for mixed methods (e.g. SBIRs)
  [http://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/sbirstr_programs.htm](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/sbirstr_programs.htm)
- Community Based Participatory Research
  [http://obssr.od.nih.gov/scientific_areas/methodology/community_based_participatory_research/index.aspx](http://obssr.od.nih.gov/scientific_areas/methodology/community_based_participatory_research/index.aspx)
NIDA's mission is to lead the Nation in bringing the power of science to bear on drug abuse and addiction.

- This charge has two critical components:
  - The first is the strategic support and conduct of research across a broad range of disciplines.
  - The second is ensuring the rapid and effective dissemination and use of the results of that research to significantly improve prevention, treatment and policy as it relates to drug abuse and addiction.

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Qualitative Research Methods in Drug Abuse and Addiction Research: Resource Examples


NIH and VA Announce $7 Million Partnership for Substance Abuse Research among Military Personnel, Veterans and their Families

Research will focus on war efforts in Iraq and Afghanistan

Washington, D.C. — Two federal departments have joined forces to create a first-time collaborative funding project to support research on substance abuse and associated problems among U.S. military personnel, veterans and their families. The National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA), part of the National Institutes of Health, in partnership with two other NIH Institutes--the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA), and the National Cancer Institute (NCI)--are jointly collaborating with the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), on a seven million dollar funding opportunity announcement for research in this area. NIH is the leading scientific agency within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.