

## **Geographic Management of Cancer Health Disparities Program (GMAP) Region 2 *November 2020 E-Blast***

GMAP is an integrated network of 7 regions across the United States. Moffitt Cancer Center in Tampa, FL serves as the hub for GMAP Region 2 which currently includes more than 40 partner institutions in Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Missouri, Mississippi and Puerto Rico.

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The Trainee/Early Stage Investigator Registration Support Scholarship is intended to support underrepresented scholars and investigators in cancer



research or cancer health disparities research by providing reimbursement for registration fees associated with virtual or in-person meetings, conferences, workshops or training.

To learn more or apply, click [here!](#)

## GMAP Region 2: Anti-Racism Resource Guide

Tragic events over the past few months have highlighted the pervasive issue of systemic and institutional racism in the United States. Black people in research and academia are not exempt from experiencing the pitfalls of racism in their personal and professional lives. GMAP Region 2 serves a diverse cadre of scholars including dynamic Black students, investigators, and faculty, many of whom likely have firsthand experiences with racism. While we will not solve the issue of systemic and institutional racism overnight, our collective actions have power. Below are links to thoughtfully selected anti-racism resources. Our hope is that these resources will 1) support difficult conversations, 2) cause you to think introspectively and listen actively, and 3) speak up and speak out against racism.

- [Black Study in a Time of Trouble: A Reading List](#)
- [TED Talks to help you understand racism in America](#)
- [A Detailed List of Anti-Racism Resources](#)

*“Race and racism is a reality that so many of us grow up learning to just deal with. But if we ever hope to move past it, it can’t just be on people of color to deal with it. It’s up to all of us — Black, white, everyone — no matter how well-meaning we think we might be, to do the honest, uncomfortable work of rooting it out.” – Michelle Obama*

Additional Reading -

[The Cancer Letter:](#)

[Guest Editorials from Dr. Robert A. Winn & Dr. Otis W. Brawley](#)

## GMAP Region 2 - COVID-19 Update

Dear GMAP Region 2: We hope you and your families are staying safe

amidst the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. As we monitor the situation, GMaP Region 2 will continue to send out news from the National Cancer Institute, conference updates, virtual meeting details, job opportunities, grant notices, etc. via multiple communication channels.

Although applications for GMaP Region 2 Travel Awards are closed until further notice, applications for [GMaP Region 2 Expert Grant Reviews](#) remain open. If you have information you would like to share with our network or additional questions or concerns, please contact us at [gmap.region2@moffitt.org](mailto:gmap.region2@moffitt.org).

### COVID-19 Related News & Resources:

*\*For a full list of news and resources, please visit our [website](#).*

## NEWS - EVENTS - CONFERENCES



### The 6th Biennial Science of Global Prostate Cancer Disparities in Black Men Virtual Conference

Eliminating Global Prostate Cancer Disparities: Role of Behavioral Research & Genomics

**(NEW)** The 6th Biennial Science of Global Prostate Cancer Disparities in Black Men Conference will take place **December 8 - December 9, 2020**. The conference brings together prostate cancer scientists, clinicians, advocates, and survivors all over the world to address the global burden of prostate cancer among Black men. The conference will take place virtually this year and registration is FREE.

To register, click [here](#). The deadline to register is Friday, November 27, 2020.

## INTERSECTIONS SCIENCE FELLOWS SYMPOSIUM

January 6-8, 2021

**(NEW)** The **January 6-8, 2021** symposium will accept applications from postdocs (or equivalent title post-PhD, non-PI scientists) currently in any U.S. lab (no citizenship requirement) who:

- are ready or almost-ready for the U.S. academic job-market,
- whose published (peer-reviewed) or near-published (e.g., preprint) work is in the basic biological sciences (including, but not limited to, genetics, genomics, developmental biology, cell biology, biophysics & biochemistry, neuroscience, immunobiology, microbiology, computational biology, quantitative biology)
- who have contributed significant advances to scientific discovery.

For this January 2021 Symposium, applicants should be preparing to enter the U.S. academic faculty job-market and be within the final 1 – 2 years of their postdoc. Postdocs currently in any U.S. lab who are from historically underrepresented and/or disadvantaged backgrounds in academia are especially encouraged to apply. All those selected as Fellows will be offered an honorarium.

The application deadline is Dec. 1, 2020.

To apply, please visit the [website](#).

