

## **2020 NIMHD Health Disparities Research Institute - Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)**

### **Q1: What is the Health Disparities Research Institute's structure?**

A1: The HDRI consists of lectures on minority health and health disparities research, small group discussions, mock grant reviews, and seminars. Institute participants will have the opportunity to meet with NIH scientific staff engaged in related health disparities research across various NIH Institutes and Centers.

### **Q2: Who is eligible for this Health Disparities Research Institute?**

A2: This program is intended for early stage research investigators. Applicants must have a Ph.D., M.D./D.O., Sc.D., Dr. P.H., Pharm.D., Psy.D., D.D.S./D.M.D. or equivalent doctoral degree from an accredited domestic or foreign institution. Applications will only be accepted from post-doctoral fellows, assistant professors, or early stage investigators in comparable research positions. Further, applications will only be accepted from individuals who are planning to apply for a K or R grant by NIH within the next 12 months. Individuals from diverse backgrounds are encouraged to apply.

### **Q3: Would NIH staff or staff from other HHS agencies be eligible for the Health Disparities Research Institute?**

A3: NIH and HHS staff, including persons engaged in fellowships/training at NIH or an HHS agency, are not eligible to apply.

### **Q4. Are there any auditing opportunities?**

A4: Auditing is not allowed.

### **Q5: Would previous participants of the HDRI or the Translational Health Disparities Course be eligible to apply?**

A5: Previous HDRI participants and those who participated in the Translational Health Disparities Course are not eligible to apply.

### **Q6: Can foreign professionals apply?**

A6: The HDRI is open to all eligible applicants. However, the NIH cannot provide any financial or travel/visa related assistance beyond the standard acceptance confirmation.

### **Q7: Where will the Health Disparities Research Institute take place?**

A7: The HDRI will take place at the NIH campus in Bethesda, Maryland.

### **Q8: On what days will the Health Disparities Research Institute occur?**

A8: The HDRI will run from Monday, August 3, 2020 to Friday, August 7, 2020. The HDRI will begin at 8:30 a.m. and end at 5:30 p.m. on each day except for Friday, August 7, when the program will end at 1:00 p.m. (eastern time).

### **Q9: Is the Health Disparities Research Institute first come, first serve?**

A9: No. All applications submitted will be reviewed by the selection committee and top finalists will be invited to attend HDRI. Approximately 50 scholars will be selected to participate in the 2020 HDRI.

**Q10: Do I have to attend the entire institute?**

A10: Yes, applicants are required to attend the entire duration of the HDRI and participate in all activities.

**Q11: Will Health Disparities Research Institute materials (e.g. presentations, reading materials) be available online or during the Course?**

A11: Presentations and/or materials may be distributed to accepted scholars.

**Q12: Is there a cost for the Health Disparities Research Institute?**

A12: The HDRI does not have a participation cost. Participants are responsible for travel and accommodation expenses associated with attending.

**Q13: Is financial assistance available?**

A13: Yes, limited travel scholarships may be available to cover travel expenses. Applicants invited to attend HDRI will receive additional information.

**Q14: Will CMEs/CEU's be offered?**

A14: No, CMEs/CEUs will not be offered.

**Q15: Where can I get information on accommodations?**

A15: A block of hotel rooms at the prevailing government rate will be made available to those selected to participate. Additional information about lodging can be found here:

[www.cc.nih.gov/about/visitor/hotels.shtml](http://www.cc.nih.gov/about/visitor/hotels.shtml)

Note: The NIH Shuttle from hotels in the Bethesda area is for the exclusive use of NIH Clinical Center patients.

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**Q16: Where can I get information about parking or taking public transportation?**

Q16: Please visit the following link:

[https://www.ors.od.nih.gov/pes/dats/parking/Pages/parking\\_info.aspx](https://www.ors.od.nih.gov/pes/dats/parking/Pages/parking_info.aspx)

**Q17: When will notification of acceptance to the Health Disparities Research Institute be sent?**

A17: Notification of acceptance to the Health Disparities Research Institute will be sent out around Friday, May 15, 2020 via email.