

Increasing **diversity**
in obesity research.



OBESITY HEALTH DISPARITIES RESEARCH



OHD PRIDE helps create biomedical research leaders.

OHD PRIDE Overview

The Obesity Health Disparities PRIDE (OHD PRIDE) program is designed to enhance and evaluate the participation of individuals from underrepresented backgrounds in an evidence-based, culturally-, and environmentally-relevant research training and mentoring program. The program includes outreach to early-career faculty or transitioning postdoctoral fellows who hold appointments at, or earned degrees from Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs).

OHD PRIDE is a partnership between University of Mississippi Medical Center, University of California at Los Angeles, and University of Houston.

OHD PRIDE Fellows will receive:

Training in the interdisciplinary research skills needed to develop successful careers in obesity health disparities research.

Mentoring from faculty who have extensive experience in obesity research and obesity health disparities research.

Support for research project development through critical review of early proposal drafts, mock study sections, and acquisition of pilot data and funds through the PRIDE small grants program.

Networking opportunities to build professional relationships with a diverse group of researchers, scholars, NIH program officials, and community-based partners at scientific meetings, including an annual conference hosted by the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NHLBI) and the PRIDE program in Bethesda, Maryland.

Ongoing support through the OHD PRIDE Alumni Network that provides additional research support, online training sessions, and continuous monitoring of career objectives.

About PRIDE

The Programs to Increase Diversity Among Individuals Engaged in Health-Related Research, collectively referred to as PRIDE, were established to mentor early-career faculty and transitioning postdoctoral fellows whose backgrounds are currently underrepresented in biomedical research. PRIDE gives these young investigators opportunities to gain the knowledge and tools they need to carry out independent and meaningful research and advance their careers. This initiative is funded by NHLBI.

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Training

OHD PRIDE is a two-year program consisting of four phases.

Phase I – Summer Institute I

A ten-day, face-to-face course in obesity research, data collection, data analysis, intervention development, and research methods held in Jackson, Mississippi

Phase II – Mid-year Meeting

A two-day, in-person meeting providing mentees an opportunity to discuss research progress with mentors and receive feedback on their manuscripts and grant applications

Phase III – Summer Institute II

A five-day training course for mentees to participate in mock study sections, receive critical reviews of their manuscripts, and finalize plans for grant submission

Phase IV – The OHD PRIDE Alumni Network

Quarterly seminars on career advancement for participants who complete the PRIDE program, as well as peer-mentoring, and social support

Eligibility Criteria

Eight (8) research-oriented individuals from underrepresented backgrounds who are early-career faculty or transitioning postdoctoral fellows with a track record or demonstrated interest in obesity disparities research. We encourage applications from persons with appointments at or training from HBCUs for consideration as part of the OHD PRIDE program annual competitive review process.

Eligibility Requirements

- A transitioning postdoctoral fellow OR an early-career faculty member with a discernible interest in obesity research
- An individual from a group identified by the National Science Foundation as underrepresented in the biomedical, clinical, behavioral, and social sciences (See NIH Notice NOT OD-20-031)
- A citizen of the United States OR a permanent U.S. resident

Application Process

The application process for the OHD PRIDE program will be managed through the Coordination Core of the NHLBI-sponsored PRIDE programs.

Applicants should complete and submit a PRIDE pre-application form (and a full application, if invited) through the PRIDE Coordination Core website.

To submit a pre-application form, visit umc.edu/ohdpride or pridecc.wustl.edu

The target for application submission is March 22, 2021, with a rolling deadline until all positions are filled.

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