

The Effect of Racial and Ethnic Discrimination/ Bias on Health Care Delivery (R01/R21/R03)

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Description

The purposes of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) are:

- To improve the measurement of racial/ethnic discrimination in healthcare delivery systems through improved instrumentation, data collection, and statistical/analytical techniques.
- To enhance understanding of the influence of racial/ethnic discrimination in healthcare delivery and its association with disparities in disease incidence, treatment, and outcomes among disadvantaged racial/ethnic minority groups.
- To reduce the prevalence of racial/ethnic health disparities through the development of interventions to reduce the influence of racial/ethnic discrimination on healthcare delivery systems in the United States (U.S.).

All proposed studies should be sufficiently powered to provide adequate control for potential confounders including, but not limited to, gender, age, income, disability, and other factors that might explain racial/ethnic differences in study outcomes. Applicants are encouraged to submit applications that go beyond simply identifying an association between race and an outcome as the sole measure of racial/ethnic discrimination. Studies that measure the prevalence, causes, and effects of racial discrimination; explanatory mechanisms that lead to discriminatory behavior and mediating factors; and processes in health delivery systems are of particular interest.

The R01, R03, and R21 award mechanisms will be supported by this program. Applications using the R01 award mechanism must have

extensive preliminary data and build on previous pilot work or existing research in the proposed research area. Applicants for the R01 applications have no dollar limit; the project period may not exceed 5 years. R03 mechanism may request a project period of up to 2 years and a budget for direct costs of up to two \$25,000 modules, or \$50,000 per year, may be requested. R21 mechanism may request a project period of 2 years with a combined budget for direct costs of up to \$275,000 (no more than \$200,000 in any single year). This PA expires January 3, 2008 with reissuance pending.

Research Objectives

- Descriptive and analytical studies that examine racial/ethnic discrimination as a risk factor for racial/ethnic disparities in disease incidence, treatment, and outcomes.
- The development of data resources including the identification and/or development of new data collection modalities and the evaluation of existing data collection instruments/modalities.
- Development of innovative methods of measuring racial/ethnic discriminatory behavior, perception of exposure to racial/ethnic discrimination, and novel approaches to the analysis of quantitative and qualitative data for the purpose of describing discriminatory behavior and exposure to racial/ethnic discrimination.
- Studies that examine the impact of health delivery system practices and policies such as patient "dumping," Medicare nursing care bed certification limits, privatization, closure or relocation of public hospitals, or other policies that may adversely affect the supply of racial/ethnic minority healthcare providers and how this might relate to racial/ethnic

- disparities in access to care, health status, and outcomes.
- The development and evaluation of interventions that enhance cross-cultural communication and reduce discriminatory behavior, the perception of exposure to racial/ethnic discrimination, and health-related consequences of racial/ethnic discrimination.
 - Studies that examine bias/discriminatory attitudes, beliefs, and behaviors that may influence/limit access to diagnostic technologies and therapies for racial/ethnic minorities, particularly in areas for which serious disparities exist such as cardiovascular disease, cancer detection, infectious diseases, and infant mortality.
 - Patient belief systems, personal biases and attitudes, and their impact on relationships with providers and on the utilization of healthcare services, appropriate care, and willingness to comply with physician recommendations.

Eligibility Requirements

- Public/State-Controlled or Private Institution of Higher Education
- Nonprofit With or Without 501(c)(3) IRS Status (Other Than Institution of Higher Education)
- Small Business
- For-profit Organization (Other Than Small Business)
- State Government
- U.S. Territory or Possession
- Indian/Native American Tribal Government (Federally or Other Than Federally Recognized)
- Indian/Native American Tribally Designated Organization
- Non-domestic (non-U.S.) Entity (Foreign Organization)
- Hispanic-serving Institution
- Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs)
- Tribally Controlled Colleges and Universities (TCCUs)
- Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian Serving Institutions

- Regional Organizations
- Faith-based or community-based organizations.
- Other(s): Eligible agencies of the Federal government

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Application Submission Dates

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Review

Applications submitted for this PA will be assigned to NIH Institutes and Centers (ICs) on the basis of established PHS referral guidelines. Appropriate scientific review groups convened in accordance with the standard NIH peer review procedures will evaluate applications for scientific and technical merit.

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