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announces the 2008



National Hispanic Science Network on Drug Abuse Summer Research Training Institute June 9 - 17, 2008

DRUG RESEARCH

While drug abuse in the U.S. continues to disproportionately impact ethnic minorities, particularly minority youth, the number of researchers studying the problem remains relatively small. Moreover, few training and research centers exist that focus on current drug abuse issues among Latino populations. There exists a need to prepare the next generation of drug researchers in this field.

THE RESEARCH TRAINING INSTITUTE

This training Institute is designed to train promising graduate students in drug research methods. It aims to increase each student's knowledge of drug research issues, to promote interest and professional commitment to Hispanic drug abuse, and to guide every fellow in the production of a publishable manuscript on Hispanic-focused drug research. The Institute also aims to foster mentoring relationships between students and leading Hispanic drug abuse researchers.

THE WORKSHOP

Selected fellows will attend the eight-day multidisciplinary training, led by NIDA-funded scientists, revolving around a series of lectures and workshops on Hispanics and drug research. Those applicants selected will be encouraged to develop prior to the institute a short preliminary abstract of the proposed research project. On the final day of the training, students will present a two-page abstract of the project. Each fellow will be required to submit a paper of publication quality on this same project to the Office for Drug & Social Policy Research within a year of completing the training. To ensure continued professional development of all participants, each fellow will be encouraged to apply for a NIDA fellowship, a NIDA minority supplement grant, or seek funding from another National Institute of Health agency.

THE AWARD

A minimum of 10 NHSN fellowships are available which include travel to/from Houston, Texas, lodging, meals, and a \$500 stipend. Ten additional students may attend if selected, but must cover their own expenses. Information on costs may be obtained from NHSN Summer Research Training Institute.

CRITERIA

Applicants currently must be advanced graduate students in good academic standing who have an interest in drug abuse issues among Hispanics. Preference will be given to students who have previous research experience and knowledge of the Hispanic population.

TO APPLY

To apply submit via postal mail or e-mail the following: 1) application form; 2) a 500-word essay describing yourself, how you would benefit from participating in this institute and in a career on Hispanic drug research; 3) your application packet must include a résumé, listing your social security number, current address and e-mail, phone number, computer skills, and research software with which you are familiar; 4) two letters of recommendation, and 5) official transcripts from your currently enrolled institution or last completed degree.

DEADLINES

Applications must be received by **February 29, 2008**. Decisions of award will be finalized by April 4, 2008. Please call the Office for Drug & Social Policy Research at **(713) 743-8345** or e-mail Desiré Martinez at dmartin9@central.uh.edu

Available to applicants on the websites of the National Hispanic Science Network on Drug Abuse or Office for Drug & Social Policy Research, is an application form and information on the training site, including previous training institute curricula and faculty rosters.

<http://www.hispanicscience.org>

or

<http://www.uh.edu/odspr>

Please mail your applications to:

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