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WELCOME MESSAGE

Dear Colleagues,

As we approach the conclusion of the Fall 2024 semester, I want to thank you for welcoming me into the TC community. This semester has been marked by remarkable achievements, new opportunities, and significant changes that will impact current and future research and scholarship. I have enjoyed listening to you and learning from you in one-on-one discussions about your work and in group meetings about research and other important topics and issues. I appreciate your feedback and perspectives as we continue to work together to advance research at TC.

In this month's newsletter, I am thrilled to highlight the two latest features in our *From Roots to Research* series. We spoke with [Dr. Thomas \(Tom\) Brock](#), Research Professor and Director of the Community College Research Center, who shared his journey from social policy research to leading transforming initiatives in community colleges. We also had the pleasure of featuring [Dr. Prerna Arora](#), Associate Professor of Psychology and Education, whose work addresses mental health disparities in immigrant and marginalized communities. I hope you will be inspired and encouraged by their origin stories and their approach to teaching and conducting research with a sense of mission, purpose, and passion. You can read their full stories on the [Research@TC website](#).

As we close out the fall semester and prepare for the winter break, it is a good time to look ahead to the new year and new opportunities. In this issue of the newsletter, we are focusing on funding opportunities for faculty and students. The [application for the Dean's Grant for Student Research](#) is now

available, with a deadline of December 19th. Several funding opportunities are available for faculty, including [education research training grants](#) and the [2025 Small Business Innovation Research \(SBIR\)](#) competition from the Institute of Education Sciences (IES) and research grants from the [Spencer Foundation](#) and the [WT Grant Foundation](#). Please review the full list of funding opportunities and deadlines below and [online](#). Our office is here to support you by offering grant writing awards to help you develop competitive proposals: the Grant Writing Coach Award (\$1,500) and the Grant Reviewer Award (\$750).

Thank you for your invaluable contributions to our research community at TC. We are here to support you in your current and future work. Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions, ideas, or suggestions. I am excited to continue our collaboration and conversation in the new year.

Wishing you all a restful, peaceful, and joyful holiday season! May your days be merry and bright!

Warm regards,
Caroline

Caroline Ebanks, Ph.D.
Vice Dean for Research

FROM ROOTS TO RESEARCH

From Roots to Research: A Conversation with Dr. Thomas Brock



In our second edition of the *From Roots to Research* series, we spoke with [Dr. Thomas Brock](#), Director of the Community College Research Center at Teachers College. With over three decades in the field, Dr. Brock's work focuses on advancing education policy and improving student outcomes through initiatives like developmental education reform. In this feature, Dr. Brock shared his journey from social policy research to leading efforts that transform community colleges, offering advice on mentorship, collaboration, and creating meaningful impact. Outside of work, he enjoys cycling, exploring parks with his dog, and New York's vibrant music scene. Read his full story [here](#).

From Roots to Research: A Conversation with Dr. Perna Arora



In our third edition of the *From Roots to Research* series, we spoke with [Dr. Perna Arora](#), Associate Professor of Psychology and Education and Director of the SMILE Research Lab at Teachers College. Dr. Arora's work focuses on addressing mental health disparities, supporting immigrant and marginalized communities, and fostering culturally informed interventions in schools. In this feature, Dr. Arora shared her inspiring journey, from teaching in a social justice-oriented school to leading research on youth mental health and newcomer families. Outside academia, she enjoys running, live music (with 10 Post Malone concerts under her belt!), and traveling with her family. Read her full story [here](#).

INTERNAL FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Dean's Grant for Student Research Award: Deadline and Application Information

The application deadline for the AY24-25 Dean's Grant for Student Research Award is **Thursday, December 19, 2024**.

Eligibility Guidelines: Matriculated TC students enrolled in a master's or doctoral degree program are eligible to apply for the *Dean's Grant for Student Research* which awards up to \$2,000 for outstanding research projects.

Please check [this page](#) for more information and the [submission guidelines](#).

Columbia Global Funding Opportunities

[Columbia Global](#) is now accepting applications for several different funding opportunities for Columbia faculty and researchers. Materials from the November 13th info session including the presentation slides, recording and chat transcript can be [found here](#).

[Apply for a FY2025 Funding Opportunity](#) for Faculty and Researchers.

EXTERNAL FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES with

UPCOMING DEADLINES

Foundation Funders

- **The Klaus J. Jacobs Research Prize**
Application Deadline: January 31, 2025
 The Jacobs Foundation invites applications for its 2025 Klaus J. Jacobs Research Prize. The Prize honors exceptional researchers whose scientific contributions and influence significantly advance the field of child learning and development.
To submit an application or nomination, [complete the online form here](#).

