GMaP Region 4 E-Alert

The GMaP Region 4 E-Alert is a monthly e-mail communication focusing on timely information promoting cancer health disparities research, training, opportunities, and resources from across all regions of the GMaP. We welcome your feedback, suggestions and items of interest. Please send them to TrevinoR8@uthscsa.edu.

GMaP UPDATES

- The next NCI Regional Coordinator Call is March 5, 2014 at 1PM CST.
- The last Internal Coordinating Committee call was held on February 25, 2014.
- The last Communication and Dissemination Subcommittee meeting was on February 10th and the next meeting is March 10th at 11MST/12CST
- The first Faculty Recruitment & Job Placement Sub-Committee meeting was held on January 29th and the next meeting is on March 18th
- The first Evaluation Sub-Committee meeting was on February 20th.
- For more information on any of the meetings or to obtain the meeting minutes please e-mail TrevinoR8@uthscsa.edu.
- GMaP FY2013 Region 4 Face to Face Meeting for all committee members is scheduled for Tuesday, April 15, 2014 at Hotel Contessa in San Antonio, TX.

MEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

Congratulations to Dr. Isabel Schlaepfer from the University of Colorado Denver for receiving the AACR Minority Scholar in Cancer Research (MICR) award to travel and attend the AACR Annual meeting in San Diego in April. Dr. Schlaepfer also received a small clinical grant from Colorado Clinical and Translational Science Institute grant entitled: "Pilot study to enhance 18F-FDG-PET imaging of human prostate cancer with ranolazine”

Congratulations to Dr. Cynthia Tilley from the University of Colorado Denver for being awarded a travel scholarship to attend Keystone Symposia on Developmental Pathways and Cancer: Wnt, Notch and Hedgehog. The symposia took place on Feb2-7, 2014 in Banff, Alberta Canada.

Congratulations to Dr. Oluwatoyin A. Asojo from Baylor College of Medicine for receiving a fellowship for the FIOCRUZ Visiting Professor Program. She will be collaborating with the Center for Technological Development in Health (CDTS) and Fiocruz graduate programs in Brazil.

Publications


RESOURCES

50th Anniversary Surgeon General’s Report on Smoking

A half-century after initially reporting on the negative effects of smoking and paving the way for significant changes in the way we think about tobacco and work to regulate it, the Surgeon General has released the 50th Anniversary Surgeon General’s Report: The Health Consequences of Smoking – 50 Years of Progress. The new report calls for redoubling tobacco control efforts and enlisting nongovernmental partners – and society as a whole – in working to “end the tobacco epidemic.”

A new guide, *Clinical Trials Outreach for Latinos: Program Replication Manual*, developed by researchers at the Institute for Health Promotion Research (IHRP) at The UT Health Science Center at San Antonio, was created reach into Latino communities and increase their participation in cancer clinical trials and biospecimens.
Scholarships

Region 4 GMaP Early Career Cancer Health Disparities Research Scholarship Award
The Early Career Scholarship is intended to support career development in cancer health disparities research. It is designed to assist early career scholars with expenses related to:

- Conferences (i.e., registration, travel, lodging, etc.)
- Workshops/Trainings
- Journal/Publication Fees
- Travel to Job Interviews
- Other Qualified Career Development Opportunities

Trainings

Cultural Competency Training of Trainers Institute
The Cross Cultural Health Care Program’s Cultural Competency Training of Trainers Institute is scheduled March 17-21, 2014 in Seattle, WA. The institute provides a 5-day intensive course for organizations to meet mandates and recommendations for culturally and linguistically appropriate services. Trainers and professionals from health and human service organizations, health educators, clinic administrators, human resources personnel, and risk management directors are invited to attend.

T32: Health Disparities Research Scholars Training Program
University of Wisconsin – Madison, Center for Women’s Health and Health Disparities Research
The T32 Health Disparities Research Scholars (HDRS) Training program funds five postdoctoral scholars per year for up to three years. The HDRS training is designed to provide training at the postdoctoral levels in interdisciplinary research that addresses health equity and/or disparities in health status and health outcomes. Deadline: March 1, 2014

Cancer Prevention and Control Post-Doctoral Training Program in Cancer Survivorship
Comprehensive Cancer Center of Wake Forest University
The Cancer Prevention and Control Research Program at the Comprehensive Cancer Center of Wake Forest University is seeking applications for an NCI-funded postdoctoral R25 Training Program in Cancer Survivorship. The program prepares fellows to become independent researchers in the field of cancer prevention and control with a focus on survivorship. Applications accepted until position is filled.

