

RESEARCH ROUNDUP

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Research Newsletter

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👋 Welcome to the August 2026 edition of the Research Roundup where we share important updates and research news to keep you in the know.

In this edition, celebrate an incredible summer of research with our medical students, explore major federal funding opportunities, and discover upcoming conferences and seminars relevant to you and your research interests.

Research Spotlight



SOAR Program Wraps Up Another Successful Summer 🎉

The **SOAR 2026 cohort** have officially completed their eight-week summer research rotations! 🎉 This year, **73 first-year medical students** participated, the largest cohort in the program's history! Students were paired with faculty mentors across the Floyd School of Medicine, Prisma Health, the Arnold School of Public Health, and other departments across the University of South Carolina.

Throughout the summer, students gained hands-on research experience while working side-by-side with faculty researchers. When asked about their favorite part of the program, many highlighted learning new research techniques, collaborating with the research team, and building meaningful relationships with their mentors.

One student shared, **"My favorite part was both learning how to use new research techniques and getting to meet an incredible team of researchers along the way."** Another student reflected that **"The dedicated time to work with a mentor closely was extremely valuable."** 🌟

The SOAR program could not happen without the support of our amazing mentors. Our students shared that the mentorship they gained during the eight weeks was the most valuable aspect of the program. One student said that their mentor was **"Super helpful, kind, and very involved,"** with many students echoing this sentiment.

Congratulations to all our SOAR students and mentors on another outstanding summer of research! 🌟📚🔬🧪

Funding Opportunities



Major Federal Funding Opportunities 👁️



[NCCIH Natural Product Early Phase Clinical Trial Award \(R33 Clinical Trial Required\) \(PAR-25-270\)](#)

 **Deadline:** November 13, 2026

Description: This program supports investigator-initiated, early phase, clinical trials of natural products which have a strong scientific premise to justify further clinical testing.

[Shared Instrumentation Grant Program \(S10 Clinical Trial Not Allowed\) \(PAR-27-022\)](#)

 **Deadline:** July 1, 2027

Description: This program supports the purchase of a state-of-the-art, high-priced, commercially available research instrument or integrated instrumentation system for use in NIH-supported projects.

[Alzheimer's Drug-Development Program \(U01 Clinical Trial Optional\) \(PAR-25-297\)](#)

 **Deadline:** October 5, 2027

Description: This program offers funding support for the pre-clinical and early stage clinical (Phase I) development of novel small-molecule and biologic drug candidates that prevent Alzheimer's disease, slow its progression, or treat its cognitive and behavioral symptoms.

[Leveraging Network Infrastructure to Conduct Innovative Research for Women, Children, Pregnant and Lactating Women, and Persons with Disabilities \(UG3/UH3 - Clinical Trial Optional\) \(PAR-25-311\)](#)

 **Deadline:** November 15, 2027

Description: This program leverages NICHD clinical research network infrastructure relevant to infants, children, women, pregnant and lactating women, and persons with disabilities to conduct innovative, multi-site, investigator-initiated clinical trials and observational studies.

💎 Not seeing any funding opportunities that apply to you? 💎

👉 Check out the [Limited Submissions page](#) for the latest listing of limited funding opportunities.

Upcoming Conferences



2026 South Carolina Research Administration Conference

The [South Carolina Research Administration Conference](#) (SCRAC) is an annual gathering dedicated to strengthening research administration across our state.

👉 This event is hosted by the University of South Carolina in collaboration with Clemson University, Claflin University and the College of Charleston through [REACH-SC](#).

 **September 24-25, 2026**

📍 Russell House | 1400 Greene Street | Columbia, SC 29208

Theme: Building Expertise, Strengthening Community

👉 Learn more [here](#), and register [here](#).

Prisma Health Education and Research Institute Showcase

👉🧑🏫 Join Prisma Health and its academic partners to encourage collaboration and research, producing evidence informing clinical practice.

