Q1: What is the Health Disparities Research Institute’s structure?
A1: The HDRI consists of lectures on minority health and health disparities research, small group discussions, mock grant reviews, and seminars. Institute participants will have the opportunity to meet with NIH scientific staff engaged in related health disparities research across various NIH Institutes and Centers.

Q2: Who is eligible for this Health Disparities Research Institute?
A2: This program is intended for early-stage research investigators who have completed their terminal degree or post-graduate clinical training within the past 10 years. To see if you qualify as an early-stage investigator, please click here. Additionally, applicants must have either a Ph.D., M.D./D.O., Sc.D., Dr. P.H., Pharm.D., Psy.D., D.D.S./D.M.D. 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. Further, applications will only be accepted from individuals who are planning to submit a K or R grant to NIH within the next 12 months. Individuals from diverse backgrounds are encouraged to apply.

Q3: Would NIH staff or staff from other HHS agencies be eligible for the Health Disparities Research Institute?
A3: NIH and HHS staff, including persons engaged in fellowships/training at NIH or an HHS agency, are not eligible to apply.

Q4: Are there any auditing opportunities?
A4: Auditing is not allowed.

Q5: Would previous participants of the HDRI or the Translational Health Disparities Course be eligible to apply?
A5: Previous HDRI participants and those who participated in the Translational Health Disparities Course are not eligible to apply.

Q6: Can foreign professionals apply?
A6: The HDRI 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: HDRI will be held virtually in 2021.

Q8: On what days will the Health Disparities Research Institute occur?
A8: HDRI will run from Monday, August 9, to Friday, August 13, 2021. HDRI will begin daily at 11:00 a.m. (Eastern Time).

Q9: Is the Health Disparities Research Institute first come, first serve?
A9: No. All applications submitted will be reviewed by the selection committee and top finalists will be invited to attend HDRI. Approximately 50 scholars will be selected to participate in the 2021 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 HDRI does not have a participation cost.

Q13: Will CMEs/CEU’s be offered?
A13: No, CMEs/CEUs will not be offered.

Q14: When will notification of acceptance to the Health Disparities Research Institute be sent?
A14: Notification of acceptance to the Health Disparities Research Institute will be sent out by May 31, 2021.