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## University of Washington Researcher is Addressing Infant Feeding Challenges: Nifty Cup Tackles Major Global Health Challenge

Babies in low-resource settings who are born with oral clefts can face significant feeding challenges because of their craniofacial anomaly. Preterm infants face similar challenges as they are often developmentally immature and need feeding support. To overcome these issues, Dr. Christy McKinney has led development of an innovative and low-cost solution called the NIFTY™ cup. Learn how McKinney was able to develop this solution to a major global health challenge with support from the Institute of Translational Health Sciences at the University of Washington. Read the full story [here](#). *Story written by Derek Fulwiler*

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## Advocacy News from the Hill: HELP Committee Makes New Plans for H.R. 6

While the parties were working to plan their overarching legislative and policy agendas for 2016, it became apparent that one specific item faced an uncertain future, the Cures/Innovation effort. The Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (HELP) Committee recently announced they were scrapping plans to draft a complimentary bill to the comprehensive, House-passed 21st Century Cures Act (H.R. 6). As an alternative, the HELP Committee has planned a series of markups for smaller bills that deal with various aspects of medical research and patient care. [Please click here to learn more.](#)

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## Grants and Grant News

### Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award (NRSA) Stipends, Tuition/Fees and Other Budgetary Levels Effective for Fiscal Year 2016

Notice Number: [NOT-OD-16-047](#)

Release Date: January 20, 2016

Related Announcements: NOT--OD-16-062, NOT-OD-16-046, NOT-OD-16-044, NOT-OD-16-045, NOT-OD-16-048

**Purpose:** This Notice establishes stipend levels for fiscal year (FY) 2016 Kirschstein-NRSA awards for undergraduate, predoctoral, and postdoctoral trainees and fellows, as shown in the table below. The Training Related Expenses and the Institutional Allowance for postdoctoral trainees and fellows have been increased.

### Clarification: New Salary and Research Cost Allowances for K08 and K23 Career Development Awards

Notice Number: [NOT-OD-16-054](#)

Release Date: January 20, 2016

Related Announcements: NOT-OD-16-032

**Purpose:** The purpose of this Guide Notice is to clarify the previous Notice (NOT-OD-16-032) announcing new NIH policy on salary and research cost allowances for K08 and K23 awards.

### Notice of Clarification of NCATS Research Priorities for PA-14-308 "Platform Delivery Technologies for Nucleic Acid Therapeutics (R41/R42)"

Notice Number: [NOT-TR-16-007](#)

Release Date: January 22, 2016

Related Announcements: PA-14-308

**Purpose:** The purpose of this Notice is to modify NCATS interests in PA-14-308 "Platform Delivery Technologies for Nucleic Acid Therapeutics (R41/R42)".

**Notice of Clarification of NCATS Research Priorities for PA-14-307 "Platform Delivery Technologies for Nucleic Acid Therapeutics (R43/R44)"**

Notice Number: [NOT-TR-16-008](#)

Release Date: January 22, 2016

Related Announcements: PA-14-307

**Purpose:** The purpose of this Notice is to modify NCATS research interests in PA-14-307 "Platform Delivery Technologies for Nucleic Acid Therapeutics (R43/R44)".

**Image and Biomarkers for Early Detection of Aggressive Cancer (U01)**

Announcement Type: [Reissue of PAR-13-189](#)

Posted Date: January 25, 2016

Related Notices: NOT-OD-16-004

**Purpose:** The purpose of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is to: (i) invite researchers to submit collaborative research project (U01) applications to improve cancer screening, early detection of aggressive cancer, assessment of cancer risk and cancer diagnosis aimed at integrating multi-modality imaging strategies and multiplexed biomarker methodologies into a singular complementary approach, and (ii) establish a Consortium for Imaging and Biomarkers (CIB) to perform collaborative studies, exchange information, share knowledge and leverage common resources. The research will be conducted by individual multi-disciplinary research teams, hereafter called Units. All Units are expected to participate in collaborative activities with other Units within the Consortium.