

2019 NIMHD Health Disparities Research Institute (HDRI) Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Q1: What is the Health Disparities Research Institute's structure?

A1: The HDRI consists of seminars covering emerging minority health and health disparities research, small group discussions, grant writing training, a mock grant proposal review, and meetings with NIH Program Officials.

Q2: Who is eligible for this Health Disparities Research Institute?

A2: This program is intended for early stage research investigators. Applicants must have a PhD, MD/DO, ScD, DrPH, PharmD, PsyD, or equivalent doctoral degree from an accredited domestic or foreign institution. Applications will only be accepted from post-doctoral fellows, assistant professors, or early stage investigators in comparable research positions who are actively engaged in minority health and health disparities research and who plan to submit a K or R grant to NIH within the next twelve months. Individuals from diverse backgrounds are encouraged to apply. Previous participants of the HDRI or the Translational Health Disparities Course are not eligible to apply.

Q3: Would NIH staff or staff from other HHS agencies be eligible for the Health Disparities Research Institute?

A3: Please note that NIH and HHS staff including persons doing fellowships/ training at NIH or an HHS agency are not eligible to apply.

Q4. Are there any auditing opportunities?

A4: No auditing is allowed.

Q5: Would previous participants of the HDRI or the Translational Health Disparities Course be eligible to apply?

A5: No, as per eligibility criteria.

Q6: Can foreign professionals apply?

A6: The Health Disparities Research Institute is open to all eligible applicants. However, the NIH cannot provide any financial or travel/visa related assistance beyond the standard acceptance confirmation.

Q7: Where will the Health Disparities Research Institute take place?

A7: The HDRI will take place on the NIH campus, Bethesda, Maryland

Q8: On what days will the Health Disparities Research Institute occur?

A8: The HDRI will run from Monday, August 12th to Friday, August 16th. The HDRI will begin at 8:30am and will end at 6:00pm each day except on Friday, August 16th when the program will end at 12 noon.

Q9: Is the Health Disparities Research Institute first come, first serve?

A9: No. All applications submitted are reviewed by the selection committee and top finalists will be invited to attend HDRI. Approximately 50 scholars will be selected to participate in the 2019 HDRI.

Q10: Do I have to attend the entire institute?

A10: Yes, applicants are required to attend the entire duration of the HDRI and participate in all activities.

Q11: Will Health Disparities Research Institute materials (e.g. presentations, reading materials) be available online or during the Course?

A11: Presentations and/or materials may be distributed to accepted scholars.

Q12: Is there a cost for the Health Disparities Research Institute?

A12: The Health Disparities Research Institute is free. Participants are responsible for travel expenses associated with attending

Q13: Is financial assistance available?

A13: Yes, limited travel scholarships may be available to cover travel expenses. Applicants invited to attend HDRI will receive additional information.

Q14: Will CMEs/CEU's be offered?

A14: No, CMEs/CEUs will not be offered.

Q15: Where can I get information on accommodations?

A15: A hotel block will be available at participant cost. Also visit the following link:

www.cc.nih.gov/about/visitor/hotels.shtml.

Note: the NIH Shuttle from hotels is exclusively for use of Clinical Center's patients.

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Q16: Where can I get information about parking or taking public transportation?

Q16: Please visit the following link: <https://www.ors.od.nih.gov/maps/Pages/Gateway-Center-Map.aspx>).