



Dear HEAL Investigators:

We are excited to announce that registration for the 5th Annual NIH HEAL Initiative® Investigator Meeting is now open!

[Register for the 5th Annual NIH HEAL Initiative Investigator Meeting](#)

The meeting will be held **Wednesday and Thursday, February 7-8, 2024**, at the Bethesda North Marriott Hotel & Conference Center in Bethesda, Maryland. A virtual option is also available.

The HEAL Investigator Meeting will bring together HEAL-funded researchers, patient and community partners to HEAL studies, NIH leadership and scientific staff, federal officials, and other stakeholders.

The meeting will allow attendees to:

- Share research advances and cutting-edge science.
- Discover opportunities, challenges, and approaches to build on HEAL progress.
- Connect and explore collaboration with other HEAL-funded researchers and stakeholders to enhance HEAL-funded research.

Travel awards: HEAL is committed to supporting early career researcher, trainee, and patient/community partner participation in the annual meeting. There is a limited amount of funds to offset travel expenses to attend the meeting in-person for these groups. [Find out more information and submit a travel award nomination](#) by **Sunday, October 22, 2023, at 11:59 p.m. ET.**

Meeting registration timeline:

October 9:

- In-person registration opens for members of HEAL-funded research teams, including principal and co-investigators, early career researchers, trainees, and patient and community partners.
- Virtual registration opens for all attendee types. *Note: We encourage NIH staff to register now to attend virtually and select the box in the form if they are interested in attending in person.*

December 6:

- In-person registration opens for NIH staff leading HEAL research programs.
- Virtual registration remains open for all attendee types.

January 10 (space-permitting):

- In-person registration opens for any NIH staff affiliated with HEAL.
- Virtual registration remains open for all attendee types.

All researchers working on a HEAL-funded project are encouraged to present a research poster. For more information, please visit the Research Posters page on the registration website. We strongly encourage a joint poster presentation with patient and community partners/advisors.

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Other opportunities to get involved in the meeting:

NIH HEAL Initiative Awards: HEAL will award researchers for excellence in Research, Mentorship, Interdisciplinary Collaboration, and Community Partnership. Researchers in the early to middle stages of their careers are also eligible for the Trailblazer award. [Submit a HEAL Award nomination](#) by **Sunday, October 22, 2023, at 11:59 p.m. ET.**

If you have any questions, please reach out to HEALinvestigatormeeting@iqsolutions.com.

We look forward to seeing you soon!