

## Network News

### Washington University PE-CGS - Center Update

As part of its ongoing efforts to engage the public and potential participants, the Washington University PE-CGS launched a new website earlier this winter -

[pecgs.wustl.edu](https://pecgs.wustl.edu). Developed with guidance from the study's Participant Engagement Advisory Board (PEAB) and patient advocacy partners, the site uses plain

language, dynamic images, and an open design to convey information about the study in general, its rationale and goals, and the enrollment process.



The landing page is designed to provide visitors a quick, single-scroll overview of key aspects of the study, with links to the site's main sections. Those include: What is Our Study?; How to Join; FAQ; Related Projects; Our Team; and For Professionals.

The frequently asked questions (FAQ) page serves as an important anchor of the site, addressing central questions that potential and current participants may have about the study. The current 20-item list was developed over the course of multiple meetings with the PEAB and covers topics from study timelines and funding to cascade testing and the handling of tissue samples. The FAQ will be updated as new questions emerge from participants.

Themes from the new site are also adopted in other study outreach materials, providing consistency of messaging to help further its impact.

[Visit the WU-PE-CGS website here](https://pecgs.wustl.edu)

## Ways to Collaborate

### Policies and Procedures for the Release of Collaborative Set-Aside Funds

Collaborative set-aside funds are meant to promote and facilitate sharing best practices, optimizing approaches, and addressing common issues across the Network. The updated document is attached for your review. We're moving to a single deadline to submit your collaborative proposal, which will be **Thursday, April 18**. If you are looking for collaborators please reach out to the Coordinating Center and we will help facilitate.

### Subcommittee Updates

- **Health Equity:** (NO MEETING) The subcommittee did not meet this month.
- **Participant Engagement:** (2/8) The subcommittee has a "watch party" and active discussion of an [ELSIcon presentation](#) about ethics in engaging participants in research.
- **Return of Results:** (2/14) The subcommittee is interested in developing an Informatics/AI Tool Workshop. Elements of the Workshop will include technologies that aid in the return of results, molecular tumor boards, and patient engagement in data-sharing. The application for the subcommittee's ASHG Featured Symposia "Importance of Paired Germline and Tumor Testing in Cancer Patients from Understudied Populations: Lessons from the Participant Engagement and Cancer Genome Sequencing Network" was submitted this week.

# Ways to Communicate

LinkedIn



## We're on LinkedIn

We are excited to share that we have recently launched our [official LinkedIn account](#). We also have an [active X \(formerly known as Twitter\) account](#). We invite you to follow us on both platforms to stay up-to-date and share updates about our network, its goals, and progress, including on our publications and presentations at scientific meetings.

We look forward to seeing you on social media.

[Follow the PE-CGS LinkedIn page here](#)

## Upcoming Events

### Upcoming PE-CGS Network Meetings

Date	Time	Meeting
2/29	3 pm ET	Network Managers
3/5	11 am ET	Health Equity
3/5	3 pm ET	Annual Meeting Planning
3/7	11 am ET	Steering Committee
3/13	1 pm ET	Return of Results
3/21	3 pm ET	All Hands

### Save Your Spot in ASHG's New ELSI Webinar Series

Introducing the new ASHG webinar series: [Navigating the Use of Population Descriptors in Human Genetics and Genomics Research](#)! This free, online event will take place on **February 21, 28, and March 6 at 12-1pm ET**.

This series consists of **three educational webinars** that will highlight scientific and ethical, legal and social implications (ELSI) perspectives on why the appropriate and responsible use of population descriptors matters in genomics research. Panelists will provide their unique perspectives and guide group discussion using case studies as examples. You are encouraged to attend **all three webinars**. Should you be unable to attend a live event, recordings will be available to catch up on missed content.