Modeling Emergent Cellular Behavior in Cancer

**(NEW)** This Innovation Lab will take place on **February 25-26, 2021 & March 1-2, 5, 2021** and bring together PI-level cancer researchers and clinician scientists, cell and developmental biologists, systems biologists, evolutionary biologists, engineers, physical scientists, and computer scientists interested in forming new collaborations and developing innovative approaches to address challenges associated with studying emergent population behavior in cancer using single-cell resolution measurements.

Approximately 30 applicants will be selected to participate in the Innovation Lab on the basis of the interests, expertise, and other characteristics solicited in the application. Most participants are expected to be academic faculty, from early career to senior investigators. Original thinkers from outside academia (e.g., industry) are also encouraged to apply.

The application deadline is Dec. 7, 2020.

To apply, please visit the [website](#).



## 9<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM ON GLOBAL CANCER RESEARCH @ THE 2021 CONSORTIUM OF UNIVERSITIES FOR GLOBAL HEALTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

**(NEW)** The 9th Annual Symposium on Global Cancer Research will be held virtually **Wednesday, March 10th - Thursday, March 11th, 2021** as a satellite meeting to the 12th Annual Consortium of Universities for Global Health (CUGH) Global Health Conference. The Symposium theme for 2021 is Global Cancer Research and Control: Looking Back and Charting a Path Forward. The Symposium aims to convene individuals working in global oncology in a working meeting environment to discuss trends in global cancer research and control, and to map out collaborative efforts to move the field forward.

**Registration for the 9th Annual Symposium on Global Cancer Research will open in late 2020.**  
For more information, click [here](#).

**COMMUNITIES  
IN PARTNERSHIP:**  
*Ensuring Equity in the Time of COVID-19*

Webinar Series Every Wednesday at 1pm EST Starting on April 15  
Sponsored by the Clinical Scholars

[ccphealth.org/covid-19-equity](http://ccphealth.org/covid-19-equity)

 **UNC**  
UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
CENTER FOR HEALTH EQUITY RESEARCH

The importance of partnerships in crisis is front and center as we confront the global COVID-19 pandemic. Community-Campus Partnerships for Health and the UNC Center for Health Equity Research at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill have partnered to launch the webinar series, *Communities in Partnership: Ensuring Equity in the Time of COVID-19*. Join us each session on Wednesdays at 1pm EST as we highlight the disparate impact of the disease in the most vulnerable communities in our nation.

For more information please visit the [website](#).

**[\(NEW\) Study Reveals Gene Regulation May Influence Racial Disparities in Breast Cancer Survival](#)**

**[\(NEW\) Young Women Needed for Breast Cancer Research via Online Focus Groups](#)**

**[National Survey Reveals Racial Differences in Perceptions of Inequities in Health Care and Concerning Delays in Cancer Screenings Amid COVID-19](#)**

**[NIH to support 85 new grants featuring high-risk, high-reward research](#)**

**[Saying YES: Inspiring a Diverse Generation of Cancer Scientists](#)**

**[NIMHD's Pioneers in Minority Health and Health Disparities Q & A Campaign](#)**

**[NIH funds community engagement research efforts in areas hardest hit by COVID-19](#)**

# TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES



## (NEW) Harvard T32 Educational (Predoctoral) Program in Cancer Prevention

The joint Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health – Dana–Farber/Harvard Cancer Center (DF/HCC) Educational Program in Cancer Prevention aims to train the next generation of scientists who will be skilled in transdisciplinary approaches to cancer prevention and control. Although all areas of interest in cancer prevention are welcome, we include a particular emphasis on cancer disparities, implementation science, health communication, global cancer, and population science methods. The National Cancer Institute funds this program. To be eligible, applicants must be a U.S. Citizen or permanent resident.

The application deadline is Dec. 1, 2020.

To apply, please visit the [website](#).

## (NEW) The Intramural Continuing Umbrella of Research Experiences (iCURE) Program



iCURE provides mentored research experiences for qualified students and scientists on the NCI campuses in Bethesda, Rockville and Frederick, MD.

The program offers:

- One-year awards to post-baccalaureate (including post-Master's) individuals
- Two-year awards to graduate students
- Three-year awards to postdoctoral fellows
- Professional development and career support

iCURE particularly encourages the participation of individuals from underrepresented populations and aims to further NCI's interest in diversity. An iCURE scholar must be a citizen, non-citizen national or legal permanent resident of the United States.

The application deadline is Dec. 20, 2020.

To apply, please visit the [website](#).

