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Laboratory Opportunities

Interested or know someone who is looking to work for a research lab at National Jewish Health? These opportunities are currently available:

Postgraduate Scholar: [Seibold/Moore Lab](#); [Barr Lab](#)

Lab Researcher: [Barr Lab](#); Lab Research Technician: [Barr Lab](#)

Biostatistician: [Seibold Lab](#)

Clinical Trials

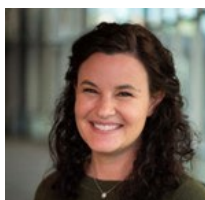
Neutrophils are a type of white blood cells in the lung that drive several types of lung disease, yet are poorly understood. Researchers in the Neu-Lung Asthma study are investigating the role that these cells play in different types of asthma to better understand how neutrophils affect the disease. In this study, researchers will collect neutrophil samples from blood, the nose and the lungs from both healthy volunteers and those with severe asthma. Data collected during this study will help researchers better understand how these cells work and how they affect asthma. PIs for this study are Drs. Max Seibold, Vamsi Guntur, Michael Wechsler, Ronina Covar, and Pam Zeitlin. For more information, please contact [Genna Frappaolo](#) or call 303-398-1443.



Grant Writing Workshop – Jim Bridges, PhD

Applying for a grant? NIH or other? Check out our Grant Writing Workshops program. These workshops are designed to provide critical input and constructive feedback for investigators at **any** level. All faculty and trainees are welcome! The sessions are customizable, interactive, and feature hands-on practical reviews from colleagues to help investigators sculpt a clear, compelling and persuasive grant proposal. Contact [Holly Johnson](#) for details.

“[T]he clear passion of the reviewers for promoting research and their enthusiasm for helping me to craft a better project was a huge lift – sometimes as a junior faculty and with continued submission efforts, etc it can feel like you aren’t doing a good enough job, so to have the combination of constructive critiques and support that I found in this workshop was really incredible.” Sarah Rhoads, MD, feedback from workshops in July and August, 2026



The RAC – Elizabeth Redente, PhD

The Research Advisory Committee will meet in mid-September to score applications submitted for the Medical Science Concepts Incubator Fund Award. Investigator and Postdoc awardees will be announced shortly thereafter.



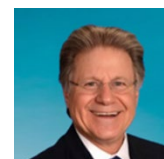
Research Happy Hour / Forum / Workshop / Seminar – Hong Wei Chu, MD

Research Happy Hour, CCTSI
(Colorado Clinical and Translational Sciences Institute)

Friday, September 11, 2026, 3:00-5:00pm

Molly Blank J104/105

Presentations by Ronald Sokol, MD; Janine Higgins, PhD; Lisa Cicutto, PhD



Past CCTSI Pilot Awards were given to:

2026 – Preston Bratcher, PhD (Translational Methods Pilot)

2025 – Michael Wechsler, MD; Evgeny Berdyshev, PhD (Co-Is on a Translational Methods Pilot)

2024 – Lisa Cicutto, PhD (Community Engagement Pilot)

Human Research Sample Forum

Wednesday, September 30, 2026, 12:00-1:00pm, Molly Blank, J104/105 (new location)

Presentations by the Biobank (Trey Farmer, PhD and John Yang, PhD); Atopic Dermatitis (Elena Goleva, PhD); Cystic Fibrosis (Jerry Nick, MD); Quantitative Imaging Lab (Stephen Humphries, PhD); Research Informatics & Computing Core (Robert Schell and Tricia Uchida); and the Human Live Cell Core (Hong Wei Chu, MD)

SAVE THE DATE

Workshop on animal imaging and irradiation

Natalie Serkova, MSc, PhD; Charles L. Adams Professor and Vice Chair Research; Department of Radiology; Director, CU Research Imaging Center; Director, CCTSI Pilot Grant Programs; University of Colorado Anschutz

Wednesday, October 14, 2026 (new date), 12:00-1:00pm, Heitler Hall



ORI Zoom Seminar
Anita Undale, MD, PhD
NIAMS Program Director
Skin Immunology and Diseases,
Skin Microbiome Program
Wednesday, October 21, 2026
12:00-1:00pm, Zoom only



ORI Zoom Seminar
Weiniu Gan, PhD
NHLBI Program Director
Genetics, Genomics, and
Advanced Technologies
Wednesday, November 4, 2026
12:00-1:00pm, Zoom only

Flow Cytometry and Microscopy

The NJH Cytometry Core provides fee-based flow cytometric analysis, cell sorting, and biological imaging through an extensive array of cytometers and sorting options as well as a number of state-of-the-art microscopes for virtually any microscopy needs. Located in the Goodman Building, the Cytometry Core offers shared research resources, professional assistance, and instrument training.

Flow cytometry and cell sorting equipment. Analyzers: BD Fortessa; Cytex Aurora Spectral Cytometer; and BD FACS Symphony A5 flow analyzers. Sorters: BD FACS Aria and a soon-to-be acquired Spectral Sorter. These state-of-the-art fluorescent activated cell sorters (FACS) perform high-speed cell sorting with exceptional efficiency, purity, and viability.