Ahead of each live event, you may submit questions through a form on each event page. Once registered, you will have access to "pre-work" within the tab labeled "Resources." It is recommended that you review the pre-work ahead of each live event to aid your participation in the discussions. [Click here to register for the webinar series](#)

### Biological Effectors of Social Determinants of Health in Cancer: Identification and Mitigation

The National Academies National Cancer Policy Forum will host a workshop on **March 20-21** to examine the complex interactions among biological variables and the social determinants of health (SDOH), and how these factors interact to affect cancer-related health outcomes. [Click](#)

[here to learn more about the workshop](#)

On the evening of **March 20**, the forum will hold a post session in concert with the workshop. This is an opportunity for all investigators, particularly early career individuals, to be involved in the workshop. Submissions are encouraged from researchers with diverse backgrounds reflecting a broad range of scientific disciplines, including SDOH, health services research, cancer biology, and data sciences. [Click here to learn more about the poster session](#)

## Funding and Opportunities

### **Administrative Supplements to Recognize Excellence in Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility (DEIA) Mentorship**

This reissued Notice of Special Interest (NOSI) aims to provide administrative supplement support to scientists with existing NIH awards who have demonstrated compelling commitments and contributions to mentorship and enhancing DEIA in the biomedical sciences, including basic science, behavioral and social sciences, and clinical research. This NOSI supports the future personal research and/or mentoring activities of mentors who have dedicated their time and effort and made significant contributions, based on evaluation data and publications, to DEIA. Deadline to apply is **February 16**. [Learn about the administrative supplement here](#)

### **NCI Supports Applications for the Mentored Research Scientist Development Awards (K01) Within the Mission of the Division of Cancer Control and Population Sciences**

This Notice of Special Interest (NOSI) from the NCI invites applications from early career scientists conducting research within the mission of the Division of Cancer Control and Population Sciences (DCCPS) for the Mentored Research Scientist Development Award (K01). The mission of NCI's DCCPS is to advance research in cancer control and population sciences to eliminate cancer and its consequences for all. The first available due date is **February 12**. [Learn more about the NOSI here](#)

### **Transformative Research to Address Health Disparities and Advance Health Equity**

This initiative is soliciting applications to support unusually innovative intervention research addressing social determinants of health (SDOH) which, if successful, would have a major impact on preventing, reducing, or eliminating health disparities and advancing health equity. Projects should clearly demonstrate, based on the strength of the logic, a compelling potential to produce a major impact on advancing NIH's commitment to addressing SDOH to accelerate progress in improving health for all. The letter of intent is due **February 22**. [Learn more about the initiative here](#)

### **Administrative Supplement for Research & Capacity Building Efforts Related to Bioethical Issues**

NIH, through the Office of Science Policy, is announcing the availability of administrative supplements to support research on bioethical issues that either inform future policy directions or augment bioethics research capacity. Areas of interest include: digital health and/or real-world data; patient and community engagement; return of results for individuals, families, communities, and/or society; and data sharing. Applications will be accepted until **5:00 pm (local time) on April 1**. [Learn more about the administrative supplement here](#)

### **Multi-Sectoral Preventive Interventions Research Network to Address Social Determinants of Health in Populations that Experience Health Disparities**

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) Office of Disease Prevention (ODP) and participating Institutes, Centers, and Offices are seeking applications for a new collaborative research network to test multi-sectoral preventive interventions for health conditions in populations that experience health disparities. Applications are due **August 5**.

- **PAR-24-053:** This research network funding opportunity encourages UG3/UG3 research project applications that intervene beyond the individual level and collaborate with two or more service sectors (e.g., health, housing, transportation, education). [Learn more about this funding opportunity here](#)
- **RFA-OD-24-006:** The coordinating center funding opportunity encourages U24

applications that propose activities in administration, methodology, and community engagement. [Learn more about this funding opportunity here](#)

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### **PE-CGS *SHORT READS* submissions**

Have news to share with the PE-CGS Network community?

For consideration, send your news to [pe-cgs@osumc.edu](mailto:pe-cgs@osumc.edu).

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