## NIH Medical Research Scholars Program

The application cycle for the 2021-2022 class will be October 1, 2020 - January 8, 2021

Learn More:

<https://clinicalcenter.nih.gov/training/mrsp/>



The National Institutes of Health (NIH) Medical Research Scholars Program (MRSP) is a comprehensive, year-long research enrichment program designed to attract the most creative and research-oriented

medical, dental, and veterinary science students to the NIH intramural campus in Bethesda, Maryland. Student scholars engage in a closely mentored research project that matches their research interests and career goals.

The application deadline is Jan. 8, 2021.

For more information, please visit the [website](#).



### **(NEW) Moffitt Cancer Center Post-Doctoral Training in Behavioral Oncology**

The H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center & Research Institute, an NCI-designated Comprehensive Cancer Center, invites applications to its post-doctoral training program in behavioral oncology. This NCI-supported T32 interdisciplinary training program is designed to prepare fellows for careers as independent investigators engaged in research on behavioral aspects of cancer prevention, detection and control. We are particularly interested in candidates with an interest in nicotine dependence and tobacco control, cervical cancer prevention, cultural and literacy issues in cancer prevention and control, disparities in cancer care, quality of life and symptom management issues in cancer survivors, psychosocial and behavioral aspects of familial and hereditary cancer, and health care provider practices in cancer prevention and control.

The application deadline is Jun. 30, 2021 or until all positions are filled.

To apply, please see the [flyer](#).

## ***AWARDS - SCHOLARSHIPS - INTERNSHIPS***

# ERACE

Engaging Research to Achieve Cancer Care Equity

### **(NEW) Addressing Disparities in Cancer Care ERACE Research Award - Request for Applications (RFA)**

ConcertAI is sponsoring the Engaging Research to Achieve Cancer Care Equity (ERACE) Research Award. This award will provide early-stage career research investigators with monetary support and access to one of the most comprehensive cancer patient datasets available for research purposes in the United States. The award is intended to support research aimed at examining potential differences in treatment patterns, outcomes, clinical practice, genomics, safety, and other issues related to cancer care among populations with existing disparities, particularly those that exist among racial and ethnic groups, which could inform strategies to eliminate cancer health disparities. The award will be granted based on individual merit and the candidate's potential for long term impact in cancer disparity research.

The application deadline is Jan. 15, 2021.

To apply, please see the [flyer](#).



THE NATIONAL LGBTQ SCHOLARSHIP FUND

### **(NEW) The Point Scholarship**

Point Foundation (Point) is the nation's largest higher education scholarship-granting organization for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ) students. Point's multifaceted support of its scholarship recipients ("scholars") extends far beyond direct financial contribution toward the cost of their education. Each scholar is paired with a mentor and participates in leadership development programs and events.

The application deadline is Jan. 27, 2021.

To apply, please visit the [website](#).

## ***EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES***

**(NEW)** [Chief Officer for Scientific Workforce Diversity](#), National Institutes of Health (NIH)

**(NEW)** [Post-Doctoral Fellow](#), Virginia Commonwealth University, Virginia Commonwealth University Massey Cancer Center

[Cancer Epidemiologist](#), University of Iowa College of Public Health, Holden Comprehensive Cancer Center

[Assistant/Associate Professors](#), Blavatnik Institute/Life Sciences, Harvard Medical School

[C-TIDE Post-Doctoral Fellow](#), University of Miami Miller School of Medicine, Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center

[Computational Scientist I](#), Cancer Genomics Research Laboratory (CGR), National Cancer Institute

[Post-Doctoral Fellow](#), Division of Health Equities, Beckman Research Institute, City of Hope Medical Center

[Faculty Member](#), Department of Health Behavior and Policy, Virginia Commonwealth University

[Faculty Member](#), Department of Health Outcomes & Behavior, H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center & Research Institute

[Health Economist](#), Healthcare Assessment Research Branch, National Cancer Institute

[Medical Officer](#), Health Systems and Interventions Research Branch, National Cancer Institute

[USAJOBS - Various Positions](#),  
Varying locations, Domestic & International

## ***FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES***

### **(NEW) AACR-Bristol Myers Squibb Midcareer Female Investigator Grant**



The AACR-Bristol Myers Squibb Midcareer Female Investigator Grant represents a joint effort to encourage and support mid-career female physician-scientists and researchers to conduct immuno-oncology research and to foster their career advancement toward becoming a senior investigator. Research projects may be translational and/or clinical in nature with a focus on immuno-oncology.

The grant provides \$225,000 over three years for expenses related to the research project, which may include salary and benefits of the grant recipient and any collaborators, postdoctoral or clinical research fellows, graduate students, and/or research assistants; research/laboratory supplies; equipment; publication charges for manuscripts that pertain directly to the funded project; and other research expenses (indirect costs are not permitted).

