1. Complete Pre-Application Form
2. Upon request, complete Full Application which consists of:
   • Application Form
   • Curriculum Vitae
   • Summary of academic work or research experience in Biostatistics, Epidemiology, and Genetics
   • Statement of research interest in Cardiovascular Disease Comorbidities, Genetics and Epidemiology
   • Recommendation Form and Letters of support from Department Chair and Mentor or Colleague

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Programs to Increase Diversity Among Individuals Engaged in Health-Related Research

Summer Institute in Cardiovascular Disease Comorbidities, Genetics, and Epidemiology

Washington University in St. Louis, School of Medicine, offers an all-expense paid summer institute in Cardiovascular Disease Comorbidities, Genetics and Epidemiology initiated and funded by the NHLBI, for the purpose of increasing diversity in the biomedical research workforce.

The Summer Institute is designed to prepare the participants to work at the interface of cardiovascular disease comorbidities, genetics and epidemiology.

The program includes:
- Two 2-week summer sessions with didactic lectures and workshops in grant writing
- 2-3 day Mid-year meeting in St Louis for all participants and their mentors
- 2-3 day annual meeting with all PRIDE sites and NHLBI for networking and research presentations and training
- Excellent opportunity to develop research skills necessary for genetic dissection of cardiovascular disease and risk factors
- Opportunity to develop a network of collaborators and resources to conduct research in the cardiovascular disease comorbidities, genetics, and epidemiology

Prospective Participants

Junior faculty from a background that is underrepresented in biomedical sciences or those with a disability would qualify if:
- They have a research interest in Cardiovascular Disease Comorbidities, Genetics and Epidemiology
- They have an interest in developing an independent research career

Core Curriculum

- Survey Lectures such as: Primer in Bioinformatics; Primer in Epidemiology; Grant Writing & Grantsmanship; Biomedical Journal Publishing; Data Mining; Hypertension, Hypertensive Heart Disease and Genetics; Lung Epidemiology; Sleep Epidemiology & Genetics; Race/Ethnicity, and Health Disparities; Role of Genomics in Complex Disease; Overview of Dissemination and Implementation Science, Sample Size and Power; Biomarker Studies and Methods, and more
- Small Research Project (SRP’s) are an opportunity to compete for pilot funds to generate preliminary data for developing NHLBI grant applications
- Group brainstorming sessions during most lunch hours with mentors and mentees for discussing and developing ideas for SRPs and new grant applications and multiple mentor-mentee meetings throughout

Program Faculty

D.C. Rao, Ph.D., Program Director and MPI, who is one of the early pioneers of the field with substantive research interests in cardiovascular genetic epidemiology, is the founding editor-in-chief of the journal Genetic Epidemiology, and an early president of the International Genetic Epidemiology Society.

Victor Davila-Roman, M.D., Program Co-Director and MPI, is a cardiologist with established research programs in cardiac imaging, hypertension, and heart failure and a dedicated and outstanding mentor.

Additional Faculty

A host of other internationally renowned and outstanding faculty leaders from Washington University and other leading programs also participate in this program.

Leadership Committee: Lisa de las Fuentes, Michael Province, Susan Racette, and Katherine Stamatakis (St. Louis University).

Other faculty: Donna Arnett (University of Kentucky), Eric Boerwinkle (University of Texas Health Science Center), Ross Brownson, F. Sessions Cole, Kecia Carroll (Vanderbilt University), Ervin Fox (University of Mississippi), Feng Gao, C. Charles Gu, Douglas Mann, Richard McGee, Jr. (Northwestern University), Tesfaye Mersha (University of Cincinnati), J. Philip Miller, Aubrey Morrison, Susan Redline (Harvard Medical School), Kenneth Schechtman, Nathan Stitziel, Jacquelyn Taylor (New York University), Yun Ju Sung, Ting Wang, and Chengjie Xiong.