**Innovation in Graduate Education** (Click title for article)
**Sponsor:** National Science Foundation  
**Amount:** $500,000  
**Deadline:** September 27, 2019  
**Focus Area:** IGE focuses on projects aimed at piloting, testing, and validating innovative and potentially transformative approaches to graduate education. IGE projects are intended to generate the knowledge required for their customization, implementation, and broader adoption. The program supports testing of novel models or activities with high potential to enrich and extend the knowledge base on effective graduate education approaches.

**Parkinson's Foundation Research Centers of Excellence** (Click title for article)  
**Sponsor:** Parkinson's Foundation  
**Amount:** $2,000,000  
**Deadline:** December 17, 2019 (Letter of Intent)  
**Focus Area:** The goal of the Parkinson's Foundation Research Centers of Excellence is to provide funding for innovative team science at institutions working on a thematic area of Parkinson's disease. The Foundation is interested in proposals that tackle critical issues or problems that are impeding progress in the field of PD research.

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**How UPenn Cut Counseling Wait Times in Half Without Hiring More Counselors** (Click title for article)  
**By:** Terry Nguyen  
**Date:** March 7, 2019  
**Summary:** UPenn has received complaints from students about the wait times at the Counseling and Psychological Services center, often referred to as CAPS, for years. The new executive director, Meeta Kumar, was determined to accommodate more students and meet their requests. The new system cut student’s wait time in half by eliminating its triage screening, allowing students to directly schedule appointments, and dedicating the drop-in clinical team to students with urgent needs.