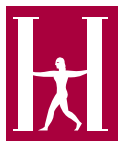




# HACU-DHHS

Professions Capacity Building Program



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For more than ten years, faculty and staff at Hispanic-Serving Institutions (HSIs) have participated in the HACU-DHHS Professions Capacity Building Program. Through a cooperative agreement, the program is offered by the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (HACU) with support from the National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities (NCMHD) and administered by the Office of Minority Health (OMH). HACU's Office of Capacity Building and Leadership manages the program.

The HACU-DHHS program was initiated in 1999 as a commitment from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to build the capacity of HSIs and their faculty to become more competitive in the procurement of federal grants and contracts in the health sciences field.

The NCMHD and OMH are particularly interested in increasing participation of minority institutions and their faculty in research grant efforts that focus on the following: improving the health of minority populations, disease prevention and health promotion activities.

2008 HACU-DHHS program participants



## PROGRAM GOALS

The HACU-DHHS program is intended to strengthen the capacity of HSIs to secure and retain funding for biomedical and health services research, and other sponsored programs.

The program provides grants-administration training and workshops about post-award management and institutional compliance. Participation by the Office of Sponsored Program (OSPR) or grants office staff is intended to enhance the campus infrastructure for the receipt, distribution, and effective management of external funds provided by the federal government.

## PROGRAM COMPONENTS

The program provides skills development through three program components:

- Workshop presentations
- Experiential training
- Participation in an online course

The workshop presentations are held in San Antonio, TX and Bethesda, MD, during the summer.

The Bethesda workshop presentations include a visit to the National Institutes of Health (NIH) where NIH staff host a multi-day session that includes an overview of the NIH, its various agencies, and NIH training and research funding opportunities.

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## DHHS-HACU PROFESSIONS CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAM

This program is a research enhancement initiative to assist HSI faculty and staff who apply to related grants on behalf of their institution.

### ELIGIBILITY

#### Faculty

- Entry-level from Biological Sciences, Social Sciences, and/or allied health programs from a two-year or four-year HSI
- Minimal grant proposal development/writing experience
- Interest in health disparities research (preferred)

#### Staff

- Staff of Office of Sponsored Research Program (or its equivalent) from a two-year or four-year HSI
- Actively involved in pre- and/or post-award day-to-day administration
- Long-term career interests in research administration

### HOW TO APPLY

For detailed instructions on application process and to submit an online application, visit [www.hacu.net](http://www.hacu.net) (select Programs, DHHS-HACU Professions Capacity Building Program).

Items you needed to complete application are:

- Application (completed online)
- Resumé or Curriculum Vitae (submitted via e-mail)
- 500-750 word essay (submitted via e-mail)



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## OFFICE OF CAPACITY BUILDING INITIATIVES

The Office of Capacity Building and Leadership at HACU manages projects funded by federal agencies, corporations and foundations to support HSIs. Project areas include research capacity building, higher education leadership development, and technical assistance training.

### ABOUT HACU

HACU was established in 1986 with a founding membership of eighteen institutions. Today, HACU represents more than 400 colleges and universities committed to Hispanic higher education success in the U.S., Puerto Rico, Latin America, Spain and Portugal. HACU is the only national educational association that represents Hispanic-Serving Institutions (HSIs). Thousands of young Hispanics have benefitted from HACU internships, scholarships, college retention and advancement programs, precollegiate support, and career development opportunities and programs.

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