Cancer Related Health Disparities Training Program

This T32 fellowship program seeks to train researchers who are prepared to develop, test, and disseminate interventions in both clinical and community settings to reduce cancer related health disparities among underresourced populations. The program also intends to enhance the diversity of the research workforce in this area by specifically recruiting individuals from underrepresented/underresourced populations. This joint program between the Medical School and School of Public Health offers training to predoctoral (PhD), and postdoctoral fellows. This T32 is a NIH/NCI–Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award, Institutional Research Training Grant. (PI: Kola Okuyemi, MD, MPH).

This program is innovative in focusing on interventions to reduce cancer disparities; in focusing on education and experience in community-engaged research; and in providing mentoring by community members who can provide cultural mentoring and partnership in all aspects of research. Fellows will be involved in ongoing studies having existing databases and will also initiate research, including data collection and analysis, on their own.

The program offers training for up to three Predoctoral fellows who must be accepted in one of several University of Minnesota PhD programs, as well as up to three Postdoctoral fellows with MD, PhD, or equivalent degrees.

Availability

- **Current** Fellowship Openings:
  - Three (3) Predoctoral fellowship positions: Applications are due by 5pm on Friday, Nov 18, 2016, for fellowships beginning on or before Jan. 12, 2017.
  - Three (3) Postdoctoral fellowship positions: Applications are due by 5pm on Friday, Dec 16, 2016, for positions beginning on or before Jan. 12, 2017.

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Fellowship Length

- Predoctoral positions: up to 3 year appointment
- Postdoctoral positions: 2 year appointment

The Fellowship Experience

- Trainees will engage in research that focuses on developing, testing and evaluating interventions in both clinical and community settings to reduce cancer-related inequities among underrepresented and underresourced populations (broadly defined here to include race, ethnicity, immigration status, age, income, geography, gender, sexual orientation, etc).
- Trainees will receive interdisciplinary training through two required core courses, a monthly seminar, and a writing workshop. They will participate actively in research.
- The fellowship provides exceptional educational and career development opportunities, including both academic and community mentors. The Fellow will collaborate with a dynamic, federally funded, multi-disciplinary team of investigators including psychologists, physicians, epidemiologists, and statisticians, and with cultural community organizations with a history of community-university research partnerships to address community-identified problems.
- The fellowship can be tailored to suit the individual's training requirements with opportunities for teaching experience, clinical and community-based work, authorship on relevant manuscripts, collaborative grant writing experience, and rigorous independent grant submission. There is also support for conference travel and other training experiences.

Eligibility

- Applicants must be US citizens, US noncitizen nationals, or permanent residents. (Individuals on temporary or student visas are not eligible for Kirschstein-NRSA support.)
- Preferred candidates will have experience working with community-based organizations.
- Interest and experience within cancer related health disparities research is preferred.
- Criteria for selection of all trainees include academic performance and a career orientation toward independent research in an academic, clinical, or public health setting related to cancer and health disparities.
- Trainees must be able to commit full-time effort in the program at the time of appointment.

- Predoctoral fellows will typically have a master's degree or equivalent degree in a biologic or behavioral discipline and must be accepted into a PhD program in the UMN School of Public Health.

- Postdoctoral trainees must have earned a doctoral degree (MD, PhD, etc.) in any of the following disciplines: medicine, behavioral science, epidemiology, health education, health services research, sociology, anthropology, clinical, social or counseling psychology or a related discipline.
- Preferred Post doc candidates will have experience and peer-reviewed publications in above disciplines.

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Application Process

- Download and complete application:
  https://familymedicine.umn.edu/sites/familymedicine.umn.edu/files/cancer-related-health-disparities-training-program-application-110116.docx
- Obtain names/contact information for three (3) references
- Submit application and CV:
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Stipend & Benefits

Stipend
Stipends are based on current NIH-approved levels and years of postdoctoral experience. For current stipend information, go to http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-16-047.html
[Note that there is a potential payback requirement for postdoctoral fellows who take non-research positions prior to the end of two years.]

Tuition
The amount of tuition covered by the training program is subject to the actual NIH award. Support is provided for predoctoral fellows, and, is partially available for postdoc coursework.

Other Training-Related Expenses
Reimbursement for textbooks and other required course materials, as well as certain other research-related expenses, on a pre-approval basis.

Health Insurance
Predoctoral and postdoctoral fellows are encouraged and eligible to secure the Graduate Assistant Health Plan for single coverage through the University of Minnesota (trainees pay 5%): http://www.shb.umn.edu/twincities/graduate-assistants.htm.
If preferred, fellows can find their own health insurance provider and the program will reimburse them for an amount up to the Graduate Assistant Health Plan single coverage rate. Prior permission from the Program Coordinator is required.

