FIU-RCMI Investigator Development Pilot Project Grant Program: 2020-2021 Grant Cycle Announcement

Open information session will be held:
August 29, 2019 @ 2:00pm, FIU MMC, ACH5 Room 300

Funder: Florida International University through a $13.1 million National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities (NIMHD) Research Center for Minority Institutions Grant

Program: FIU-RCMI Pilot Grant Program for Early Career Investigators in Health Disparities Research

Purpose: To provide a pilot project and mentoring program to assist promising early career (post-doctoral fellows, assistant professors) investigators in career development in health disparities research, with a focus on obtaining pilot data and publications in preparation for external peer-reviewed grant funding (e.g., R21, R01). The FIU-RCMI Pilot Grant Program trains early career investigators for successfully competing for peer-reviewed grant funding focused on minority health and the elimination of health disparities.

Awards: Annually, the FIU-RCMI provides up to five pilot project grant awards of up to $50,000 each. For the 2020-2021 Grant Cycle, awards will be for a 1-year period commencing on July 1, 2020.

Application: Application to the program requires: 1) submission and pre-approval of a preliminary application and Specific Aims of the proposed study; 2) attendance to a pilot grant development workshop series (five 90-minute sessions during Fall 2019 semester); and 3) submission of full grant proposal.

Eligibility: Any FIU postdoctoral fellow, assistant professor, assistant scholar/research scientist, or equivalent at FIU, as long as they have not previously served as PI or MPI of an R or K grant from NIH (e.g. R03, R15, R21, R01). Women and people from U.S. minority groups are especially encouraged to apply.

Topics of interest: Any health problem disproportionately affecting a minority group. Racial and ethnic minority groups, rural populations, populations with low socioeconomic status, and other marginalized and medically underserved minority populations persistently experience higher than average rates of illness, impairment, and death. These types of disadvantages in health and longevity suffered by minority groups are referred to as health disparities. All FIU-RCMI Pilot Projects must address health disparities.

Deadlines:
Preliminary application and Specific Aims submission deadline: 09/30/2019
Grant proposal submission deadline: 01/13/2020

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