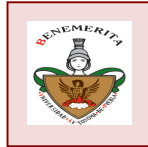


# LATINO MENTAL HEALTH RESEARCH TRAINING PROGRAM

An NIMHD-funded Minority Health and Health Disparities International Research Training (MHIRT)

Summer 2018 in Mexico, May 29 – August 11



Dr. Steven Lopez at USC's Department of Psychology, Dr. Carmen Lara at the Benemerita Universidad Autonoma de Puebla, Dr. Shoshana Berenson at the Instituto Nacional de Psiquiatria Ramón de la Fuente Muñiz (INP) in México City, and colleagues at the Instituto Nacional de Psiquiatria (INP), USC, UCLA, University of Oregon and California State University at San Bernardino have established an 11-week summer research training program designed to prepare undergraduate and graduate level researchers to address disparities in mental health care of U.S. Latinos with mental illness and substance use disorders. The program includes a one-week training seminar at USC, and a 10-week training program at the INP, during which trainees will:



- Work closely with Mexican investigators and Latino mental health researchers to develop research and professional skills.
- Participate in various aspects of research, including project conceptualization and data collection and analysis.
- Have the opportunity to write up their findings for publication in collaboration with their mentor, and present their findings at a national conference in either Mexico or the U.S.
- Learn much more about developing a research career.

#### Minimum Requirements

- 3.0 GPA or better
- Research career orientation
- Demonstrated interest and/or commitment to reducing health disparities
- Excellent Spanish language skills
- Background in research methods (quantitative and/or qualitative) and/or demonstrated social/behavioral sciences research experience
- Undergraduates with junior or senior class standing for 2017-2018 and pre-doctoral level students
- U.S. citizen, permanent resident, or non-citizen national

#### Must be in at Least One of the Following Categories

- From a group underrepresented in biomedical, behavioral, clinical and social sciences, specifically, Black or African American, Latino/Hispanic American, American Indian, Alaskan Native, Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander
- Low-income individuals, meaning those whose annual income is below the low-income threshold line. This includes those who have qualified for Federal assistance programs or received loans or scholarships for those in financial need. These loans include: Health Professional Student Loans, and Loans for Disadvantaged Student Programs. These scholarships include any that are awarded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services under the category Scholarships for Individuals with Exceptional Financial Need. Refer to the website below to determine if you or your family fall below the low-income threshold line. <http://aspe.hhs.gov/poverty-research>
- From a rural area or from rural backgrounds. Refer to the website below to determine if you come from a rural area or background. <https://www.raconline.org/am-i-rural>

#### Application Procedure

- On-line application
- Transcript from college(s) attended
- Two letters of recommendation
- Statement of purpose (1,250 words), describing rationale for applying to the program, long-term professional goals, and specific research interests.
- Curriculum vitae (CV)/resume

#### Core Project Areas (INP)

- Integrating mental health care into health care services
- Depression, suicide and substance abuse
- Online mental health intervention
- Stigma and serious mental illness
- Epidemiology of mental disorders and substance use
- Families and early psychosis
- Neuroscience of addiction

*On-line Application:*

*Open: Nov. 15, 2017*

<http://dornsife.usc.edu/latino-mental-health/how-to-apply/>

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