

Events & Announcements:

Kudos!! Diversity Recognition 2014 Awardees

We applaud and congratulate the following extraordinary individuals from the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center, and Johns Hopkins Community Physicians that were recognized by the [Diversity Leadership Council](#) for their leadership and commitment to ensure a diverse and inclusive environment:

- Amanda Brown, M.D. – JHSOM
- Daniel Buccino – JHBMC
- Deidra Crews, M.D. – JHSOM
- Panagis Galiatsatos, M.D – JHBMC
- Rafael Guerra-Preston, M.D – JHSOM
- Adil Haider, M.D. – JHSOM
- Danielle Hauck – JHBMC
- Debra Janikowski – JHCP
- Berenice Nava, M.D. – JHBMC

The [Diversity Recognition Awards](#) serves to acknowledge outstanding accomplishments of faculty, staff and students whose demonstrable efforts foster greater appreciation, advancement and celebration of diversity and inclusiveness in the Johns Hopkins culture and environment.

****TWO UNIQUE OPPORTUNITIES TO CONTRIBUTE TO DIVERSITY EFFORTS AT NIH****

Dear Colleagues:

I am writing to let you know about two America COMPETES Act Challenges that CSR has initiated in collaboration with the [ACD Diversity Working Group Subcommittee on Peer Review](#). These contests solicit input from the scientific community and other stakeholders to aid our efforts to address the problem of racial disparities in NIH R01 grant funding.

New Methods to Detect Bias in Peer Review: Contestants are asked to submit their ideas for strategies to detect possible bias in the NIH peer review process. Submissions can include approaches, strategies, methodologies, and/or measures that would be sensitive to detecting bias among reviewers due to gender, race/ethnicity, institutional affiliation, area of science, and amount of research experience. First Place (\$10,000) and Second Place (\$5,000) prizes will be awarded in two categories, best empirically based idea and most creative idea.

Strategies to Strengthen Fairness and Impartiality in Peer Review: Contestants are asked to submit ideas for reviewer training methods aimed at enhancing fairness and impartiality in NIH peer review. The submission does not require full development of training materials. However, ideas should be provided in sufficient detail to assess their ability to address fairness and impartiality in review with regards to gender, race/ethnicity, institutional affiliation, area of science, and amount of research experience. First Place (\$10,000) and Second Place (\$5,000) prizes will be awarded for the best overall idea.

Now that you have had experience in serving as a reviewer, we encourage you to take a look at the two challenges and consider sharing your ideas for improving peer review at CSR. The contest closes **June 30, 2014** and winners will be announced **September 2, 2014**. Details regarding the rules and submission procedures for these two Challenges can be found on the [CSR Challenge website](#) or at www.challenge.gov.
