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Highlighted Funding Opportunity

LOI (REQUIRED) DEADLINE: MAY 31, 2022

FULL PROPOSAL DEADLINE: JULY 20, 2022

The National Science Foundation (NSF) [Convergence Accelerator](#) program, which places a very strong emphasis on broadening participation, uses a convergence approach and innovation processes like human-centered design, user discovery, and team science and integration of multidisciplinary research to transition basic research and discovery into practice to solve high-impact societal challenges aligned with specific research tracks.

For 2022, these tracks include:

- Enhancing Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities
- Sustainable Materials for Global Challenges
- Food & Nutrition Security

This is a 2-phase competition: only phase 1 recipients are eligible for phase 2. Teams selected in phase 1 will receive up to \$750,000 and those that advance to phase 2 will be eligible to receive up to \$5 million. Details available [here](#).

The Office of the Vice President for Research will host an informational townhall about this solicitation on Thursday, May 12, at 2:00 PM.

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://utah.zoom.us/j/92436508522>
Meeting ID: 924 3650 8522 | Passcode: 834076

Grant Spotlights

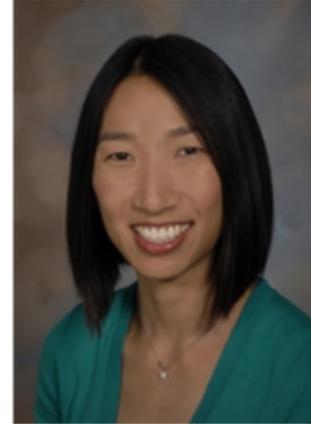
➔ SCALE-UP II and SCALE-UP Counts



Dr. Guilherme Del Fiol



Dr. David Wetter



Dr. Yelena Wu

Two new NIH-funded initiatives, SCALE-UP II and SCALE-UP Counts, will help address health disparities by supporting COVID-19 testing and vaccination in underserved communities in Utah. SCALE-UP II is led by **Guilherme Del Fiol, M.D., Ph.D.**, associate professor and vice-chair of research in the Department of Biomedical Informatics, and **David Wetter, Ph.D.**, director of the Center for Health Outcomes and Population Equity (HOPE) and investigator at Huntsman Cancer Institute.

Building upon [SCALE-UP Utah](#) which began in 2020, SCALE-UP II is supported by a \$2.3 million NIH grant and partners with 11 community health systems across Utah to identify and address testing barriers by

using text messaging, chatbots, patient navigation, and mail distribution of at-home testing kits.

SCALE-UP Counts is led by **Yelena Wu, Ph.D.**, associate professor in the Department of Dermatology and investigator at Huntsman Cancer Institute, and Dr. Wetter. SCALE-UP Counts is supported by a \$2.4 million NIH grant and partners with schools in Utah to help manage and prevent COVID-19 transmission through use of text messaging and follow-up phone calls completed by health navigators. Through increased awareness and accessibility to COVID-19 testing, these two initiatives will help reduce the disproportionate rate of infection among rural and underserved populations in the state.

NIH Requests Your Input

To develop a diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility prize competition

The Chief Officer for Scientific Workforce Diversity [seeks your perspective](#) on any or all of, but not limited to, the following topics as they relate to the potential prize competition:

- The competition's structure
- Strategies for sharing information about the competition
- The judging criteria
- The amount of time needed to develop a prize submission
- Ways to disseminate approaches that promote inclusive excellence
- Reasons for and potential barriers to participating in this competition

For further details including how to submit ideas, see [NOT-OD-22-109](#).



Funding Opportunities

[NSF Racial Equity in STEM Education Program](#)

Amount: According to scope

Deadline: October 11, 2022

This program seeks to support bold, ground-breaking, and potentially transformative projects addressing systemic racism in STEM.

[NIH Short-Term Research Education Program to Enhance Diversity in Health-Related Research](#)

Amount: \$154,000 per year in direct costs (up to five years)

Deadline: August 9, 2022

This NHLBI R25 program will support creative educational activities with a primary focus on research experiences.

[DOL Leadership for the Employment and Economic Advancement of People with Disabilities Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Policy Development Center \(LEAD WIOA PDC\)](#)

Amount: \$2,000,000 per year for four years

Deadline: June 17, 2022

The LEAD WIOA PDC will focus its work across three priorities: advancing economic self-sufficiency for people with disabilities, creating career pathways to CIE as defined in WIOA, and improving data reporting on disability through WIOA programs.

[Russell Sage Foundation: Research Grants \(Core Programs and Special Initiatives\)](#)

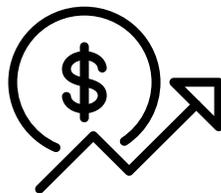
Amount: According to type (\$50,000 - \$200,000)

LOI (Required) Deadline: July 27, 2022

Full Proposal (By Invitation Only) Deadline: November 15, 2022

This is a broad social science call across a range of programs and special initiatives. See RSF website for more details.

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**Research
Toolbox**

[Article](#): In "[Considerations for improving diversity, equity and inclusivity within research designs and teams](#)" (2022), the authors recommend interventions to increase diversity, equity, and inclusivity in research. Their recommendations span four key components of the research process: (1) research methods, (2) the research team, (3) funding access, and (4) scientific dissemination.

