

# Center to Reduce Cancer Health Disparities

### EXPLORATORY GRANT AWARD TO PROMOTE WORKFORCE DIVERSITY IN BASIC CANCER RESEARCH (R21)

#### Overview

This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) invites applications from investigators from diverse populations with interest in research projects focused on the basic biology of cancer. This FOA is also designed to improve the diversity of the research workforce by supporting and recruiting eligible investigators from groups that have been shown to be underrepresented.

#### Mechanisms of Support/Awards

The R21 award mechanism will be supported by this funding opportunity. The total project period for applications using the R21 award mechanism may not exceed 2 years; direct costs are limited to \$275,000 over a 2-year period, with no more than \$200,000 in direct costs allowed in any single year. Exploratory/developmental grant support is for new projects only; competing renewal (formerly competing continuation) applications will not be accepted.

#### Research Objectives

Research applications should focus on basic cancer research and cancer health disparities, consistent with the research interests of both the Division of Cancer Biology (DCB), and the Center to Reduce Cancer Health Disparities (CRCHD).

#### AT A GLANCE

**Submission Deadline:**  
June 22; November 30, yearly

**Eligibility:**  
Investigators from diverse backgrounds

**Award Budget:**  
\$275,000 direct costs for up to 2 years;  
no more than \$200,000 in any given year

The R21 mechanism is intended to encourage new exploratory and developmental research projects. These studies may involve considerable risk but may lead to a breakthrough in a particular area or to the development of novel techniques, agents, methodologies, models, or applications that could have a major impact on a field of biomedical, behavioral, or clinical research. Research topics may include, but are not limited to, the following examples:

- Cell transformation, proliferation, or inhibition of cell death
- DNA damage/repair and related molecular, cytogenetic, epigenetic, and chromosomal effects
- Biological and chemical carcinogens and their properties, and mechanisms of oncogenesis and carcinogenesis
- Immune response to tumors and hematopoietic differentiation.

**For the full text of this PAR, visit:**

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-15-053.html> (R21)



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### Eligibility Requirements

Any individuals from diverse populations that have been shown to be underrepresented in biomedical, behavioral, clinical, and/or social sciences are eligible. Such candidates include individuals from underrepresented racial and ethnic groups as well as individuals with disabilities with the skills, knowledge, and resources necessary to carry out the proposed research.

### Review

Applications will be evaluated for completeness by the Center for Scientific Review Group, NIH. Reviewers will provide an overall impact/priority score to reflect their assessment of the likelihood that the candidate will maintain a strong research program, in consideration of the five core review criteria and additional review criteria. An application does not need to be strong in all categories to have a major impact. Review assignments will be shown in the eRA Commons.

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