

# Recent NHLBI RFAs on Obesity & Obesity-related Behaviors:

- **RFA HL-08-007:** Targeted Approaches to Weight Control for Young Adults (U01) – *now closed (receipt date October 10, 2008)*
- **RFA HL-08-013:** Translating Basic Behavioral and Social Science Discoveries into Interventions to Reduce Obesity: Centers for Behavioral Intervention Development (U01) -- *now closed (receipt date January 13, 2009)*
- **RFA HL-10-004:** Childhood Obesity Prevention and Treatment Research Consortium (U01)
- **RFA HL-10-005:** Childhood Obesity Prevention and Treatment Research Coordinating Unit (U01)
- *Receipt date: October 6, 2009*
- *NHLBI Program Officer: Dr. Charlotte Pratt, CAPB/DPPS*

# NHLBI's Summer Institute Program to Increase Diversity (SIPID)

**What:** An all-expense-paid research career advancement opportunity to improve the recruitment and retention of faculty from disabled and underrepresented minority groups in the study of heart, lung, blood, and sleep disorders.

**Who:** Junior faculty and scientists from minority population groups that are underrepresented in the sciences and/or with disabilities.

**Where:** 3 programs are offered for Summer, 2009:

**Genetic epidemiology (Washington University in St. Louis, MO)**

**Functional Genomics of Blood Disorders (University of Texas at Dallas, TX)**

**Cardiovascular Health Disparities (SUNY Downstate, Brooklyn, NY)**

**How:** Participants attend 1 to 3-week sessions during two consecutive summers, with a short mid-year visit. Program features include:

- Mentor-mentee partnerships with matching based on common research interests
- Didactic curricula involving faculty and mentors from multiple disciplines with hands-on training
- Development of grantsmanship skills, with mentors assisting mentees 1-on-1 to develop specific research projects & NHLBI program staff providing a grants workshop & 1-on-1 assistance

***Applications due April 1, 2009 – see <http://www.biostat.wustl.edu/sipid/sipid.html>***

**NHLBI Job Vacancy Announcement**  
**Program Director / Health Scientist Administrator**  
**Clinical Applications and Prevention Branch**  
**Division of Prevention and Population Sciences**

The NHLBI's Division of Prevention and Population Sciences (DPPS) is going through an exciting period of expansion!

The DPPS supports, conducts, and initiates population, community, laboratory, and clinic-based research on the causes, prevention, and clinical care of cardiovascular (CV) diseases.

We are seeking doctoral level scientists with expertise in intervention research in the following areas:

- role of nutrition, physical activity and other behavioral factors (e.g., smoking) in the primary and secondary prevention of CV disease;
- prevention and treatment of obesity and other risk factors related to cardiovascular disease;
- community based approaches to primary or secondary prevention of CV disease.

This position is anticipated to be formally announced in several weeks. For further information, please contact Marianna Merts, PhD, Strategic Recruitment Program Lead, at (301) 496-1763 [merttsm@nhlbi.nih.gov](mailto:merttsm@nhlbi.nih.gov) or visit the NHLBI Jobs webpage at

<http://www.nhlbi.nih.gov/about/jobs/>

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