The Brown University Clinical and Community-Based HIV/AIDS Research Training Fellowship (CCRT)

Brown University and The Miriam Hospital host an educational and mentoring program to promote training in clinical research for new investigators from underrepresented racial and ethnic groups. This program aims to train new investigators, particularly African Americans and Hispanics, in clinical research with a focus on HIV/AIDS, substance abuse, mental illness, correctional health, global health and health disparities. We have a keen interest in training investigators in reducing HIV/AIDS disparities through community engagement and participatory research.

We accept applicants with an MD or PhD degree, other doctoral degree, or individuals currently enrolled in doctoral programs related to the health sciences or health professions. We also accept applications from junior faculty members. We do not have opportunities for individuals pursuing a Master’s degree who do not yet have another terminal degree.

This grant provides support for trainees over two years, which includes tuition for two courses of the Brown Summer Institute for Clinical and Translational Research that will take place tentatively in June 2017. This three-week course is a mandatory component of the fellowship. There is no salary support for trainees; however, trainees can receive support for travel to scientific meetings, additional research training, and potential pilot project funding for projects that have received full IRB approval and have been submitted and approved by the CCRT executive committee.

The fellowship includes didactic training in clinical research as well as structured mentoring with a Brown University faculty member. The goal of the program is for trainees to develop successful research careers in the area of HIV/AIDS and health disparities as evidenced by abstracts, publications and grant support.

The CCRT application consists of:
- The Personal Information Sheet (must be requested)
- Applicant’s CV
- A two-page statement on applicant’s Research Goals
- A one-page statement on why the CCRT fellowship in particular is appropriate (this should include a statement on the applicant’s research mentor)
- Three letters of reference

For more information about the program, contact Eileen Wright at eileen_wright@brown.edu or visit http://brownr25fellowship.wordpress.com/about/.

For more information about the Summer Institute, visit http://www.brown.edu/academics/public-health/summer-and-continuing.