To apply, please visit the [website](#).  
To access a full list of current AACR funding opportunities, click [here](#).

**[\(NEW\) Funding Opportunity Announcement: Administrative Supplements for Research on Sexual and Gender Minority \(SGM\) Populations](#)** | Applications are due January 25, 2021

**[Funding Opportunity Announcement: Health Services Research on Minority Health and Health Disparities \(R01- Clinical Trial Optional\)](#)**  
| Applications are due November 27, 2020; March 17, 2021; November 17, 2021; March 17, 2022; November 17 2022; February 17, 2023

**[Funding Opportunity Announcement: Tobacco Control Policies to Promote Health Equity \(R01 Clinical Trial Optional\)](#)** | Applications are due November 12, 2020

**[Notice of Special Interest: Alzheimer's-focused administrative supplements for NIH grants that are not focused on Alzheimer's disease](#)**  
| Applications are due October 16, 2020

### **F99/K00: The NCI Predoc to Postdoc Transition Award Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) to be issued in November**



The NCI Predoctoral to Postdoctoral Fellow Transition (F99/K00) Award supports outstanding Ph.D. and other Research Doctoral candidates complete their dissertation research training (F99 phase) and transition in a timely manner to mentored, cancer-focused postdoctoral career development research positions (K00 phase).

For more information please click [here](#).

**[2021 SBIR Contract Solicitation](#)** | Application dates vary ([Apply to the Expert SBIR/STTR Application Assistance Program!](#))

**[Faculty Institutional Recruitment for Sustainable Transformation \(FIRST\)](#)**  
| Application dates vary

**[Funding Opportunity Announcement: Research Supplements to Promote Diversity in Health-Related Research \(Admin Supp - Clinical Trial Not Allowed\)](#)** | Application dates vary

**[Funding Opportunity Announcement: Mechanisms and Consequences of Sleep Disparities in the U.S. \(R01 - Clinical Trial Not Allowed\)](#)**  
| Applications are due July 14, 2020; July 14, 2021; July 14, 2022

**[Funding Opportunity Announcement: Basic Research in Cancer Health Disparities \(R01 and R21\)](#)** | Applications are due June 19, 2020; November 19, 2020

**[Funding Opportunity Announcement: Research to Reduce Morbidity and Improve Care for Pediatric, and Adolescent and Young Adult \(AYA\) Cancer Survivors \(R01 and R21 - Clinical Trial Optional\)](#)** | First available due date - June 30, 2020





## NIMHD Exploratory/Developmental Research Grant Program (R21 - Clinical Trial Optional)

NIMHD invites applications to support short-term exploratory or developmental research projects that have the potential to break new ground in the fields of minority health and/or health disparities or extend previous discoveries toward new directions or applications that can directly contribute to improving minority health and/or reducing health disparities in the U.S.

**Open Date (Earliest Submission Date): May 16, 2020**  
For more information please visit the [website](#).

[Research Career Development Awards \(K-Series\)](#) - National Institutes of Health (NIH). **Application deadlines vary**

[NIH Loan Repayment Programs \(LRPs\)](#). **Application deadlines vary**

**Social Epigenomics Research Focused on Minority Health and Health Disparities (R01- Clinical Trial Not Allowed)** | Applications are due November 8, 2021 | [PAR-19-372](#)

**NCI Mechanisms of Disparities in Etiology and Outcomes of Lung Cancer in the US: The Role of Risk and Protective Factors (NEW) (R01 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)** | Applications are due March 4, 2021 | [PAR-19-018](#)

**NCI Mechanisms of Disparities in Etiology and Outcomes of Lung Cancer in the US: The Role of Risk and Protective Factors (NEW) (R21 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)** | Applications are due March 4, 2021 | [PAR-19-019](#)

Looking for additional [funding opportunities](#)? A full list of CRCHD funding opportunities as well as select NIH opportunities is available online.

## NCI's Research Interests to Improve Interprofessional Teamwork and Coordination During Cancer Diagnosis and Treatment

This [NOSI](#) highlights the Healthcare Delivery Research Program's interest in receiving investigator-initiated grant applications focused on understanding and improving interprofessional teamwork and coordination during cancer diagnosis and treatment.

