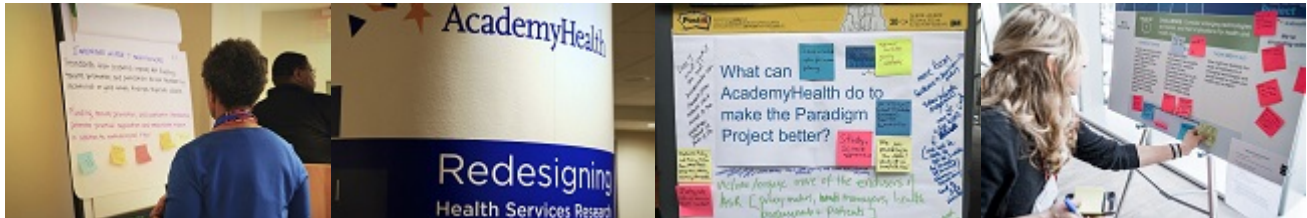


Paradigm Project



The Blueprint: Paradigm Project Updates

At a Glance...

- A new Paradigm Project-commissioned Horizon Scan, “[Innovative Funding Models During COVID-19](#),” looks at the novel approaches leveraged during the pandemic, which could provide a roadmap for shifting the health services research paradigm to more rapidly fund timely research.
- **In other news:**
 - Dan Gorenstein, host and executive producer of the national health policy podcast Tradeoffs, highlights [ways](#) health policy researchers and academics can share their work with reporters in a new AcademyHealth blog post.
 - A recent study, [summarized](#) in *The New York Times*, found that “Scientific papers containing lots of specialized terminology are less likely to be cited by other researchers.” “Clear communication should always be a goal in science,” Sabine Stanley, a planetary scientist at Johns Hopkins University, reminds us.
 - Has medical research been [changed](#) forever after the pandemic? Harlan Krumholz elaborates on the role of medRxiv and the newly embedded “preprint culture” in the past year.
 - The editor of digital health’s newest journal wants to democratize medicine with data. Leo Anthony Celi speaks on the lack of diversity of digital health authors and the harms of privatized databases in a [Stat interview](#).
 - Google’s new machine learning diagnostic tool helps users think about equity in algorithms. The “What-If” visualization, created by researchers and designers at Google’s PAIR initiative, reveals “one of the hardest, most complex, and most utterly human, questions raised by artificial intelligence systems: What do users want to count as fair?” Try it out [here](#) and read more about it [here](#).

- “Is it time to [eliminate](#) recommendation letters? (Hint: yes). This hiring requirement is impeding campus progress on diversity and wasting your time,” according to authors Allison Vaillancourt and Ozlem Ersin in *The Chronicle of Higher Education*.
- Applications are now open for [National Consumer Scholars program](#). “Does your organization engage consumers in advocacy, outreach, or systems change? Are you a person with complex health and social needs who is interested in improving care across the country? [The National Center for Complex Health and Social Needs] believes that people with lived experience of complex health and social needs and their caregivers are critical voices needed to inform the field of complex care. Since 2016, the National Center has purposefully engaged Consumer Scholars from organizations across the country, and [they’re] now seeking applicants for this year’s cohort.” The deadline to apply is June 11th. Find the two-pager [here](#).



Latest Paradigm Project Updates

A new Paradigm Project-commissioned Horizon Scan, “[Innovative Funding Models During COVID-19](#),” looks at the novel approaches to funding leveraged during the pandemic, which could provide a roadmap for shifting the health services research paradigm to more rapidly fund timely research. Authored by Susan Guthrie, a research leader at RAND Europe, the paper builds on the previous report, “[Innovating in the Research Funding Process: Peer Review Alternatives and Adaptations](#),” to highlight how the COVID-19 pandemic accelerated innovations in coordinated, targeted, timely health services research funding. The paper examines the following approaches to funding:

- Public engagement and crowdfunding
- Flexibility in use of funding and resources
- Adapting application and decision processes to ‘fast-track’ funding
- Prizes
- Coordination and access of research resources