PRIDE-CVD
Program to Increase Diversity among Individuals Engaged in Cardiovascular Health-Related Research

Summer Institute
★ July 19 – August 1, 2015 ★
BROOKLYN, NEW YORK CITY

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WHERE
The PRIDE Summer Institute will convene at State University of New York (SUNY) Downstate Medical Center, Brooklyn, NY.

WHEN
Sunday, July 19, 2015 to Saturday, August 1, 2015

WHO?
* The Institute will provide support for travel and accommodations for up to 12 participants
* 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 be eligible for the Institute

WHY?
* Broaden the demographic profile of medical research by training junior scientists from underrepresented minority backgrounds and those with disabilities
* Establish mentor-mentee partnerships with matching based on common research interests

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 2015, 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
* The annual PRIDE conference, usually in May, will be held at the NHLBI site in Bethesda, MD.

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

HOW TO APPLY
For more information and application materials, contact frank.fabris@downstate.edu or PRIDE’s home page at: http://www.downstate.edu/PRIDE/

Application materials must include:
* Most current CV (including mailing address, phone and fax number and email address)
* Summary of academic work/experience in cardiovascular health disparities
* Statement of research interest
* Support/recommendation from the department Chair
* Recommendation from former mentor or colleague
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, and blood disorders.

The aims of the Institute are:
* 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.
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 firsthand 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.

Mentoring: Our program facilitates and nurtures mentoring partnerships. We work to improve our mentees’ research skills, provide motivation and foster personal growth, provide career guidance, and promote our mentees for scholarships and other development opportunities.

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, and lungs. 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, behavioral, and basic research and analysis.

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.

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.
Institute Director

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**Application Deadline is March 1, 2015**  
(Rolling Admission; priority consideration granted to early applicants.)