Fostering Diversity in HIV Research Program

Program description: Racial and ethnic diversity among HIV researchers is at a low and undesirable level. The Fostering Diversity in HIV Research Program is supported by the National Institutes of Health and designed to help overcome some of the barriers underrepresented in medicine/public health (URM) trainees face, thus advancing their careers and enriching scientific discovery. The program provides structured mentoring to create an environment welcoming for URM trainees and supportive of rigorous research. It involves formal didactics and community of practice events (once each month), as well as high quality mentoring tailored to each individual trainee and their stage of training. Funding (up to $10,000 per trainee) is available to support research, as well as enable conference attendance, travel (if needed), and open source manuscript publication. Trainee research will address the following key areas of the HIV continuum of care both domestically and/or globally:

- PrEP delivery and adherence
- HIV testing and outreach
- Linkage, retention in care, and ART adherence
- Improvement in care delivery for optimal health outcomes
- Maternal health and perinatal transmission

Participation is planned around one year of training; however, mentorship will be expanded as long as desired, based on trainee needs. Didactics, community of practice events, and other meetings will take place by Zoom or in-person based on the public health guidelines at the time.

Eligibility criteria:
- Strong enthusiasm for HIV research
- Commitment to completion of proposed work
- Professionalism and reliability
- URM status: African American, Latinx, Native American, Alaska Native, Pacific Islander, and/or non-US citizen of color (e.g., diaspora from Africa, Latin America, or the Caribbean)
- Current enrollment at the Harvard T. H. Chan School of Public Health (2-year master’s or PhD student) or employment at MassGeneral/Brigham (resident or post-doctoral fellows)

Deadline Extended! Applications accepted through October 2, 2020.

To apply, please visit: [https://j.mp/34kGhDU](https://j.mp/34kGhDU)

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