

2021 NIMHD Health Disparities Research Institute Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

General Information

What is the Health Disparities Research Institute's structure?

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.

Eligibility

Who is eligible for this Health Disparities Research Institute?

Prospective applicants must meet the criteria below:

- **Must** be an **Early-stage research investigators (ESI)** who have completed their terminal degree or post-graduate clinical training within the past 10 years. To see if you qualify as an early-stage investigator, please click ([here](#)).
- **Must** have either 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 at time of submitting the application.
- Applications will **only** be accepted from post-doctoral fellows, assistant professors, or early-stage investigators in comparable research positions.
- Applications will **only** be accepted from individuals who are planning to submit a K or R grant to NIH **within the next 12 months**.
- Individuals from diverse backgrounds are encouraged to apply.

Can I apply if I currently have or already had an NIH grant?

Individuals who currently hold or were previously awarded an R01 or similar grant (annual budget of \$200,000 or more) as PI or MPI are ineligible. Individuals who have been awarded Ks, R03s, R21s, or other grants with annual budgets under \$200,000 are still eligible to apply.

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

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

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

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

Can foreign professionals apply?

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.

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Application process

Can I discuss my application or have my application reviewed by NIMHD Program Officers or the HDRI Planning Committee before submitting?

Unfortunately, HDRI applications cannot be discussed or reviewed by NIMHD staff prior to submitting. It is highly encouraged that applicants work with their mentors to develop an HDRI application for submission.

To learn more about the non-fellowship and fellowship NIH Biosketch formats please click ([here](#))

What are the specific requirements to the essays on the application form?

- For the personal statement, the word limit is 350 words (cut & paste optional)
- For the specific aims page, the word limit is 850 words (cut & paste optional)
- There is no other specific formatting required for font or spacing.

What are the specific requirements for the letters of recommendation?

The two (2) letters of reference must be on letterhead and in PDF format for uploading (2-page limit each) addressed to HDRI Selection Committee. One letter should be from a research mentor discussing the likelihood of grant submission within a year by the applicant.

Is the Health Disparities Research Institute first come, first serve?

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 2021 HDRI.

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

Notification of acceptance to the Health Disparities Research Institute will be sent out by May 31, 2021.

Can I receive feedback as to why I was not selected to participate in HDRI?

Due to the large volume of applications, feedback will not be provided to applicants.

Logistics

Where will the Health Disparities Research Institute take place?

HDRI will be held *virtually* in 2021.

On what days will the Health Disparities Research Institute occur?

HDRI will run from Monday, August 9, to Friday, August 13, 2021. HDRI will begin daily at 11:00 a.m. (Eastern Time).

Do I have to attend the entire institute?

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

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

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

Is there a cost for the Health Disparities Research Institute?

The HDRI does not have a participation cost.

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Will CMEs/CEU's be offered?

No, CMEs/CEUs will not be offered.

Are there any auditing opportunities?

Auditing is not allowed.