Fellowships

Integrated Fellowship in Health Services and Outcomes Research
Feinberg School of Medicine, Northwestern University
The Center for Education in Health Sciences, in the Institute for Public Health and Medicine (IPHAM) at Northwestern University’s Feinberg School of Medicine anticipates the availability of post-doctoral health services research fellowships beginning summer/fall 2014.

2014-2015 Health Policy Leadership Fellowship Program
Satcher Health Leadership Institute at Morehouse School of Medicine
The Satcher Health Leadership Institute at Morehouse School of Medicine is currently recruiting outstanding applicants for our 2014-2015 Health Policy Leadership Fellowship Program.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Assistant or Associate Professor Positions
University of California, San Francisco
UCSF has 3 positions available at the Assistant or Associate Professor level. The successful candidate will be expected to play an active role in activities related to the UCSF Helen Diller Family Comprehensive Cancer Center. UCSF is seeking a faculty member to build a research, education, and service program in biological and clinical research related to nicotine pharmacology, tobacco addiction and its treatment and tobacco-related diseases (including disease related to secondhand and third hand smoke exposure). Open January 16-July 16, 2015

Full, Associate, or Assistant Member/Research Professor: Obesity & Cancer
Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center, University of Washington.
The Division of Public Health Sciences (PHS) of the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center (FHCRC) invites applications from population science researchers with an interest in obesity and cancer, with a particular focus on developing, testing and implementing population-based interventions to reduce obesity rates and promote energy balance in adults or children. Review of applications begins March 15, 2014

**Assistant Professor Position Opening**
University of Nebraska, Lincoln
Seeking applicants for a tenure-track position in behavioral-based epidemiology at the assistant professor level. The university is seeking applicants who are interested in developing a research program related to nutrition and exercise behaviors for specific populations, including minorities, ethnic groups, age groups, and gender.

**Assistant or Associate Professors in Urban Health or Health Disparities (Four Openings)**
Drexel University School of Public Health
The Drexel University School of Public Health is recruiting a cluster of four Assistant/Associate professors in the broadly defined areas of urban health and health disparities research. Search for Assistant/Associate Professor in Urban Health/Health Disparities. The requisition number is 5759.

**Scientist, Biomedical Informatics-Molecular Oncology**
Foundation Medicine, Cambridge, MA
Position will be integrated within a team of scientists to carry out literature research, scientific analysis, and scientific writing in support of Foundation Medicine’s medical reporting process.

**Cancer Behavioral Research Faculty Position Associate / Full Professor (Tenure Track)**
University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio (UTHSCSA), Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics, Institute for Health Promotion Research (IHPR) and the Cancer Therapy and Research Center (CTRC)
Experience and extramural research funding history in Latino related cancer prevention and control, cancer health disparities and community based participatory research. Review of applications will begin immediately and continue until the position is filled.

**Faculty in Cancer Disparities**
Roswell Park Cancer Institute, Office of Cancer Health Disparities Research
Assistant or Associate Member to develop a strong research base in disparities as it relates to cancer (Behavioral, Intervention, Epidemiologic, Clinical Trials, Health Services or Community-based Research).

**Epidemiologist Researcher**
Medica Research Institute Research
Seeking accomplished individuals with a documented publication record in the following areas: Health behavior and promotion, epidemiologic methods, population health, health disparities / health equity, social and environmental determinants of health, and behavioral risk factors.

**Assistant Professor or Associate Professor**
Boston University School of Public Health, Department of Community Health Sciences (CHS).
Candidates must have a PhD or equivalent degree in public health, social and behavioral sciences, maternal and child health, or related fields.

**Basic Science Cancer Researcher**
Ponce School of Medicine and Health Sciences, Ponce, Puerto Rico
The Department of Physiology, Pharmacology and Toxicology
The successful candidate will be expected to develop a basic or translational, independent, multidisciplinary research program with focus on cancer.

