PRIDE
NIH Funded
Program to Increase Diversity in Cardiovascular Health Related Research

★ July 8 – July 21, 2012 ★
BROOKLYN, NEW YORK CITY
BE A PART OF ELIMINATING CARDIOVASCULAR HEALTH DISPARITIES

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WHERE
The PRIDE Summer Institute will convene at SUNY Downstate Medical Center, Brooklyn, NY.

WHEN
Sunday, July 8, 2012 to Saturday, July 21, 2012

WHO?
- The Institute will provide funding to support travel and accommodations for up to 12 trainees
- Applicants should be junior faculty of the assistant Professor level, from underrepresented minority background or with disability
- Applicants must be either a US citizen or a permanent resident to receive funding by the institute

WHY?
- Broaden the demographic profile of medical research by training junior scientists from underrepresented minority backgrounds and those with disabilities

HOW?
- The Institute brings participants to the SUNY Downstate Medical Center for 2-week sessions during Summer I and one week session during Summer II, beginning in July 2012, with a mid-year session
- The mid-year session will be held during the American Heart Association annual conference, usually held in November each year
- Establish mentor-mentee partnerships with matching based on common research interests

The Summer Institute offers a mix of:
- Didactic courses
- Grant writing and grantsmanship sessions conducted by NHLBI staff
- Special conferences and lab sessions
- The establishment of mentor-mentee partnerships for long-term research collaborations

HOW TO APPLY
For more information and application materials, contact Kennon.Weatherhead@downstate.edu or website at: http://www.downstate.edu/PRIDE/

Application materials must include:
- Most current CV (including mailing address, phone and fax numbers, and email address)
- Summary of academic work/experience in cardiovascular health disparities or behavioral medicine/sleep disorder
- Statement of research interest
- Support/recommendation from your department Chair
- Recommendation from former mentor or colleague
The Cardiovascular Health Related Research PRIDE Summer Institute will provide intensive didactic and mentored research training to underrepresented minority and those with disability engaged in cardiovascular health disparities research.

The goal of the Institute is:

- To select qualified underrepresented scientists who have great potential to contribute to the state of current knowledge in cardiovascular disease health disparity research.
- To train a diverse group of scientists in multidisciplinary research methods to address cardiovascular health disparities.
- To mentor underrepresented scientists in order to transition into independent Researchers.
- To provide underrepresented scientists with intensive individualized training and guidance in grant writing and peer review in order to enhance their capacity for success in their research careers.

The PRIDE Summer Institute is a research career advancing opportunity at SUNY Downstate Medical Center that is funded by the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NHLBI). This mentored research program will address the difficulties experienced by junior investigators (with a terminal degree, e.g., MD, PhD, EdD) in establishing independent research programs and negotiating through the academic ranks.

The goals of the PRIDE Summer Institute include:

- Enabling participants to develop a balanced perspective in determining research priorities
- Improving their capacity to address and eliminate health disparities
- Developing the skills and networking necessary to achieve independent research careers in heart, lung, blood, and sleep disorders
Introduction to Health Disparities: This seminar will set the foundation for the learning experience of the mentees. They will learn about factors that influence health disparities, including those related to race/ethnicity, socioeconomic factors, access to medical care, disparities in the quality of medical care, biological predispositions to disease, behavioral risk factors and others. Each of these topics will be illustrated with specific examples related to diseases of the heart, blood, lung and sleeping disorders. This seminar will require that trainees become very familiar with the increasing literature on these topics.

Research Design, Methods and Analysis: This seminar series will be given early in the program in order to provide a solid introduction so that the mentees will be able to formulate their research ideas throughout the course of the Institute. It will include presentation on research design and methods in clinical and basic research and analysis.

Responsible Conduct of Research: Mentees will receive materials on this topic to be discussed at the seminar. Topics will include authorship, quality control, data security, privacy of data from human subjects, ethical treatment of humans and animals in research, informed consent, and other issues relevant to ethics in conducting research. The seminar will include discussions about cases of fraud and misconduct to illustrate various points.

Community-Based Participatory Research: This will be a hands-on seminar presented by the Arthur Ashe Institute of Urban Health in which trainees will spend the afternoon working with this community organization in an ongoing research project that is part of the Brooklyn Health Disparities Research Center. They will meet with community members to learn about how to integrate community participants into the research plan from its inception through its completion and to consider how the community benefits from the research process. The trainees will be able to experience how cultural competency affects the conduct of community-based research.

Grant Writing Opportunities: The session will be a one day seminar presented by members of NHLBI and experienced National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute faculty who served in NIH Study Sections. This will be a unique opportunity for trainees to interact directly with NIH and hear first hand about what is needed to succeed in obtaining grants from NIH. Specific grant opportunities will be presented with emphasis in the different types of career development awards as offering entry points for new investigators (K awards) and other investigator-initiated programs.
Cardiovascular Disease PRIDE Institute

Institute Directors

- Mohamed Boutjdir, PhD, FAHA: Director of PRIDE Institute, Professor of Medicine, Anatomy and cell Biology Physiology and Pharmacology, and Associate Chair of Medicine SUNY Downstate Medical Center
- Judith Mitchell, MD, FACC, FAHA: Co-Director of PRIDE Institute, Associate Professor of Medicine and Director of the Heart Failure Center, SUNY Downstate Medical Center
- Girardin Jean-Louis, PhD: Co-Director of PRIDE Institute and Professor of Medicine, SUNY Downstate Medical Center

Faculty and Mentors

- Clinton D. Brown, MD: Director of the Brooklyn Health Disparities Research Center and Clinical Associate Professor of Medicine, SUNY Downstate Medical Center
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George Gasparis: Asst. Vice President and Sr. Asst. Dean for Research Ethics and Executive Director, Human Subjects Protection Program at Columbia University Medical Center.

Eldin Lewis, MD: Vice-Chair of the American Heart Association Heart Failure and Transplant committee, Assistant Professor of Medicine and Associate Director of the Cardiology clerkship for Harvard Medical School.

Dexter McKenzie, MD: Chairman of the Health Committee for the Brooklyn NAACP and Assistant Professor of Medicine SUNY Downstate Medical Center.

Robert Fullilove, EdD: Co-director of the Community Research Group, Associate Dean for Community and Minority Affairs, Professor of Clinical Sociomedical Sciences at Columbia University.
The PRIDE Summer Institute Program is an NHLBI-funded research career advancing opportunity held at SUNY Downstate Medical Center.

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**Application Deadline is April 1, 2012**  
(Rolling Admission)