- **Spencer Foundation, [Large Research Grants on Education](#)**
 The Large Research Grants on Education Program supports education research projects that will contribute to the improvement of education.
 - **Intent to Apply Deadline: January 14, 2025, 12:00pm Noon**
(Central/Chicago Time)
 - **Full Proposal Deadline: February 11, 2025, 12:00 pm Noon**
(Central/Chicago Time)

- **Spencer Foundation, [Vision Grants](#)**
 The Vision Grants program funds the *collaborative planning* of innovative, methodologically diverse, interdisciplinary research on education that contributes to transforming education systems for equity.
 - **Intent to Apply Deadline: February 11, 2025, 12:00pm Noon**
(Central/Chicago Time)
 - **Full Proposal Deadline: March 11, 2025, 12:00 pm Noon** (Central/Chicago Time)

- **W.T. Grant Foundation, [Research Grants on Improving the Use of Research Evidence](#)**
 - **Application Deadline: January 8, 2025 at 3:00pm ET.**
 - **WT Grant Foundation Webinar for Applicants on Thursday, December 12, 2024 from 12:00-1:00pm.** Research Grants for Improving the Use of Research Evidence: An Overview of the Program and How to Apply. Register [here](#) to attend the webinar.

- **W.T. Grant Foundation, [Research Grants on Reducing Inequality](#)**
 - **Application Deadline: January 8, 2025 at 3:00pm ET**

Federal Agency Funding Opportunities

- **Institute of Education Sciences, National Center for Education Research [Research Training Programs in the Education Sciences](#)** (ALN 84.305B, Research Training)
 - **Letter of Intent Deadline: December 12, 2024**
 - **Application Deadline: March 7, 2025**

For FY 2025, IES is accepting applications for research training under four programs:

1. [Early Career Development and Mentoring Program for Education Research](#) (Early Career Program)
2. [Pathways to the Education Sciences Research Training Program](#) (Pathways Training Program)
3. [Predoctoral Interdisciplinary Research Training Program in the Education Sciences](#) (Predoctoral Training Program)
4. [Methods Training for Education Researchers](#) (Methods Training Program)

- **Institute of Education Sciences, Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) 2025 Program**
 - **Deadline:** The proposal submission date and time is **January 8, 2025 at 11AM EST.**
 - See this [website page](#) for more information and for URL links to download each solicitation on SAM.gov.
- **Institute of Education Sciences, [Unsolicited Grant Opportunities](#)**

The Institute of Education Sciences will consider unsolicited applications for research, evaluation, and statistics projects that would make significant contributions to the mission of the organization.

 - **Timeline:** You may submit a prospectus at any time during the fiscal year (FY). However, to be assured consideration for funding in FY 2025 (ending September 30, 2025), your prospectus must be received by 11:59 pm Eastern time on March 6, 2025
- **National Institutes of Health (NIH), [Advancing Research Careers \(ARC\) Predoctoral to Postdoctoral Transition Award to Promote Diversity](#) program**

Application Deadline: January 7, 2028
- **National Science Foundation, [Experiential Learning for Emerging and Novel Technologies](#)**

Application Deadline: February 20, 2025
- **National Science Foundation, [Regional Resilience Innovation Incubators](#)**
 - **Letter of Intent Required, Deadline: December 16, 2024**
 - **Application Deadline:** January 16, 2025

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM FUNDING AGENCIES

[NSF Opportunities Introduction & Listening Session](#) on January 29, 2025 from 12:00-2:00pm

Join the U.S. National Science Foundation Directorate for STEM Education (EDU) to learn about EDU funding opportunities. EDU program representatives will introduce funding opportunities and invite questions. They will then open the floor to discussion about ideas and challenges associated with acquiring NSF funding.

Register [here](#) to attend the listening session.

Research@TC FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES DATABASE

Please check out the [Research@TC Grants Database](#) for additional funding opportunities.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM OFFICES THAT SUPPORT RESEARCH AT TC

DIGITAL FUTURES INSTITUTE's (DFI) MULTIMODAL TOOLKIT: The team at DFI created a multimodal toolkit to support TC students and faculty who want to produce multimodal projects.

[Check out the toolkit here.](#)

Institutional Review Board (IRB): Introducing the New AskIRB Ticketing System - Enhancing Your Research Support Experience! We are thrilled to announce the launch of our new AskIRB ticketing system. This system is designed to streamline your interactions with the IRB, making it easier than ever to send and track your queries and information requests. You can access the ticketing platform directly through this [AskIRB](#) link.

PROPOSAL PREPARATION SUPPORT

DIGITAL FUTURES INSTITUTE (DFI): The Digital Futures Institute is offering consulting services to researchers who are applying for external grants. The purpose is to assist researchers in implementing data collection, analytics, and technology workflows within their research projects. Interested faculty can sign up for a consultation [here](#).

OFFICE OF THE VICE DEAN FOR RESEARCH (VDR)

The Office of the Vice Dean for Research offers grant writing support to increase the number of successful grant proposals submitted by faculty.

- **Grant Writing Coach Award (\$1,500):** Please check out [this page](#) for application details.

- **Grant Reviewer Award (\$750):** Please check out [this page](#) for application details.