**GOAL**
To enhance the diversity of the biomedical research workforce through summer institute programs offering *Research Experiences, Skills Development Courses*, and *Mentoring Experiences* for junior faculty and transitioning post-doctorates from diverse backgrounds to enable them to become competitive independent scientists.

**SUMMER INSTITUTE PROGRAMS**
Research topics vary by program but are centered on heart, lung, blood, and sleep disorders research; health disparities research relevant to heart, lung, blood, and sleep disorders; and relevant research methodologies and approaches specific to these areas.

Nine NHLBI-funded sites offering summer institute programs include:

- **Impact of Ancestry and Gender on Omics of Lung Diseases (AGOLD)**
- **Advanced Respiratory Research for Equity (AIRE)**
- **Behavioral and Sleep Medicine (BSM)**
- **Cardiovascular Disease Comorbidities, Genetics and Epidemiology (CVD-CGE)**
- **Cardiovascular Health-Related Research (CVD)**
- **Future Faculty of Cardiovascular Sciences (FOCUS)**
- **Functional and Translational Genomics of Blood Disorders (FTG)**
- **Obesity Health Disparities (OHD)**
- **Research in Implementation Science for Equity (RISE)**

**EXPERIENCE**
- Two consecutive summers
- Small Research Project awards to fund pilot projects
- Didactic courses
- Grant writing skills and training
- Hands-on and lab training

**GAINS**
- Establish long-term mentoring relationships
- Establish long-term collaborations
- Prioritize research perspectives
- Improve capacity to address health disparities
- Achieve research independence

**For Summer Institute Program**
**APPLICATIONS and Program URLs:**
https://pridecc.wustl.edu/

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