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**Legand Burge**, Professor of Computer Science, **College of Engineering & Architecture**,

will focus on the data science training component of a major NIH national initiative.

Operating under the auspices of the \$15 million *NIH Artificial Intelligence/Machine Learning Consortium to Advance Health Equity and Research Diversity*



(AIM-AHEAD), the data science training component “aims to develop, expand, and strengthen education programs at the certificate, undergraduate graduate, and professional levels within the artificial intelligence and machine learning fields” according to Dr. Burge.

**Dana Williams**, *Initiatives Grant*.

Professor and Dean of the **Graduate School** has been awarded the 2022 *National Endowment for the Humanities* development award is to support the development and launch of an interdisciplinary studies graduate



focus on “Black Digital Humanities.”

certificate in the digital humanities with a particular

## **Interdisciplinary Research, Community Health, and BLACK HISTORY MONTH**

### **“Social Determinants of Health” Funding Opportunities**

Robert Woods Johnson Foundation - - *Evidence for Action: Innovative Research to Advance Racial Equity* - -

<https://www.rwjf.org/en/library/funding-opportunities/2021/evidence-for-action--innovative-research-to-advance-racial-equity.html>;

Robert Woods Johnson Foundation - - *Pioneering Ideas: Exploring the Future to Build a Culture of Health* - -

<https://www.rwjf.org/en/library/funding-opportunities/2020/pioneering-ideas-2020-exploring-the-future-to-build-a-culture-of-health.html>;

The Commonwealth Fund - - <https://www.commonwealthfund.org/grants>;

Josiah Macy, Jr Foundation, *Macy Faculty Scholar* - - <https://macyfoundation.org/our-grantees/apply>;

Jacob and Valeria Langeloth Foundation - - <https://www.langeloth.org/apply>;

William T. Grant Foundation - - *Research Grants on Reducing Inequality* - - <http://wtgrantfoundation.org/grants/research-grants-reducing-inequality>;

William T. Grant Foundation - - *Research Grants on Improving the Use of Research Evidence* - - <http://wtgrantfoundation.org/grants/research-grants-improving-use-research-evidence>.

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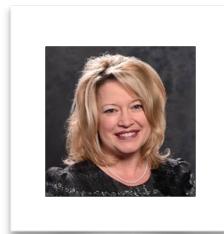
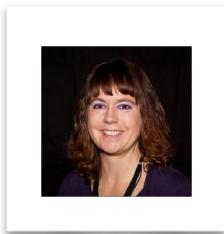
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College of Pharmacy Launch a Series of Faculty and Student  
*Pfizer 3D Drug Discovery and Development Workshops***

**Key Workshop Topics:**

- What does it take to develop an innovative drug from early target ideas through clinical trials to the market?
- What are the key decisions that the project team has to make in order to shorten the development time, contain costs, and beat the competition in the marketplace?
- How do internal and external investors trade off critical factors (technical, financial, regulatory and commercial) to maintain a competitive portfolio for long term growth?
- What are the kind of time, money, and risk trade-offs teams have to consider as they advance a project?

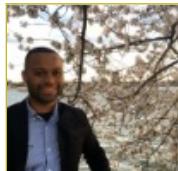


Presenter, Dr. Megan Robinson, Director R&D Scientific Learning Pfizer (l); HU Contact, Dr. Kera Lawson, Executive Director, Office of Research, Howard University (c); Presenter, Dr. Pamela Smith, Senior Director, Pfizer (r).

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**EARLY CAREER ACHIEVEMENT**

**Howard University Six Faculty Recipients of the Highly Prestigious  
National Science Foundation (NSF) Early Career Award (2016-2021)**



**Top Row:** Dr. Pratibha Dev, College of Arts & Sciences; Dr. Tao Wei, College of Engineering & Architecture; Dr. Curtis Cain, School of Business.  
**Bottom Row:** Dr. Thomas Searles, College of Arts & Sciences; Dr. Michael Campbell, College of Arts & Sciences; Dr. Hessam Yazdani, College of Engineering & Architecture.



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