**Community Outreach Cancer Researcher**
Ponce School of Medicine and Health Sciences, Ponce, Puerto Rico
The Clinical Psychology and Basic Sciences Program
The successful candidate should be experienced in public health, health education, and basic epidemiology, and will be expected to develop close research collaborations with the Community/Outreach component under the U54 PSMHS/Moffitt Partnership.
Internal Medicine Faculty Position
Florida State University, College of Medicine, Department of Clinical Services
A generalist is preferred, although individuals with subspecialty training in rheumatology, endocrinology or infectious diseases with primary focus in an outpatient/consultative practice would be considered. This individual will be intimately involved in general educational activities for medical students in an integrated curriculum at the Central campus in Tallahassee.

Post-Doctoral Position(s)

Post-Doctoral Fellowship in Tobacco
University of Pennsylvania's Tobacco Center for Regulatory Science
Annenberg School for Communication
Two-year post-doctoral fellowships in tobacco communication research beginning as early as summer 2014.

Post-Doctoral Research Position in Cancer Epidemiology
Moffitt Cancer Center, Department of Cancer Epidemiology
Seeking a highly motivated individual with interests in cancer and genetic epidemiology. This position is available immediately, and it is anticipated be two years is duration. Refer to requisition number 12670.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

NIH

All NIH Funding Opportunities and Notices

Basic Cancer Research in Cancer Health Disparities (U01) PAR-12-095
This FOA is also designed to aid and facilitate the development of a nationwide cohort of scientists with a high level of basic research expertise in cancer health disparities research who can develop resources and tools, such as biospecimens, cell lines and methods that are necessary to conduct basic research in cancer health disparities. Deadline June 20, 2014

NIH Coordination and Evaluation Center for Enhancing the Diversity of the NIH-Funded Workforce Program (U54) (RFA-RM-13-015)
NIH Roadmap Initiatives
Application Receipt Date(s): March 18, 2014

Development and Translation of Medical Technologies to Reduce Health Disparities (SBIR) (R43/R44)
Encourages Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) grant applications from small business concerns (SBCs) that propose to develop and translate medical technologies aimed at reducing disparities in healthcare access and health outcomes. Deadlines: Mary 23, 2014; September 23, 2014

NIH Building Infrastructure Leading to Diversity (BUILD) Initiative (U54) (RFA-RM-13-016)
NIH Roadmap Initiatives
Application Receipt Date(s): March 18, 2014

NIH National Research Mentoring Network (NRMN) (U54) (RFA-RM-13-017)
NIH Roadmap Initiatives
Application Receipt Date(s): March 18, 2014

NCI

Research Answers to NCI's Provocative Questions - Group A (R01) (RFA-CA-13-016)
Application Receipt Date: June 20, 2014

Research Answers to NCI's Provocative Questions - Group A (R21) (RFA-CA-13-017)
Application Receipt Date: June 20, 2014
Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas (CPRIT)

Recruitment of First-Time, Tenure-Track Faculty Members
Supports promising emerging investigators, pursuing their first faculty appointment in Texas, who have the ability to make outstanding contributions to the field of cancer research. Application Receipt: Ongoing through fiscal year 2014 (application receipt system opening to be announced)

Recruitment of Rising Stars
Recruits outstanding early-stage investigators to Texas, who have demonstrated the promise for continued and enhanced contributions to the field of cancer research. Application Receipt: Ongoing through fiscal year 2014 (application receipt system opening to be announced)

Recruitment of Established Investigators
Recruits outstanding senior research faculty with distinguished professional careers and established cancer research programs to academic institutions in Texas. Application Receipt: Ongoing through fiscal year 2014 (application receipt system opening to be announced)

Private Funding Opportunities

Lung Cancer Research Foundation RFP for Research Projects
The Lung Cancer Research Foundation supports research on innovative strategies for better treatments, screening, and prevention of all cancers of the lung. Download the 2014 Application – PDF  Word Format
All applications should be submitted to grants@lungfund.org  Deadline: June 16, 2014

2014 Distinguished Scientist Award, Sontag Foundation
The Sontag Foundation's Distinguished Scientist Award is a four-year, $600,000 career development/brain tumor research grant. The Sontag Foundation is looking for early career scientists with the potential to create new waves across the brain cancer field. The Foundation is also looking for increased survival rates and improved recovery for patients and for a cure or at the very least, treatments to make brain cancer a manageable chronic disease. Deadline March 20, 2014

Planning and Developing Infrastructure to Improve the Mental Health and Wellness of Children, Youth and Families in American Indian/Alaska Natives (AI/AN) Communities: SM-14-003
Circles of Care VI: The purpose of this program is to provide tribal and urban Indian communities with tools and resources to plan and design a holistic, community-based, coordinated system of care approach to support mental health and wellness for children, youth, and families.

