



**HEALTH
EQUITY
LEADERSHIP
INSTITUTE**

**University of Wisconsin-Madison
Madison, Wisconsin
2011**

Translational Research and Health Equity

APPLICATION FORM

Important dates:

March 9 – Applications due

March 31 – Notifications to Institute Scholars released

April 8 – Scholar acceptance letters due

Thank you for making an application to the second UW Collaborative Center for Health Equity (CCHE) Health Equity Leadership Institute to be held June 20-24, 2011* on the beautiful University of Wisconsin-Madison campus. As a National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center of Excellence, CCHE is committed to increasing the number of investigators, particularly minority investigators engaged in health disparities/health equity research, who are successful in academic appointments and achieving independent funding through the National Institute for Health (NIH) and other federal agencies.

Our Health Equity Leadership Institute (or HELI) program has been designed in partnership with our research collaborators at the University of Maryland Center for Health Equity. Our HELI program is carefully structured to include both large didactic sessions, as well as small group sessions, special events and mentoring opportunities. This year we will showcase several translational research efforts underway here in Wisconsin. Each of these has a health equity/disparities focus (nutrition and physical activity, asthma and Vitamin D Supplementation) and is being conducted in partnership with diverse community partners. We will also highlight an exciting community-based participatory research initiative exploring individual decision making about participation in biomarker research projects. We will introduce several of our community partners who reside in both rural and urban settings of Wisconsin. Most importantly, the Institute is designed to foster professional networking for participating scholars and to create a collaborative learning environment for both scholars and Institute faculty. To ensure attending scholars obtain the most from their Institute experience, we will select from all applicants a cohort of up to 30 Scholars (15 from within/outside of Wisconsin) that is diverse across academic levels and disciplines, community experiences, career objectives, and current roles.

Scholars will be expected to contribute to the Institute's success by:

- participating in scheduled events
- providing a brief structured introduction about their work and research interests
- actively sharing in discussions, and
- thoughtfully considering opinions and information shared by other Scholars and faculty.

In turn, we will offer Scholars a variety of excellent presentations by experts from UW, other academic institutions, and the NIH. We will also provide multiple learning opportunities, as well as access to potential resources to enhance each Scholar's ability to conduct successful health disparities research. Special emphasis will be made on utilizing translational research resources and working successfully on collaborative community-academic research teams. Through this experience, we hope that Scholars will establish long-lasting relationships with new colleagues and that, together, new interdisciplinary teams of translational researchers will advance health equity solutions for all communities.

Thank you for considering our program and we look forward to receiving your application!

The HELI Planning Team

****Please note: Scholars must arrive to Madison, WI no later than 4p on Sunday, 6/19/11 and depart no earlier than 2p Friday 6/24/11***

I. Applicant Contact Information

Please complete each item below accurately and completely. If a question is not applicable, please indicate that.

Name (Last, First, MI)		
Birth Date (mm/dd/yyyy)		
Current Position		
Institutional Affiliation If CTSA site <input type="checkbox"/> YES		
Mailing Address		
City/State/Zip		
Telephone	Primary number: () -	Secondary number: () -
Fax	() -	
Email		
Citizenship (select one)	<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Citizen	<input type="checkbox"/> Permanent Resident of the U.S.
Which category best describes the type of research you primarily conduct?	<input type="checkbox"/> Laboratory-based (Translational Type I) <input type="checkbox"/> Clinical <input type="checkbox"/> Public Health <input type="checkbox"/> Population Health/Epidemiological <input type="checkbox"/> Health Services <input type="checkbox"/> Community-based Participatory or Community-engaged <input type="checkbox"/> Behavioral Health <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____	

II. Applicant Translational Research and Health Equity Abstract

In 300 words or less, please describe the research you currently conduct/would like to conduct.

IV. Institutional Letter of Support

A letter from the chair or dean of the department/school/college of your academic appointment outlining your readiness for the Institute, and your *academic research plan for the next 3 years* is required. This letter should indicate both how participation in the Institute will serve to advance your research plans as well as offer a vision for your *academic progress over the next 5 years*.

V. Copy of Applicant’s Current Curriculum Vitae

Please attach a copy of your current CV as part of this application.

VI. Online Resources to Make Us Aware Of

If you have a research website or research program website you would like to make us aware of, please include those addresses here:

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I hereby certify that the information presented in this application is true and accurate. I have not knowingly withheld any facts or circumstances that could interfere with the integrity and accuracy of this application.

Your signature

Date

Do you use any social network?

Facebook LinkedIn Twitter Other: _____

Your completed application must be received via mail or email by **Wednesday, March 9**. Please send to:

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