Research encouraged through this NOSI includes, but is not limited to, studies that

- Identify modifiable features of **care team structure** (e.g., care team composition or organization), associated with differences in cancer care quality and patient outcomes.
- Identify modifiable features of **care team processes** (e.g., decision making, communication, coordination behaviors, collaboration, leadership) associated with differences in cancer care quality and patient outcomes.
- Identify **characteristics at the patient, caregiver, care team, delivery organization, health system, and/or community levels** that influence the functioning and effectiveness of interprofessional cancer care teams.
- Develop and test interventions designed to improve cancer care quality and patient outcomes by **modifying the structure and/or functioning** of interprofessional teams.
- Develop and test interventions designed to improve cancer care quality and patient outcomes by **engaging patients and caregivers** as members of their cancer care team.

### Application and Submission Information

This NOSI applies to due dates on or after **September 25, 2019 through January 8, 2022**. Applications related to this NOSI may be submitted using the following funding opportunity announcements or future reissuances:

- [PAR-18-869](#) Modular R01s in Cancer Control and Population Sciences (R01 Clinical Trial Optional)
- [PAR-18-559](#) Cancer Prevention and Control Clinical Trials Grant Program (R01 Clinical Trial Required)
- [PA-19-056](#) NIH Research Project Grant (Parent R01 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)

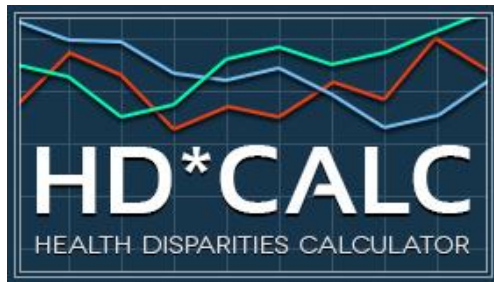
## BEST PRACTICES & RESOURCES



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Our resources include mentor certification, professional development webinars, a social networking platform called MyNRMN, and facilitator certification through the Center for the Improvement of Mentored Experiences in Research (CIMER)

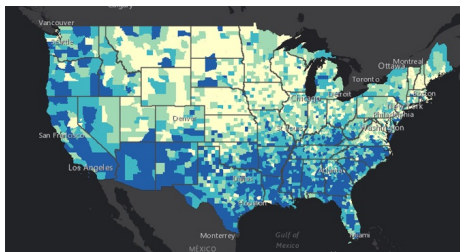
For more information, please view the [flyer](#).



To download the new Health Disparities Calculator 2.0, please visit the following [website](#).

### Health Disparities Calculator 2.0

The Health Disparities Calculator (HD\*Calc) is statistical software designed to generate multiple summary measures to evaluate and monitor health disparities (HD). HD\*Calc was created as an extension of [SEER\\*Stat](#) that allows the user to import SEER data or other population-based health data, such as National Health Survey sample data from the National Health Interview Survey (NHIS) or the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS), and calculate any of eleven disparity measures.



### Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Social Vulnerability Index

Social vulnerability refers to the resilience of communities when confronted by external stresses on human health, stresses such as natural or human-caused disasters, or disease outbreaks. Reducing social vulnerability can decrease both human suffering and economic loss. CDC's Social Vulnerability Index uses 15 U.S. census variables at tract level to help local officials identify communities that may need support in preparing for hazards; or recovering from disaster.

The Geospatial Research, Analysis, and Services Program (GRASP) created and maintains CDC's Social Vulnerability Index. For more information visit [here](#).

- [PhenX Social Determinants of Health Assessments Collection](#)
- [The Diversity–Innovation Paradox in Science](#)
- [Differences in Stage of Cancer at Diagnosis, Treatment, and Survival by Race and Ethnicity Among Leading Cancer Types](#)

- [2020 AACR Annual Report](#)
- [AACR Cancer Progress Report 2020](#)
- [AACR Cancer Disparities Progress Report 2020](#)
- [Cancer Health Disparities | Did You Know?](#) - NCI
- [Promoting Yourself, Your Research and the New NIH Biosketch.](#)
- [NIH Biosketch](#) - What is new in the New Biosketch?
- NIH Tips on [Writing Your Grant Application](#)
- Find Funded NIH Projects - [NIH Reporter](#)
- [Cancer Health Disparities Definitions](#) - NCI
- [Public Health Employment Connection](#) - Updated Job Opportunities Nationwide
- [Jobs @ NIH](#) - Explore jobs and training opportunities
- [Colorado Health Literacy Coalition](#)
- [Communicate Health](#)
- [Health Literacy Media](#)
- [Health Literacy Research Conference](#)
- [Institute of Healthcare Advancement \(IHA\)](#)
- [National Academy of Sciences: Roundtable on Health Literacy](#)
- [Wisconsin Health Literacy](#)

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