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The Summer Institute Program to Increase Diversity (SIPID) in Cardiovascular Health Disparities Research

The Summer Institute will provide intensive didactic and mentored research training program in cardiovascular health disparities. Administratively and conceptually housed within the Brooklyn Health Disparities Research Center, the goal of this multidisciplinary research training program is to inspire trainees to conduct research in cardiovascular health disparities employing techniques at the forefront of the field. Towards the goal of decreasing health disparities in the field of cardiovascular research, the program includes:

- Providing fundamental training by an interdisciplinary faculty in the area of health disparities, among others
- Establishing mentor-mentee partnerships based on mutual research interests in the area of cardiovascular health disparities
- Development of skills needed for independent research interests and to compete successfully for extramural funding
- A grants workshop conducted by NHLBI staff

Where
State University of New York, Downstate Medical Center, Brooklyn, NY

When

The Summer Institute Program to Increase Diversity is a research career advancing opportunity sponsored by the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NHLBI) and SUNY Downstate Medical Center. 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.

Who?
- The Summer Institute will provide funding to support travel and accommodations for up to 12 trainees
- 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/or with disabilities

How?
- The program brings participants to the university for 2-week sessions during two consecutive summers beginning in July 2009, with a mid-year session scheduled during the American Heart Association annual conference
- 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

The goals of the Summer Institute include:
- Enabling the 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-related disorders
- Increase the number of faculty from disabled and underrepresented minority groups who participate in heart, lung, blood, and sleep disorders research

How to apply
For more information and application materials, contact SIPID.Sandra@yahoo.com or visit our website at: http://www.downstate.edu/sipid

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
- Statement of research interest
- Support/recommendation from your department Chair
- Recommendation from former mentor or colleague

Applications must be received by
April 1, 2009.

Application will be reviewed by a panel of faculty from SUNY Downstate Medical Center