The [Call for Abstracts](#) is now available. [Submit](#) your abstract today!

Interested in serving as a Reviewer? Learn more or sign-up [here](#).

 **Friday, October 30, 2026**

📍 Embassy Suites Golf Resort & Conference Center

👉 Register [here](#).

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ClinTrUSC Professional Development Core Research Seminar Series

AI & Wearable Devices 🕒 in Clinical & Translational Research

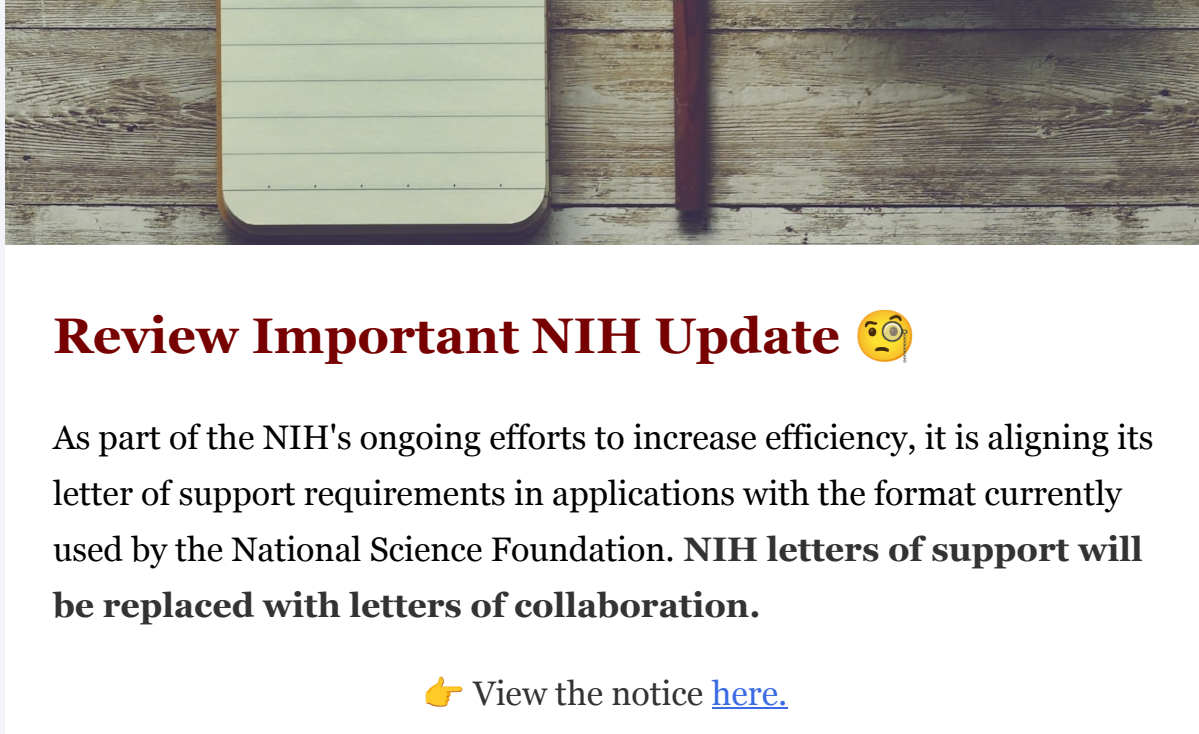
Join [ClinTrUSC](#) for an overview of emerging applications of **artificial intelligence** and **digital health technologies** in research design and patient monitoring.

 September 2, 2026

🕒 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

👉 Register [here](#).

Action Items



Review Important NIH Update 🤖

As part of the NIH's ongoing efforts to increase efficiency, it is aligning its letter of support requirements in applications with the format currently used by the National Science Foundation. **NIH letters of support will be replaced with letters of collaboration.**

👉 View the notice [here](#).

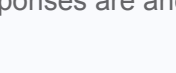
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