Center of Excellence for Diversity in Health Education and Research
Medical Student Research Preceptorship Funding Opportunity

**Deadline for submission of applications:** February 5, 2016

**Overview:**
The Center of Excellence for Diversity in Health Education and Research is inviting applications for small research preceptorship funding to Minority Medical Students engaged in on-going research projects. The Center will provide two awards in a maximum amount of $3,000 per trainee to fund research projects. These funds are aimed at students who have an active role in a project focusing on minority health research that will lead to acquisition of research skills and knowledge. The research experience must be at least 8 weeks and at most 12 months in duration.

The research must have a minority health focus, defined as “basic, clinical, and behavioral studies including research to prevent, diagnose, and treat such conditions as diseases, disorders, and other conditions including mental health and substance abuse that are unique to, more serious in, or more prevalent in racial and ethnic minorities or for which the factors of medical risks or types of intervention may be different for such population groups. Readily identifiable clinical projects will have at least one principal objective/hypothesis related to minority health or the majority of the research participants will be minorities.”

Eligible candidates are under-represented minority (African American, Latino, Asian as defined by HRSA, and Native American) students in the School of Medicine who are engaged in an ongoing research project on site at the University and who are not currently being funded. A written report (indicating what was done, what population was served, and the results) should be submitted within sixty (60) days of the conclusion of the research experience.

See application guidelines attached.
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**Please note that applicants for the Center of Excellence Research Preceptorship Funding Opportunity are not eligible if they are being funded from other sources for the same research project.**

To apply for funding, please provide the following information:

I. **Identifying Information:**
   - Name
   - Campus mailing address
   - E-mail address
   - Cell phone
   - Title of Research Project

II. **Abstract of Research**
   Summary of 150-200 words of proposed research project

III. **Describe Research Project**
   Describe in detail how your project relates to Minority Health (Background or rationale, specific aims of hypothesis, methods including general design, subjects and materials, data to be collected, statistical analysis, starting and ending times).

IV. **Describe your role in the project as a student.**

V. **A Letter from Mentor**
   Letter should describe your Mentor’s experience as an investigator and confirm that the proposed project will be conducted under the Mentor’s direct supervision. This letter should be on official letterhead.

VI. **Curriculum Vitae(s)**
   Student and Student’s Mentor are both required.

VII. **Descriptive Budget Justification**
   This should outline the proposed use of funds.

Submit completed applications to:
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