

SUNY DOWNSTATE TRANSPORT JUNIOR FACULTY TRAINING AND MENTORING PROGRAM

1. INTRODUCTION: The Translational Program of Health Disparities Research Training (TRANSPORT) provides training and mentoring in health disparities for junior faculty from underrepresented backgrounds at SUNY Downstate. **We are soliciting applications to support up to 3 scholars** to participate in this two-year TRANSPORT-Diversity Junior Faculty Scholar in Health Disparities Research.

2. GOAL: 1) Provide mentoring, interdisciplinary training, and research skills development related to health disparities research; 2) Help faculty develop independent research careers and apply for independent research funding; 3) Help faculty develop successful academic careers and leadership positions.

Training Program: This a 2-year training program divided into 2 summers: Summer-1 and Summer-2. The anticipated coursework start date is **June 12-24, 2022**.

Summer-1: Didactic courses will be offered on special topics in health disparities, diversity, study design, working with and presenting data, research ethics, grantsmanship skills and academic career development. At the completion of Summer 1, trainees, working with their primary mentors, are expected to have developed a draft for a research proposal.

Summer-2: Trainees who have completed Summer-1 and have returned to their mentors for the rest of the year to develop their NIH-style proposal and supportive preliminary work will be invited back for Summer-2 for an NIH mock study section to have their grant proposals reviewed prior to submission. Scholars will be required to submit their proposal to the Program Director 6-weeks prior to Summer-2 so that expert reviewers will evaluate and discuss grant application during the NIH mock study section.

3. EXPECTED OUTCOMES: 1) Submit grant applications related to health disparities research; 2) Submit scientific manuscripts; 3) Secure academic promotions and leadership positions.

4. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR THE APPLICANT: Eligible applicants are individuals from groups identified as nationally underrepresented in the biomedical, clinical, behavioral and social sciences. These groups include Blacks or African Americans, Hispanics or Latinos, American Indians or Alaska Natives, Native Hawaiians and other Pacific Islanders, Individuals with disabilities, Individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds, and Women (<https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-18-210.html>). Applicants shall be at the Assistant Professor level and must hold a doctoral degree in the biomedical, nursing, allied health professions, behavioral or public health sciences (MD, PhD, PhD/MD, DNP, or equivalent). Applicants may not have had a previous independent research award such as an R01 or program projects. "K"-type awardees are eligible.

5. AMOUNT OF FUNDING: Scholars will receive up to \$20,000 to be used for capacity-building research-related expenses to generate preliminary data for a K- or R-type grants.

6. APPLICATION PROCESS: Email the following documents as one continuous PDF in the specified order to Ms. Lakia Maxwell at Lakia.Maxwell@downstate.edu with a cc to Jenna Noray at jenna.noray@downstate.edu and Dr Mohamed Boutjdir: Mohamed.boutjdir@downstate.edu. Please use the following subject heading: TRANSPORT- Diversity Junior Faculty Scholar in Health Disparities Research. **1)** Name, Degree, Academic Title, Department, Race/Ethnicity, Gender, and a brief description of the candidate's career goals and reason(s) why participating in this program would be beneficial (1 page); **2)** The candidate's updated Biosketch in NIH format; **3)** The primary research mentor's NIH Biosketch; **4)** A Capacity-Building Research Plan (up to 5 pages excluding references) that should include: Relevant past research experience; Research interest synergy with the mentor; Discussion of a specific research focus to be developed with the mentor into a NIH-structured research proposal; and **5)** Budget and Budget Justification- Provide detail on how funds (up to \$20,000) will be used to support the applicant's capacity-building research and research training leading to a K- or R-type grant application.

1. APPLICATION DEADLINE: **December 24th 2021 at 11:59 PM Eastern Daylight Time.** All applications and questions should be directed to Ms. Lakia Maxwell at Lakia.Maxwell@downstate.edu with a cc to Ms. Jenna Noray at jenna.noray@downstate.edu and Dr. Mohamed Boutjdir: Mohamed.boutjdir@downstate.edu