Association of American Medical Colleges Invites Nominations for David E. Rogers Award
The annual award recognizes a medical school faculty member who has made major contributions to improving the health and health care of the American people. Deadline May 2, 2014
Research on Role of Health Care, Insurance in Improving Cancer Prevention/Treatment
Purpose: To stimulate research that will generate new knowledge of the effects of the US healthcare system structure and the role of insurance on both access to and outcomes of cancer screening, early detection and treatment services. Deadline April 1, 2014

Bladder Cancer Research Innovation 2014 Young Investigator Award
The Bladder Cancer Advocacy Network (BCAN) is pleased to announce that we are now accepting applications for the 2014 Young Investigator Awards. We will fund up to 3 Young Investigator Awards. Deadline: March 5, 2014.

Biomarker-Based Clinical Trials in Humans
Deadline: March 5, June 5, September 5, and December 5 2014

Research on Role of Health Care, Insurance in Improving Cancer Prevention/Treatment
The American Cancer Society has issued a Request for Proposals designed to stimulate research that will generate new knowledge of the effects of the United States healthcare system structure and the role of insurance on both access to and outcomes of cancer screening, early detection, and treatment services. Deadline: April 1, 2014

2014 Little Giraffe Foundation- Neonatal Research Initiative RFP
The Little Giraffe Foundation is offering research grants in the amount of $5,000 - $10,000 for neonatal research. We invite qualified scientists, doctors, and nurses at universities, hospitals and research institutions, to submit applications for research grants directed at addressing both the long term and immediate health needs caused by premature birth. LOI DEADLINE May 6, 2014

Association for Surgical Education Foundation Proposals for Research Projects
The Association for Surgical Education Foundation, the philanthropic arm of the Association for Surgical Education, is accepting proposals for projects that promote excellence and innovation in surgical education research. DEADLINE: JUNE 1, 2014

Children’s Leukemia Research Association Seeks Applications for Research Projects
Founded in 1965 to support leukemia-related research efforts, the Children’s Leukemia Research Association, also known as the National Leukemia Research Association, is seeking applications from investigators for promising research related to understanding the causes of and finding a cure for childhood leukemia. DEADLINE: JUNE 30, 2014

Post baccalaureate Research Education Program (PREP) (R25) (PAR-14-076)
The program provides support for well-designed courses for skills development and extensive research experiences aimed at preparing individuals from diverse backgrounds to complete doctoral degrees. Application due dates: March 31, 2014; January 25, 2015; January 25, 2016, by 5:00 PM local time of applicant organization.

Awards

Robert F. Allen Symbol of H.O.P.E. (Helping Other People Through Empowerment) Award
Award honors individuals who have made outstanding contributions to promoting cultural diversity within health promotion or who have demonstrated significant achievement in serving the health promotion needs of underserved populations. Nominations must be submitted by April 25, 2014 and the winner will be announced in June.

EVENTS

AACR: Minorities in Cancer Research Forum: The Role of Training and Mentoring in Navigating a Successful Cancer Research Career, Monday April 7, 2014, 9:30-11:30 AM, Room 8, San Diego Convention Center
The purpose of this session is to highlight the progress of trainees who have been supported through the Continuing Umbrella of Research Experiences (CURE) program and the critical elements to consider in developing a career path in cancer research.

AACR Annual Meeting 2014, Harnessing Breakthroughs Targeting Cures, April 5-9, 2014 San Diego, CA
American Association for Cancer Research

CRCHD Professional Development Workshop, June 28-29, 2014
For all currently supported CURE awardees, with particular emphasis this year on K01, K08, K23, K22, R21, SC1/2 and DS. NIH Main Campus, Natcher Building, Bethesda, MD
2014 International Symposium on Minority Health and Health Disparities, December 1-3, 2014, Gaylord National Resort and Convention Center, National Harbor, Maryland

“Transdisciplinary Collaborations: Evolving Dimensions of US and Global Health Equity” will feature keynote and plenary lectures, scientific sessions, poster sessions, as well as a series of technical workshops.

