GOAL
To enhance the diversity of the biomedical research workforce through summer institute programs offering Research Experiences, Skills Development Courses, and Mentoring Experiences for junior faculty and transitioning post-doctorates from diverse backgrounds to enable them to become competitive independent scientists.

SUMMER INSTITUTE PROGRAMS
Research topics vary by program but are centered on heart, lung, blood, and sleep disorders research; health disparities research relevant to heart, lung, blood, and sleep disorders; and relevant research methodologies and approaches specific to these areas. Seven NHLBI-funded sites offering summer institute programs (see websites for details) include:

- **Augusta University** Functional and Translational Genomics of Blood Disorders (FTG)
- **New York University** Behavioral and Sleep Medicine (BSM)
- **SUNY Downstate** Cardiovascular Health-Related Research (CVD)
- **University of Arizona** Advanced Health Disparities Training (AHD)
- **University of California San Francisco** Research in Implementation Science for Equity (RISE)
- **University of Mississippi Medical Center** Obesity Health Disparities (OHD)
- **Washington University in St. Louis** Cardiovascular Genetics and Epidemiology (CGE)

For Summer Institute Program APPLICATIONS and Program URLs: http://www.biostat.wustl.edu/pridecc/

EXPERIENCE
- Two consecutive summers
- Didactic courses
- Grant writing skills and training
- Hands-on and lab training

GAINS
- Establish long-term mentoring relationships
- Establish long-term collaborations
- Prioritize research perspectives
- Improve capacity to address health disparities
- Achieve research independence

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