



## **DREAM SCHOLARS PROGRAM**

**Application Due Date – August 1, 2018**

The Center for Clinical and Translational Science (CCTS) at the University of Kentucky, in collaboration with the College of Nursing and the Center for Health Equity Transformation (CHET), will launch the Disparities Researchers Equalizing Access for Minorities (DREAM) Scholars Program in September, 2018. The program will support the training of exceptional under-represented minority Predocs, Post-docs and Assistant Professors who are committed to health equity research. Five Scholars and 5 Associates will be selected from a competitive application process.

### **Description:**

The DREAM Scholars Program will provide access to a solid foundation in career development and core human subject's research, with an emphasis on health equity research methods (e.g. Community based participatory research, Dissemination and Implementation). The duration of the program is 2 years.

DREAM Scholars and Associates will be required to participate in twice monthly 1 ½ hour meetings that will be comprised of research and career development seminars and opportunities to present chalk talks and works in progress. Scholars will be expected to produce scholarly products, such as abstracts, manuscripts and grant submissions. Scholars and Associates will attend an annual 2-day writing retreat.

### **Support Provided:**

The DREAM Scholars Program doesn't provide salary support; however, the 5 Scholars will receive up to \$5,000 in pilot funding during the 2-year program (\$2,500 yearly) and up to \$3,000 of travel funds to attend or present at a national research or career development conference. Progress in the program will be reviewed annually. Contingent upon satisfactory progress in the program, and available funding, Scholars will be supported for two years.

## **Eligibility Requirements:**

Applicants must be in good standing (academic and/or professional). US citizenship is not required. Applications from all groups are accepted, however priority will be given to applicants who are underrepresented minorities in research, defined as African Americans, Hispanic Americans, Native Americans/Alaska Natives who maintain tribal affiliation or community attachment, Hawaiian Natives and natives of the U.S. Pacific Islands, and sexual and gender minorities.

## **Selection Process:**

Five applicants who display the highest potential for success will be selected as DREAM Scholars. Five applicants with meritorious applications will be selected as DREAM Scholar Associates. The selection will primarily be based on the applicant's potential to develop into a successful health equity researcher. The following will be considered: academic qualifications, training background, mentor's record of successful mentoring, applicant's previous research performance record (i.e. graduate research assistantships and accomplishments (manuscripts, abstracts, presentations, honors/awards), and leadership skills as evidenced by previous leadership roles. Following application review, the highly meritorious applicants will be invited for an interview.

## **Application Process:**

Please complete the [electronic application form](#). All documents listed below must be uploaded into the application form as a single PDF file. **Completed applications must be submitted electronically by 11:59pm on Wednesday August 1, 2018.**

- Applicant's Resume or CV
- Mentor Letter of Support: 1-page letter from research mentor committing to a 2-year mentoring relationship and describing previous mentoring success.
- Mentor's CV
- A mentor-approved Career Development/Research Plan: 2-page document completed using Arial, font size 11 that outlines the applicant's short and long-term research and career goals, research topic focus, scholarly productivity timeline (pilot funding, abstract and manuscript submission plans); and a brief description of how the DREAM Scholars Program fits into the applicant's future research/career development.
- Letter of support from the chair/program director of the applicant's academic unit/program that describes applicant's academic/professional

standing and Chair/Director's support of program participation with sufficient effort for scholarly activity.

**Questions:**

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