

Office of Behavioral and Social Sciences Research National Institutes of Health

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What is OBSSR?

The Office of Behavioral and Social Sciences Research (OBSSR) at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) stimulates behavioral and social science research throughout NIH and integrates these research areas more fully into the NIH health enterprise. It coordinates and initiates trans-NIH activities such as:

- Funding Opportunity Announcements (FOAs)
- Workshops and Conferences
- Lectures
- Training

Does OBSSR fund research grants?

While OBSSR does not directly fund grants, it issues FOAs and provides funds through collaborating NIH institutes and centers to support high priority areas:

- “Next generation” basic science
- Interdisciplinary research
- System-thinking approaches
- Population impact — problem-focused research

See the OBSSR strategic plan at

http://obssr.od.nih.gov/pdf/OBSSR_Prospectus.pdf

See handout for currently active OBSSR-initiated FOAs.

What can OBSSR do for me?

Point of contact

Answer questions about where your research could be funded at NIH.

Provide training

See handouts for more information.

Summer Training Institutes

- Randomized Clinical Trials involving Behavioral and Social Interventions
- Social Work Research – open to all disciplines; emphasis on research methods and emerging substantive topics.

Web-based learning opportunities

- Interactive textbook on research methods
- Evidence-based behavioral practice

Videocasts of lectures and conferences

- Monthly NIH lectures on behavioral and social science topics
- Annual Matilda White Riley Lecture in the Behavioral and Social Sciences
- Dissemination and Implementation Conference, 2009

Peer review orientation workshop

Mentoring for Diversity