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**SUBJECT:** RFA-HL-11-024

To view the full program announcement— **NIH/NHLBI Short-Term Research Education Program to Increase Diversity in Health-Related Research RFA-HL-11-024** connect to <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-HL-11-024.html> This FOA solicits applications from applicant organizations that propose innovative research education programs in the mission area(s) of the NHLBI designed to encourage the participation of individuals currently underrepresented in the biomedical, clinical, and behavioral sciences.

NHLBI is committed to providing research training opportunities leading to research careers in areas relevant to **cardiovascular, pulmonary, and hematologic diseases** for undergraduate and health professional students from diverse backgrounds. **NHLBI also encourages training and research that crosses disciplinary boundaries (examples: biophysics, biostatistics, bioinformatics, bioengineering) toward the effort to develop a new interdisciplinary workforce.**

NIH is particularly interested in encouraging the recruitment and retention of the following classes of candidates: **A.** Individuals from racial and ethnic groups that have been shown by the NSF to be underrepresented in health-related sciences on a national basis. The following racial and ethnic groups have been shown to be underrepresented in biomedical research: African Americans, Hispanic Americans, Native Americans, Alaska Natives, Hawaiian Natives, and natives of the US Pacific Islands. In addition, it is recognized that under-representation can vary from setting to setting and individuals from racial or ethnic groups that can be convincingly demonstrated to be underrepresented by the grantee institution should be included in the recruitment and retention plan. **B.** Individuals with disabilities, who are defined as those with a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities. **C.** Individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds who are defined as: **1.** Individuals who come from a family with an annual income below established low-income thresholds. **2.** Individuals who come from a social, cultural, or educational environment such as that found in certain rural or inner-city environments that have demonstrably and recently directly inhibited the individual from obtaining the knowledge, skills, and abilities necessary to develop and participate in a research career.

Only **one application per health professional school** may be submitted. Although a university may have more than one *Short-Term Research Education Program to Increase Diversity in Health-Related Research*, they may not be in the same school. Interested PIs from the School of Medicine should contact Dr. Michelle Broido, Associate Vice Chancellor for Basic Biomedical Research <http://www.oorhs.pitt.edu/searchFunding/Search.aspx?FundingType=Nom>)

Please let Elaine Riberich\*\* know if any one will submit from your school.

The letter of intent is due by **September 1, 2010** with the full proposal due **October 1, 2010**. For a list of additional **Programs Limiting the Number of Allowed Institutional Submissions** connect to the Office of Research website <http://www.pitt.edu/~offres/> then select Funding Resources.

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