



DC Baltimore Center for Health Disparities Research

Request for Consultative Resources Applications

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Deadlines: September 15, 2014

In an effort to provide a “home” for investigators in the field of child health disparities research, the DC-Baltimore Research Center on Child Health Disparities is establishing a Child Health Disparities Consortium (hereafter referred to as “the Consortium”). The Consortium consists of the following participating institutions – Children’s National Medical Center, Johns Hopkins University Division of General Pediatrics and Adolescent Medicine, DC Developmental Center for AIDS Research, Georgetown-Howard University Center for Translational Sciences, Howard University College of Pharmacy, Nursing and Allied Sciences, Howard University College of Medicine Department of Pediatrics and the George Washington University School of Medicine and Health Sciences. As part of the Consortium, we are establishing a team of consultative experts to serve as advisors to consortium participants, particularly trainees and junior faculty members.

The purpose of this RFA is to solicit applications from trainees and junior faculty members who seek guidance from consultative experts within the interest area of child health disparities research. Requests may pertain to any aspect of child health disparities research (pre-study stage, active study stage, and post-study stage). This includes but is not limited to formulating research aims and matching designs, addressing questions about the IRB process, offering guidance regarding administrative steps associated with submissions of government and foundation grants, and writing manuscripts. For the 2013-14 cycle, approximately ten requests, up to \$1000 each will be funded.

Applicants can request consultative expert support in one of two ways:

1. Limited fee-for-service consultation on specific research project support requests (i.e. biostatistics consultation, specific aims review, study design consultation, grant proposal pre-submission review, manuscript review) – please contact Center staff for specifics.
2. Broader, time-limited (6-months) expert guidance on research projects or proposals (maximum one hour/week – subject to expert availability)

Below are a list of potential consultative experts and their area of focus. Applicants are not required to limit their request to resources noted on the list. If applicants have identified other potential experts who have agreed to provide guidance they may list them in the application along with their contact information and biosketch so staff can confirm their agreement to participate. Applicants are encouraged to contact Center staff for assistance with identification of experts, as needed.

CONSULTANT EXPERTS		
Name	Expertise	Affiliation
Fernando Mendoza, MD	Latino Health	Stanford University School of Medicine
Lee Pachter, DO	Cultural Competency, Minority Health	Drexel University College of Medicine
Anjali Jain, MD	Obesity, Autism	The Lewin Group
Jacky Jennings, PhD	Social Determinants of Health, Epidemiology/Biostatistics	Center for Child and Community Health Research, Division of General Pediatrics and Adolescent Medicine , Johns Hopkins University
Lolita McDavid, MD	Child Advocacy, Child Abuse & Neglect	
Jill Joseph, MD, PhD	Child Health Disparities	UC Davis School of Nursing
Nathaniel Beers, MD	School Health	DC Department of Health
Rachel Moon	Quantitative & Qualitative Methods and Intervention Research	Children's National Medical Center
Lisa DeCamp	Research with Latinos including advice on translation, transcription, engagement and implementation	Johns Hopkins Center of Excellence in Latino Health
Sarah Polk	Research with Latinos including advice on translation, transcription, engagement and implementation	Johns Hopkins Center of Excellence in Latino Health
Tomas Silber	Bioethics	Children's National Medical Center
Stephen Teach	Community-based asthma research	Children's National Medical Center
Maria Trent, MD, MPH	Quality improvement & cost, randomized clinical trials, and research with adolescents/young adults with a focus urban youth, reproductive health /sexually transmitted diseases/technology in research interventions	Johns Hopkins University
John Van den Anker	Pediatric Clinical Research & Pediatric Clinical Pharmacology	Children's National Medical Center

Eligibility: Applicants must have a PhD, MD, or equivalent doctoral level degree. This program is primarily intended to support fellowship trainees and junior faculty members (Assistant Professor and Early Stage/New Investigators) at any of the DC Baltimore Center for Health Disparities Research Consortium institutions (Children's National Medical Center, George Washington University, Howard University School of Medicine, and Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine). Applications from established investigators with a previous history of R01 funding (or the equivalent) will not be considered.

Due to federal funding restrictions, only U.S. citizens or non-citizen nationals, or individuals lawfully admitted for permanent residence who have a currently valid Permanent Resident Card (USCIS Form I-551), or some other verification of legal admission as a permanent resident prior to the time of award, are eligible for Center for Child Health Disparities consultative expertise funding.

Application Process:

To complete the application process, submit one document with the following information. The use of portable document format (PDF) with the following naming format is required. Name the document

with your last name, first initial and followed by “Disparities2014” (example: SmithA Disparities2014). Unless otherwise indicated, use NIH continuation pages; use Arial 11 and 1/2” margins.

1) A maximum two-page (one inch margins, 11 font minimum) request statement to include the following:

- a. Title of the proposed research project or manuscript
- b. Summary of applicant’s background, including a summary of his/her research/academic career, plan for career development and how this funding will advance those efforts
- b. Brief description of the proposed research study that includes, as appropriate, hypotheses, specific aims, and general experimental approach
- c. Description of how successful completion of the project will result in a proposal for extramural funding or publication

Include a description of how this request may facilitate the submission of a grant proposal or manuscript submission

2) A maximum ½ page justification for consultative support request (i.e. limited funding for biostatistical support, independent grant review)

3) NIH Biographical Sketch (Rev. 06/09) for the proposed PI, mentor/consultative expert (if not from list above) and collaborators. NIH Biographical Sketch, see
<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/phs398/phs398.h>

4) Brief explanation of proposed use of funds. Applicants are encouraged to contact Drs. Horn (ibhorn@gmail.com) or Moon (rmoon@childrensnational.org) for assistance in preparing this portion of the application.

Review Process: The Center Research Committee will serve as a Scientific Review Group to oversee and assess the merit of all applications. Applicant eligibility and whether or not the project meets the stated definition of child health disparities research will be assessed.

After considering the eligibility criteria, the committee will rank proposals and recommend to the Center Co-Principal Investigators which of the applications will be funded. Final application funding decisions will be determined by expert agreement to participate.

Please contact Ivor Horn, MD, MPH (ibhorn@gmail.com) with questions.