

The Comprehensive San Diego State University/University of California San Diego (SDSU/UCSD) Cancer Center Partnership offers a full-time two or three year post-doctoral training program in cancer disparities. The purpose of this post-doctoral fellowship is to provide intensive, mentored, interdisciplinary research experience and training in the area of cancer disparities. Successful applicants will spend at least two years working with SDSU and/or UCSD Cancer Center faculty who have peer-reviewed, cancer research funding. Trainees will select a primary mentor based on their knowledge, previous experience, and research interests, and will remain with that mentor for the entire two years. Trainees will simultaneously work with a second mentor who takes a different discipline-perspective and approach to the same cancer research topic. Trainees who desire may also obtain an M.P.H. through the SDSU Graduate School of Public Health. Three trainees will be chosen to begin in September 2009.

Possible topics and mentors for these fellowships are varied. A list of these individuals, along with their primary research interests, can be found at

http://www.psychology.sdsu.edu/doctoral/Mentors_Cancer_Disparities.pdf

Training includes coursework specifically designed to facilitate cancer disparities research, training and experience in grant writing, and the opportunity to conduct independent research projects under the supervision of an experienced mentor.

The successful candidate shall have doctorate degree in any basic or applied social, behavioral, or population science including (but not limited to) Anthropology, Biostatistics, Communication, Economics, Epidemiology, Ethnic Studies, Nursing, Preventive Medicine, Psychology, Public Health, Social Work, Sociology, and Statistics. The stipend for 2009-2010 will be at least \$39,000, depending on experience; benefits are provided. The start date will be September 1, 2009.

To apply, the following materials are required:

- 1) A current Curriculum Vita summarizing your educational and research experience and qualifications;
- 2) A graduate-school transcript providing information on the courses you have taken and grades received, indicating the date on which you received or will receive a doctorate degree;
- 3) Three letters of recommendation describing your potential as a cancer disparities researcher, your prior preparation for such a career, and your cancer-research interests; and
- 4) A Cancer Disparities Research Statement describing what you would like to obtain from your participation in the program. This must include: A) a description of your career objectives and how this program will facilitate meeting those; B) a description of your cancer-disparities research area(s) of interest; C) the names of at least two (of our designated) mentors with whom your interests match and with whom you would like to work; D) a set of similarly well-matched, alternative set of mentors should your first choice(s) not be available; and E) whether you would intend to pursue the optional MPH in Health Promotion (for information purposes, not selection).

Applications will begin to be reviewed on April 15, 2009. Review will continue until all three positions are filled. Please forward all application materials in single envelope to:

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