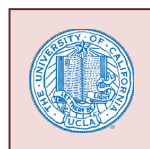


LATINO MENTAL HEALTH RESEARCH TRAINING PROGRAM

Summer 2019 in Mexico City, Puebla, & Los Angeles, June 3 – August 17
Pending Future Funding



Dr. Steven Lopez at USC, Dr. Denise Chavira at UCLA, Dr. Carmen Lara Muñoz at the Benemerita Universidad Autonomas de Puebla (BUAP), Dr. Shoshana Berenzon at the Instituto Nacional de Psiquiatria Ramón de la Fuente Muñiz (INP) in México City, and their respective 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 in Mexico (INP and BUAP) or Los Angeles (USC and UCLA), during which trainees will:



- Work closely with investigators and Latino mental health researchers to develop research and professional skills in the study of Latino mental health disparities broadly defined.
- Participate in various aspects of research, including project conceptualization and data collection and analysis, manuscript writing, and oral presentations in Spanish.
- 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 2018-2019, 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
- Unofficial 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.

Core Project Areas

- Integrating mental health care.
- Postpartum depression
- Online mental health intervention
- Stigma and serious mental illness
- Epidemiology of mental disorders and substance use in California and Mexico
- Families and early psychosis
- Implementation of evidence-based treatment for youth in LA County
- Promotora delivered intervention for youth with anxiety

On-line Application:

Open: Dec. 5, 2018

Deadline: Feb. 8, 2019

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

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