**SUMMER INSTITUTE AGENDA OVERVIEW**

**Day 1: What’s Going on in Health Disparities, Including Cancer Control Research, and Why We (Latino/Hispanics) Are Here**

The first day of the Summer Institute aims to create personal connection between participant’s culture and their personal stories while also piquing participants’ interest in cancer research. Participants are presented with information on Latino cancer health disparities and the importance of conducting culturally relevant and appropriate research.

**Day 2: Reaching the “Hard-to-Reach”: The Range & Reach of Health Disparities and Cancer Control**

Day two presents participants with the most recent information on cancer prevalence and health disparities among the Latino population and informs participant’s on the range of opportunity in cancer research form clinical to survivorship research.

**Day 3: Why Culture Matters & Tools of the Trade**

Day three addresses the social and cultural differences Latinos encounter that lead to disparities in cancer prevention, screening and treatments. In addition, participants will hear from current Exito! alumni doctoral students and receive tips and tools for applying to and completing a doctoral program.

**Day 4: Hear form the Experts: How to Apply to Doctoral Programs**

Day four provides participants with the resources needed to apply, get accepted and thrive in a doctoral program. Participants hear from faculty researchers, program alumni currently enrolled in doctoral programs and graduate program admissions personnel.

**Day 5: Stepping Out: Transition from Student to Researcher**

Day five ties everything together. Participants hear from physicians and faculty on the importance of networking, self-representation and the skills needed to effectively achieve their educational and career goals.