

**CHARLES B. WANG COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER  
CENTER FOR THE STUDY OF ASIAN AMERICAN HEALTH**

# **HEALTH DISPARITIES RESEARCH TRAINING PROGRAM**

## **Call for Applicants 2010-2011**

Unidentified gaps in research on the health status of the Asian American Pacific Islander (AAPI) community can be traced to two main sources. First, while AAPIs are adequately represented in the health field few pursue careers committed to reducing AAPI health disparities. Secondly, the model minority myth predicates the assumption that the AAPI community possesses an excellent health status.

While there are no data that states the level of Asian representation in research development, it is implicit through the lack of available data on Asian American health disparities. For instance, only 0.01% of all published research in the MEDLINE database from 1966 – 2000 directly involved Asian American/Pacific Islander health.<sup>1</sup> Lack of Asian American representation in research has consequentially promoted the inaccurate “model minority” myth, where Asian American populations are deemed to have excellent health status. The paucity of Asian American specific research studies shows the significant need for cultivating and promoting Asian American health professionals to conduct new research projects that can reduce health disparities in Asian American populations.

The Health Disparities Research Training Program (HDRTP) created by the Charles B. Wang Community Health Center and the Center for the Study of Asian American Health develops trainee competence and commitment to conduct community-based research. The program bridges the potential researcher with community frontline workers, stakeholders, and organizations.

## **CENTER FOR THE STUDY OF ASIAN AMERICAN HEALTH**

In 2003, the NYU School of Medicine's Centers for Health Disparities Research received a grant from the National Institutes of Health, National Center for Minority Health and Health Disparities to create the nation's first Center for the Study of Asian American Health.

The Center for the Study of Asian American Health is a unique campus-community partnership of the NYU School of Medicine, New York City hospital and clinics, and more than 40 community-based organizations serving the Asian American community in New York City.

Together the partners of Center for the Study of Asian American Health are developing initiatives in four key areas: research, education and training, community assessment, and community outreach/partnerships.

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The HDRTP is administered by the Charles B. Wang Community Health Center, a leader in providing high-quality, affordable, culturally competent health care and preventative services to New York City's Asian American community. Since 1971 the Health Center has remained a community stakeholder that fosters leadership development, training for consumers and providers, public education and outreach, and community-based research.

## **Objectives**

As a core area of the Center for the Study of Asian American Health, the HDRTP is designed to address training and research gaps within Asian American health. The program offers a research training opportunity to qualified students and health professionals to: (1) increase competence and commitment among trainees to work in community-based research on Asian American health disparities; (2) increase the number of potential investigators; and (3) increase the number of research projects addressing health disparities among Asian American populations. The HDRTP provides a unique opportunity for students and health professionals to develop and implement a community-based research project, as well learn strategies to analyze, compile, and disseminate results for academic and policy communities.

## **Training program components**

Each year 6-8 health professionals and/or graduate students are invited to participate in this free program. Led by research experts, the 15-month program includes monthly seminars covering Asian American health disparities, cultural competency, research methods, evaluation, funding, and advocacy. Additionally, over the course of the program trainees will be paired with a mentor to initiate a research project. Trainees will be responsible for several written assignments, a peer-reviewed presentation and a final abstract of their research at the CSAAH annual conference. It is expected that trainees devote approximately one work day per week to HDRTP related activities. *All seminars and field placements will be located in New York City.*

## **Eligibility**

The HDRTP is open to *any health professional or graduate student* who is interested in gaining skills for conducting community-based participatory research with Asian American communities. Graduate students

<sup>1</sup> Ghosh, C. (2003). Healthy People 2010 and Asian Americans/Pacific Islanders: Defining a Baseline of Information. *American Journal of Public Health*. 93(12):2093-2098.

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in medicine, public health, social work, nursing, or other health-related fields are encouraged to apply. The program also considers physicians and other allied professionals at various levels of their careers who desire to explore opportunities in research.

To be eligible for the training program, a prospective candidate must:

- Have previous experience working with Asian American communities
- Be committed to addressing disparities in Asian American health
- Have a willingness to work and learn from colleagues at varying levels of health expertise
- Have taken or is currently enrolled in graduate level health course
- Have taken or is currently enrolled in a research methods course
- Have an area of interest in mind, access to data, or means of collecting data for their research project

**HD RTP Faculty & Mentors**

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Charles B. Wang Community Health Center

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*Associate Professor, Health Policy and Public Service  
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## General Application Guidelines and Deadline

All applications must be submitted to our offices in one package. A completed application consists of:

- Training Application
- Curriculum Vitae or Resume
- Statement of Interest
- One letter of recommendation

It is the applicant's responsibility that all required materials (including letter of recommendation) are submitted to our office.

Applicants will be selected based on their commitment to Asian American health, previous work and research experience, and the feasibility of their proposed research project.

Completed applications (training application, curriculum vitae or resume, statement of interest) must be *emailed* as attachments to [HDRTP@cbwchc.org](mailto:HDRTP@cbwchc.org) by **5pm, Tuesday, June 15, 2010**. Recommendations may be sent by regular mail to the address below (c/o Diana Zhou).

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For further information about the Health Disparities Research Training Program, please call or write:

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# HEALTH DISPARITIES RESEARCH TRAINING PROGRAM

## Application

**1. Basic information:**

**Full Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Daytime Phone:** ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

**Ethnic Background/Identity:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Gender:**  M  F

**2. Current occupation:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Employer:** \_\_\_\_\_

**3. Schools attended:** List in chronological order, college, university, and professional schools you have attended.

School name	Location	Attendance (MM/YY)		Degree(s)	Major/Specialization
		From	To		

**4. Professional licenses (include dates and states):** \_\_\_\_\_

**5. Do you speak another language other than English?**

No

Yes → Please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please check your level of fluency:**

Verbal:  Basic  Intermediate  Advanced

Reading:  Basic  Intermediate  Advanced

Writing:  Basic  Intermediate  Advanced

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**6. Please attach a typed (double-spaced) statement of *no more than two pages* discussing the following:**

- Describe your proposed research project and mention the community partner(s) you would like to work with and the nature of your relationship with them.
- Briefly describe your previous research experience and/or coursework.
- Describe your experience and commitment to working with Asian American communities.
- How will your participation in the Health Disparities Research Training Program support your career goals?
- What is your personal motivation for pursuing research in Asian American health?

**7. Where did you learn of the Health Disparities Research Training Program?**

Check all that apply.

Internet  Employer/Colleague  School  Listserv: \_\_\_\_\_  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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**By entering my name below, I acknowledge that participation in the entirety of the program is expected and required of all health disparities training fellows. If my application is selected, I will accept the fellowship offer if I am able to 1) complete all coursework assigned; 2) participate in monthly training seminars and other related events; 3) complete a research project in 12-18 months.**

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Application materials (training application, statement, and curriculum vitae or resume) *must be emailed as attachments in one email* to [HD RTP@cbwchc.org](mailto:HD RTP@cbwchc.org). Recommendations may be sent by regular mail to the address below.**

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