

# **OppNet Request for Applications: Mechanistic pathways linking psychosocial stress and behavior (R01)**

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OppNet, NIH's Basic Behavioral and Social Science Opportunity Network, just released a new RFA for three-year research projects:

## **Mechanistic pathways linking psychosocial stress and behavior (R01)**

This OppNet Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) encourages research grant applications that propose to investigate basic psychological, social, and environmental mechanisms and processes that link psychosocial stressors and behavior. Proposed research should facilitate the investigation of multiple and, potentially, bidirectional pathways that underlie the behavioral, environmental, and psychosocial link(s) between psychosocial stressors and behaviors that ultimately may have an impact on biological function, health, and disease. OppNet encourages applicants to use innovative and integrative designs to elucidate how social, psychological, and psychosocial environmental factors impact the processes by which stressors become coupled with and influenced by behaviors. Desirable applications include those that examine moderating factors—for example:

- Individual demographic and psychological differences
- Risk factors
- Timing of exposure to stressors and environments.

The proposed research will provide a deeper understanding of the psychological, environmental, and social processes that ultimately connect psychosocial stress and behaviors and, consequently, wellbeing, physiological processes, health, and disease. This is the third FOA that OppNet has released for fiscal year 2012.

## **Deadlines**

Letters of intent are due **November 19, 2011**.

Applications are due **December 19, 2011 by 5:00 pm local time of applicant organization**.