Microscopy & Imaging equipment. Microscopes: Zeiss Stellaris Confocal Microscope; 3i Marianas spinning disc wide-field microscope system with a Zeiss Axiovert 200 microscope; and an Upright Zeiss imager Z1 with Axio vision software. In addition, there are multiple standard conventional and fluorescent microscopes available throughout NJH for routine imaging.

Request services through the NJH Spyderweb, click "Cytometry" on the left-hand side. For pricing information, reach out to [Joshua Loomis](#).

Letters of Collaboration

With implementation of Forms J in FY 2027, NIH will replace Letters of Support with brief Letters of Collaboration, [NOT-OD-26-094](#). These letters must be limited to 100 words, document an intent to collaborate or provide material support, and may not include endorsements or evaluations of the

proposed project. Applications that include Letters of Support after implementation may be returned without review. Further details will be issued prior to implementation. For now, follow all current guidelines for the October 5 submission cycle.

NIH encourages applicants to use the following single-sentence format for letters of collaboration which you can start using now if you so choose.

For all applications except for fellowships:

"If the application submitted by [Organization Name and with PD/PI Name] as Program Director/Principal Investigator entitled [Grant Application Title] is selected for funding by NIH, it is my intent to collaborate and/or commit resources as detailed in the application."

For fellowship applications:

"If the fellowship application submitted by [Fellow Name] entitled [Fellowship Application Title] is selected for funding by NIH, it is my intent to collaborate and/or commit resources as detailed in the application."

For training grant applications, applicants will use a separate form to upload the Institutional Commitment Letter.

Updated Data Management Sharing (DMS) Plan

Beginning in FY 2027, NIH will require all applicable applications and existing awards to use the updated DMS Plan format. Applicants submitting on or after May 25, 2026, must use the new format; active awards will transition through the next RPPR. Beginning October 1, 2026, changes to approved DMS Plans should be reported in the RPPR rather than submitted as prior-approval requests. [NOT-OD-26-100](#)

NIH Unified Funding Strategy

Highlights from the [NIH Unified Funding Strategy](#) webinar on August 14, 2026 include moving beyond paylines as the primary funding determinant; peer review continuing to be the primary mechanism for assessing scientific and technical merit; and programmatic priorities playing a larger role.

For researchers, the practical implications are:

- A strong peer review remains essential, but score alone may not predict funding.
- Alignment with NIH Institute priorities becomes increasingly important.
- Investigators should clearly articulate innovation, impact, and relevance to public health needs.
- Early-stage investigators, workforce considerations, and portfolio balance may factor into funding decisions more visibly than under a payline-focused model.

For institutions such as National Jewish Health, the Unified Funding Strategy may create opportunities for proposals that:

- Address emerging scientific opportunities.
- Support strategic NIH priorities.
- Demonstrate high potential impact despite reviewer disagreement.
- Fill gaps in existing NIH research portfolios.

Research Administration Contacts Update

Sponsored Programs Office (SPO) – [Carrie Kopsch](#)

Institutional office that supports the administration of externally sponsored research throughout the project lifecycle, from proposal submission through award closeout.

Departmental Grants Management Team Leads

Provides department-level grant support to principal investigators.

- Academic Affairs (including CGEH and Biostatistics): [Julie Banta](#)
- Department of Medicine: [Anna Gonzales](#)
- DIGM: [Jessica Sussman](#)

- Pediatrics: [Sharon Schear](#)
- Radiology: [Lori Gulliver](#)

Clinical Research Services (CRS) – [Michael Dickman](#)

Provides administrative and coordination support for FDA-regulated, industry-initiated, and other clinical trials.

Cayuse Tasks

Sponsored Programs and Grant Managers are increasingly using Cayuse tasks to coordinate support requests and communicate status. When tasks are entered, Cayuse will email faculty. Faculty can then view tasks from the Cayuse home page or from a specific award record by selecting the Tasks tab.

Tasks created within an award record are linked to that award, making it easy to view all related tasks, sort them by status or type, and monitor outstanding items. Please use Cayuse tasks to request support, respond to assigned items, and track the status of current to-dos.

The screenshot shows the Cayuse Tasks interface. Annotations include:

- 1. Select the Tasks tab:** Points to the 'Tasks' tab in the top navigation bar.
- 2. Sort tasks by status:** Points to the 'STATUS' dropdown menu on the left, which is open showing options: Open, In Progress, On Hold, and Closed.
- 3. Create a new task:** Points to the 'Create New' button in the top right corner.

The main table displays a single task:

ID	Title	Type	Milestone ID	Category	Progress	Assigned to	Internal Due Date	External Due Date	Status
27-02-0011	Johnson 20151901 Closeout and Carryforward to Year 2	SP Adhoc	--	Action	--	SPO Team Carrie A Kopsch kopschc@njhealth.org	--	9/30/2026	Open

Showing 1 / 1 items



COLORADO
Office of Economic Development
& International Trade

Advanced Industries Programs, Proof of Concept projects, Phase I

- 3 projects, ~\$62,000 each project
- Email intent to apply to [Emmanuel Hilaire](#) by September 11, 2026
- Application due to NJH Tech Transfer Office by October 16, 2026
- Estimated start date is in late Spring 2027