Travel
Reimbursement of pre-approved travel expenses to one professional meeting per grant year. Maximum dollar amount is subject to the actual NIH award, approx. $1,400 annually.

Mentors
Trainees will each have 3 mentors: One from Medicine, Public health, and the community. Postdocs: This is a mutual choice between the fellow and program leadership.
Predocs: Advisor/mentor assignments are partially made by the Graduate Program with consultation from program leadership and the PhD student.

Evaluations
Annual requirements include performance evaluations, updates for Human Subjects documentation and T32 grant continuations/renewals.

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## Program Faculty

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Kathleen Call, PhD, Professor, Health Policy & Management
Susan Everson-Rose, PhD, MPH, Associate Professor, Department of Medicine
Rhonda Jones-Webb, DrPh, Professor, Epidemiology & Community Health

### Faculty Mentors:
The faculty mentors are a group of highly talented and successful cancer researchers who are quite multidisciplinary in their expertise spanning cancer biology, genetics, socio-behavioral, epidemiology, public health, medicine, medicine, health services, policy, community engagement, clinical, and translational spectrum of cancer research. Their academic homes include the Epidemiology and Community Health, Environmental Health Sciences, Biostatistics, and Health Policy & Management in the School of Public Health, and the Departments of Medicine, Family Medicine and Community Health, Psychiatry, Pediatrics, and Urology in the Medical School.

Their broad range of research interests include: alcohol and tobacco use prevention, nicotine dependence and smoking cessation; obesity, nutrition, and physical activity; stress and psychosocial risk factors in chronic disease; health care access and quality for disadvantaged populations; immigrant health, cancer therapies, and chemical carcinogens.

### Medical School faculty

1. Allen, Michele
2. Allen, Sharon
3. Beckman, Tiffany
4. Burgess, Diana
5. Everson-Rose, Susan
6. Fu, Steven
7. Gupta, Kalpna
8. Hatsukami, Dorothy
9. Joseph, Anne
10. Konety, Badrinath
11. Lange, Carol
12. Nanney, Susie
13. Okuyemi, Kola
14. Raymond, Nancy
15. Spector, Logan
16. Yee, Doug

### Public Health faculty

17. Alexander, Bruce
18. Call, Kathleen
19. Forster, Jean
20. French, Simone
21. Harwood, Eileen
22. Hennrikus, Deb
23. Horvath, Keith
24. Johnson, Pamela Jo
25. Jones-Webb, Rhonda

26. Laska, Melissa
27. Lazovich, DeAnn
28. Le, Chap
29. Nelson, Heather
30. Nelson, Toben
31. Oakes, Michael
32. Osypuk, Michael
33. Peterson, Lisa
34. Prizment, Anna
35. Rosser, Simon
36. Stepanov, Irina
37. College of Pharmacy:
   Tetryakova, Natalia

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Community Advisory Committee:

The Community Advisory Committee is comprised of leaders of various community organizations who have demonstrated a clear commitment to issues of health disparities especially cancer related, experience with community-engaged research, and commitment to training of diverse health professionals. Community mentors will provide perspectives and guidance from diverse community groups to help shape, implement, and evaluate the program and mentor predoctoral and postdoctoral fellows as they establish research relationships with community members and community-based organizations. Trainees will be matched with a community mentor to ensure they are prepared to conduct cancer related health disparities research in partnership with community members and community-based organizations; and to provide perspective on building respect and trust with communities, and sharing power and intellectual authority.

The University of Minnesota:

The University of Minnesota (UMN) is among the most comprehensive public universities in the United States and ranks among the most prestigious. It is Minnesota’s primary research as well as land-grant University with faculty of national and international reputation. The UMN Academic Health Center (AHC) comprises 6 health science schools (Medicine, Public Health, Nursing, Pharmacy, Dentistry, and Veterinary Medicine). The AHC is also home to the Masonic Cancer Center, an NCI-designated Comprehensive Cancer Center.

The Twin Cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul are vibrant communities, combining the best of metropolitan living with the beauty and peace of natural surroundings. The metropolitan area is culturally diverse, with significant populations of Somalis and other African immigrants and refugees, Latino communities, one of the largest urban American Indian populations, large settlements of Hmong and other Southeast Asian refugees, and African American communities. The Twin Cities is also home to a large LGBT community. These cultural communities contribute to a rich and exciting urban environment with a wide selection of cultural offerings including restaurants, theater, music and arts reflecting the diversity in this area.

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