Accelerating Anticancer Agent Development and Validation Workshop, May 7-9, 2014, Bethesda, MD
Designed for scientists and advocates with clinical trial experience who have an interest in new approaches to developing or enhancing agents or combinations of agents for the diagnosis, treatment, or prevention of cancer. Individuals with limited experience in the regulatory aspects of oncology drug development will benefit from this Workshop.

Integrative Molecular Epidemiology, August 2014, Boston, MA
Designed to accelerate the training of the next generation of cancer researchers who must be well skilled in the integration of biology and epidemiology in studies of etiology and outcome. Although targeted toward molecular epidemiologists, the Workshop has attracted geneticists, statisticians, bioinformaticians, molecular biologists, physician-scientists, and others who have completed basic course work in epidemiology. Application deadline April 14.

Translational Cancer Research for Basic Scientists, October 26-31, Boston, MA
For basic scientists who are pre-doctoral students and postdoctoral fellows, early-career scientists, and senior scientists in transition to translational research. The workshop is an introduction to translational cancer research – including cancer medicine, the clinical cancer research environment, and collaborative team. Application will open in March.

Latinas Unidas por la Cura
The Susan G. Komen Latinas United for the Cure/Latinas Unidas por la Cura: Mind, Body, Spirit, Survival! is set for March 8, 2014 in Philadelphia, PA. Registration deadline is February 28. This is a free bilingual event specially designed for Latina women of multiple generations, including breast cancer survivors, caregivers and those never diagnosed.

7th Health Disparities Conference
Xavier University of Louisiana's College of Pharmacy / Center for Minority Health and Health Disparities Research and Education (CMHDRE) will host the 7th Health Disparities Conference March 10-12, 2014 in New Orleans, Louisiana. The conference will focus on replicable interprofessional collaborative models and approaches from the clinical, research and community arenas that integrate all levels of providers to improve health outcomes, eliminate health disparities and achieve health equity.

Writing and Designing NIH Proposals Webinar
This one-day seminar is geared for those who wish to submit winning research proposals to the National Institutes of Health (NIH) sponsored by The Grant Training Center. Cost is $335. For more information please contact The Grant Training Center at (866) 704-7268 or (571) 257-8864. March 17, 7:30 am to 3:30 pm.

NOTICES
Notice of Technical Assistance Webinar for RFA-RM-13-019 "NIH Director's Biomedical Research Workforce Innovation Award: Broadening Experiences in Science Training Award (BEST) (DP7)" (NOT-RM-14-006)
NIH Roadmap Initiatives, The Common Fund/Office of Strategic Coordination

Notice of Intent to Publish a Funding Opportunity Announcement for Pre-doctoral Training in Biomedical Big Data Science (T32) (NOT-HG-14-011)
National Human Genome Research Institute

Notice of NHGRI Participation in PA-14-044 Mentored Research Scientist Development Award (Parent K01) (NOT-HG-14-018)
National Human Genome Research Institute
Notice of NHGRI Participation in PA-14-046 Mentored Clinical Scientist Research Career Development Award (Parent K08) (NOT-HG-14-019)
National Human Genome Research Institute

Notice of Intent to Publish a Funding Opportunity Announcement for Revisions to Add Biomedical Big Data Training to Ongoing Institutional Training Grants (T32) (NOT-HG-14-022)
National Human Genome Research Institute

OTHER

Éxito!, Research Training and Internship
Éxito!, a program of the Institute for Health Promotion Research (IHPR) at The UT Health Science Center at San Antonio, will select 20 master’s-level students and health professionals from across the nation to attend a five-day summer institute June 2-6, in San Antonio. Deadline March 7, 2014.

ABOUT GMaP
The National Cancer Institute (NCI) Center to Reduce Cancer Health Disparities (CRCHD) funded a Transdisciplinary Geographical Management of Cancer Health Disparities Program (GMaP) to create 6 regional “hubs” across the country to reduce cancer health disparities. GMaP Region 4 hub consists of partners from Arizona, Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas, Utah and Wyoming. The Region which is building a synergistic network of investigators in basic, clinical, population- and community-based research to eliminate cancer health disparities is constantly looking for new partners. The FY13 GMaP Supplement and Region’s Purpose is to enhance regional capacity in communication/dissemination, recruitment/placement and evaluation as part of building region-based “hubs” for the support and efficient management of cancer health disparities (CHD) research, training and outreach. To join this network please contact Trevinor8@uthscsa.edu.