LATINO MENTAL HEALTH RESEARCH TRAINING PROGRAM

An NIMHD-funded Minority Health and Health Disparities International Research Training (MHIRT)

Summer 2016 in Mexico, May 31 – August 13

Dr. Steven Lopez at USC, Dr. Kristin Yarris at the University of Oregon, Dr. Carmen Lara at the Benemérita Universidad Autónoma de Puebla (BUAP), Dr. Shoshana Berenzon and associates at the Instituto Nacional de Psiquiatría (INP), and other colleagues at USC, UCLA, and CSU-San Bernardino have established an 11-week summer research training program designed to prepare undergraduate and graduate level researchers to address disparities in mental health and health care among U.S. Latinos. The program includes a one-week training seminar at USC, and a 10-week training program at the BUAP in Puebla, México or at the INP in Mexico City, during which trainees will:

• Work closely with leading Latino mental health researcher mentors to develop research and professional skills.
• Participate in various aspects of research, including project conceptualization and data collection and analysis.
• Have the opportunity to write up their findings for publication in collaboration with their mentor, and present their findings at a national conference in either Mexico or the U.S.
• Gain professional development skills for careers in research and academia.

Minimum Requirements

- 3.0 GPA or better
- Research career orientation
- Demonstrated interest and/or commitment to reducing health disparities
- Excellent Spanish language skills
- Demonstrated social/behavioral sciences research experience
- Undergraduates with junior or senior class standing for 2015-2016 and pre-doctoral level students
- U.S. citizen, permanent resident, or non-citizen national
- From a group with health disparities including: African American, Asian American, Latino, Native American, Alaskan Native, Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander or other relevant groups
- From a group underrepresented in biomedical, behavioral, clinical and social sciences, specifically Black or African American, Latino/Hispanic American, American Indian, Alaskan Native, Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander
- Low-income individuals, meaning those whose annual income is below the low-income threshold line. This includes those who have qualified for Federal assistance programs or received loans or scholarships for those in financial need. These loans include: Health Professional Student Loans, and Loans for Disadvantaged Student Programs. These scholarships include any that are awarded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services under the category Scholarships for Individuals with Exceptional Financial Need. Refer to the website below to determine if you or your family fall below the low-income threshold line. http://aspe.hhs.gov/poverty-research
- From a rural area or from rural backgrounds. Refer to the website below to determine if you come from a rural area or background. https://www.raconline.org/am-i-rural

Application Procedure

- On-line application
- Transcript from college(s) attended
- Two letters of recommendation
- Statement of purpose (1,250 words), describing rationale for applying to the program, long-term professional goals, and specific research interests.
- Curriculum vitae (CV)/resume

Core Project Areas (BUAP)

- Explanatory Models, Care and Treatment of Mental Illness
- Family Caregiving
- Migration and Mental Health

Core Project Areas (INP)

- Integrating mental health care into primary health care services
- Alcohol and substance abuse
- Pre-natal depression and women’s mental health
- Mental health and technology of the information

On-line Application: Open Nov. 16, 2015

http://dornsife.usc.edu/latino-mental-health/how-to-apply/
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