[New Requirement in FOAs](#): Since Spring 2021, The BRAIN Initiative® has been requiring a new component in most FOAs, a [Plan for Enhancing Diverse Perspectives \(PEDP\)](#): "Evaluation of the applicant's PEDP will be made during the peer review stages as part of the scorable criteria and during programmatic reviews, and will be used to inform funding decisions." For more information, including ideas for what to consider when preparing a PEDP, see [here](#).

VPR Announcement



➔ Pilot Launch of Community-Based Research Project Implementation Grants

Following extensive dialogue with key stakeholders in collaboration with the Community Research Collaborative (CRC), VPR has redesigned its Community-Based Research (CBR) grant mechanism.

The **Community-Based Research (CBR) Grants Program** at the University of Utah seeks to support research partnerships between academic researchers and community-based partners that inquire into and address real-world issues through an approach rooted in equity and inclusion.

The University of Utah recognizes the value of CBR as a method for enriching our understanding of the world while also increasing social impact by advancing scientific knowledge within contextualized practice, guiding community and economic development, impacting policy, fostering learning, supporting organizing and movement building, and enhancing trust between academic institutions and communities harmed by past research.

CBR Project Implementation Grants are designed to support projects that are based in an established partnership with community partners and have been designed in collaboration with partners.

This **call for proposals** is a pilot launch of the CBR Project Implementation grant program. Future program details, deadlines, etc. are subject to change based on feedback from the pilot launch.

Information for applicants seeking grants to support the formation of new community partnerships will be provided later in the 2022-2023 academic year. Applicants to the CBR Project Implementation grant program are highly encouraged to complete the "[Principles and Practices of Community-Based Research \(CBR\) at the University of Utah](#)" REd course prior to applying for any CBR Program.

Applications for the pilot launch of this program are due by 11:59 pm on Friday, July 1st, 2022.

Full program details, eligibility requirements, and application materials are found [HERE](#).

Please contact [Tyler Matsamas](#) in the VPR Office with any questions.

Researcher Profile

Dr. Annie Isabel Fukushima's research focuses on issues of racial and gender-based violence, labor, and migration. She is currently the Co-Principal Investigator and Project Lead for the Gender-Based Violence Consortium, which seeks "to increase public recognition of and deepen public knowledge about this type of violence through research innovation and collaboration, creation of research communities, and enhanced educational efforts." As Principal Investigator, Dr. Fukushima recently led a team to submit a grant application to the Ronald E. McNair Postbaccalaureate Achievement Program. The goal of the McNair Program, one of the Department of Education's Federal TRIO Programs, is to prepare eligible undergraduate students for doctoral study and ultimately increase the number of Ph.D. degrees attained by students from disadvantaged and underrepresented groups.



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— DR. ANNIE ISABEL FUKUSHIMA

She shared her reflections on this effort that engaged key partners from across the university—including all 18 College Deans, the Vice President for Research, the Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs, and the President:

"What started as an ambitious call in the fall, has materialized as an application. I am so proud of the support and enthusiasm behind this application—it truly is meaningful. I am a KoreXicana Scholar who is personally committed to mentoring a next generation of researchers and scholars—students of color, first generation, the working poor, and those who dream to see higher education as their pathway. We are so fortunate to be able to imagine ourselves a part of their future in this U McNair application."

Dr. Fukushima is Associate Dean of Undergraduate Studies, Director of the Office of Undergraduate Research, and Associate Professor in the Division of Ethnic Studies with the School for Cultural & Social Transformation. Her 2019 book, ***Migrant Crossings: Witnessing Human Trafficking in the US*** (Stanford University Press), was awarded the 2020 American Sociological Association Section on Asia and Asian America's Book Award on Asian America. She has spent two summers (2018 and 2019) in residency as a Faculty Fellow at the Center for Arts, Design and Social Research in Spoleto, Umbria, Italy, and was an Andrew W. Mellon Postdoctoral Fellow at Rutgers University (2013 – 2015).

Events

[🔗](#) **APRIL 6 - MAY 15**

PASSING STRANGE

Go [here](#) for tickets and showtimes

Salt Lake Acting Company is premiering in Utah the 2008 Tony Award and Drama Desk winner, *Passing Strange*, which "transcends theatrical genres and follows a Black artist simply referred to as "The Youth" around the world on a bohemian journey of self-discovery." Featuring an all-Black cast directed by the award-winning Todd Underwood.

[🔗](#) **MAY 11**

BOOK DISCUSSION - "THE INNER WORK OF RACIAL JUSTICE" BY RHONDA MAGEE

2:00 pm

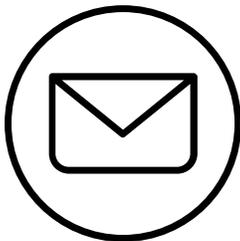
J. Willard Marriott Library

Room 1705F in the Faculty Center and Online

Librarian Allyson Mower will moderate a discussion about Rhonda Magee's book, *The Inner Work of Racial Justice*. See [here](#) for details.

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