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Greetings Former Trainees!

We are reaching out to you to request your assistance in getting the word out about the program to potential applicants who are well qualified and would gain from this amazing opportunity. The on-line application is now open for the Latino Mental Health Research Training program. The *last day to submit an application is February 8, 2019*. Undergraduate and pre-doctoral level students who are interested in conducting mental health research in Mexico and Los Angeles during the summer of 2019, and who meet the following criteria, are encouraged to apply:

- 3.0 GPA or better
- Research career orientation
- Demonstrated interest and/or commitment to reducing health disparities
- Excellent Spanish language oral and written 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 2018-2019 academic year, post-baccalaureate/master level degree students, and pre-doctoral level students.
- U.S. citizen, non-citizen national (generally persons born in outlying possessions of the U.S.), or a permanent resident (i.e., possess a currently valid Alien Registration Receipt Card I-551, or other legal verification of such status)

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>

Interested undergraduate, and pre-doctoral level students meeting criteria should visit our website:

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

(Make sure to include hyphens!)

Hopefully you enjoyed your experience with the program and we would appreciate your support by sending this email or the attached flier to anyone you feel would be a great fit for the program. Please note we have had 10 continuous years of funding and the next cycle of funding is currently under review. We should learn by the beginning of March 2019 if the program will be continued. We are hopeful. Please contact me with any questions and concerns about the MHRT Program. Thank you in advance for your support and cooperation!

Sincerely,



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