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NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY - OFFICE OF RESEARCH DEVELOPMENT

Limited Submission Funding Opportunities

Health Resources and Services Administration

Two funding opportunities:
Opportunity #1: Maternal and Child Health Public Health Catalyst Program
Opportunity #2: Centers of Excellence in Maternal and Child Health in Education, Science and Practice

Opportunity #1: Maternal and Child Health Public Health Catalyst Program (HRSA-15-133)(Attached)

http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=272131

The purpose of the Catalyst Program is to: 1) provide an increased focus on fundamental MCH content and competencies within schools of public health where no concentration currently exists, and 2) provide MCH content exposure to an increased number of public health students, introducing students to careers in the maternal and child health field. The grantees will recruit graduate students who are from underrepresented backgrounds (including racial and ethnic minorities), who are also underrepresented in the maternal and child health field.

The applicant must describe proposed methods that will be used to meet each of the program objectives, including the strategies that will be used to build MCH workforce capacity, including the development and teaching of courses covering MCH population health fundamentals, creation of MCH-specific student group/activities, and mentoring for faculty who have limited experience in teaching of MCH. The applicant should also describe how the program will address the need to have greater diversity in the MCH workforce.

Applicants must propose a plan for developing and offering at least one graduate-level credit bearing course focused on foundational MCH population health within the first six months of the first project period. In addition, the applicant must provide a detailed description of how students will be recruited into MCH courses and MCH Student Interest Groups, including a description of how students from diverse backgrounds will be engaged in program activities. The project must also include efforts to create and support a student-led organization, events and/or activities that bring together students in the school with an interest in maternal and child health.

AWARD INFORMATION
Applicants may apply for a ceiling amount of up to $70,000 per year. The project period is five (5) years.

ELIGIBILITY
Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH) accredited Schools of Public Health who have indicated an existing area of study in Maternal and Child Health, as listed on the Association of Schools and Programs of Public Health website (http://www.aspph.org/program-finder/), are not eligible to apply for the MCH Public Health Catalyst Program (HRSA-15-133). **Northwestern University is eligible to apply.**

The Project Director of the Catalyst Program grantee must be a faculty member in an accredited School of Public Health with demonstrated leadership, relevant experience, and activities pertaining to MCH science and scholarship.

The Project Director should have a minimum of 20% of their time devoted to the Catalyst Program grant. This 20% time may be a combination of grant and in kind support.

**LIMIT ON NUMBER OF PROPOSALS PER ORGANIZATION**

Only one application per institution for either **Opportunity #1** (Catalyst Program) or **#2** (Centers of Excellence) is allowed.

**KEY DATES**

- If you are interested in this funding opportunity, please send a one-page summary of the proposed research and your biosketch to Eric Boberg (e-boberg@northwestern.edu) by February 11, 2015.
- The sponsor application due date is March 13, 2015.

**Opportunity #2: Centers of Excellence in Maternal and Child Health in Education, Science and Practice (HRSA-15-097)**(Attached)

http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=272134

The purpose of the Centers of Excellence in MCH training program is for the training of graduate and post-graduate public health professionals in an interdisciplinary MCH setting to prepare future and MCH public health professionals, achieve optimal MCH outcomes and to advance MCH science, research, practice and policy.

Centers of Excellence in MCH training programs are regional hubs for training, research, and innovation. This program offers an enhanced focus on postdoctoral education, support for junior faculty development, and increased attention to the diversity of trainees and faculty. This program trains the current and future workforce in applied research and state-of-the-art public health management, planning, and leadership principles to promote healthier children, families, and communities. It trains leaders to identify and solve current MCH problems while anticipating the challenges of the future. It assures a prominent focus on MCH content and competencies such as inter-professional practice, systems integration, and quality improvement within schools of public health. Moreover, this funding initiative seeks to increase the visibility and the overall research support and academic capacity for advancing MCH within public health academia, thereby sustaining and growing the field for future generations.
The program must lead to a graduate degree, (master’s or doctorate) with the MCH curriculum meeting the requirements developed for Schools of Public Health by the Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH). Centers of Excellence in MCH applications should include training content in the following areas:

a. Leadership/Population Health Management  
b. Public Health:  
c. MCH/Title V and Related Legislation  
d. Life Course Developmental Theory and Science  
e. Interdisciplinary Training and Practice  
f. Cultural Competence  
g. Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act/Health Reform  
h. Emerging Issues  
i. Research

The MCH Academic Postdoctoral Enhancement supplement is designed to increase the number and diversity of MCH graduates and faculty who are advancing MCH research and science, and are active in the translation of research into practice.

Programs must document active and effective academic-practice partnerships with State Title V MCH Programs. Academic-practice partnerships with other MCH related programs (such as Title X and Title XIX) are encouraged. Applicants are strongly encouraged to collaborate with the MCH Workforce Development Center, other MCHB-funded projects and other HRSA investments in the region.

AWARD INFORMATION

- Centers of Excellence in MCH: $350,000 per year  
- MCH Academic Postdoctoral Enhancement: additional $170,000 per year  
- Project period: 5 years

ELIGIBILITY:

- The Project Director must be at the associate professor level or higher and have demonstrated leadership in MCH public health, expertise and experience in post-graduate level teaching and conduct of scholarly research in MCH public health.  
- The Project Director must commit 25 percent time/effort, either grant-supported or in combination with in-kind support, to the Centers of Excellence in MCH Training Program.

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KEY DATES
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• The sponsor application due date is March 18, 2015.

COLLABORATION OPPORTUNITIES
The Office of Research Development offers assistance in identifying and facilitating collaborations, putting together interdisciplinary teams, programmatic and administrative development of large, cross-school proposals, and leveraging institutional resources for outreach and education. Contact Fruma Yehiely (yehiely@northwestern.edu), Director of ORD, for more information.

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