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Chronic Disease Epidemiology among Native peoples

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Project management, data analysis

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Quality control in chronic disease studies, Epiinfo

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Introduction to Epidemiology

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Ethics of research among Native communities

and many more...

Our faculty have substantial experience in cancer control activities, and much experience with health care problems among native peoples. Members of the faculty will be available to trainees to provide on-site assistance with cancer control program development, implementation and evaluation as well as technical expertise with grant applications, manuscripts, and with other tasks necessary to carry out successful cancer control activities.

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Native Researchers' Cancer Control Training Program

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Oregon Health & Science University
Portland, OR

PROGRAM INFORMATION & APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

About the program...

The Native Researchers' Cancer Control Training Program is designed to help develop research skills for implementation and evaluation of cancer control programs in Native communities. Under funding from the National Cancer Institute, this program is aimed primarily at increasing the number of Native people involved in cancer control activities.

To help achieve this goal, we offer intensive training sessions of three weeks duration with follow-up opportunities and some technical field support for graduate trainees. The seminars will include numerous "hands on" exercises to enhance skill building, and will be customized to meet the needs of each group of trainees. The training program will include, but is not limited to, the following course subjects: Epidemiological methods, design and implementation of cancer intervention studies, data management and data analysis, grant and manuscript preparation, questionnaire design, use of Medline and other software for library searches, use of national databases, Human subjects protection, grant funding agencies and potential funding sources, and grant budget management.

Each class will include 10-15 trainees. Successful applicants will attend the training course at Oregon Health & Science University, where we will provide resources and an atmosphere conducive to mastering principles of cancer control for implementation in the trainees' own communities.

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Additional benefits

In addition to the three-week training course, the NRCCTP will provide trainees with mentoring, help with grant proposals, manuscript preparation, and letters of recommendation. Opportunities to participate in field research experiences of 3 or 6 months duration will also be provided.

How much does it cost?

It's free!!!

The Native Researchers' Cancer Control training program will be offered as an all-expenses-paid* scholarship to qualified candidates. This includes airfare, ground transportation to and from the airport, hotel, books, and per diem meal allowance during the three weeks of training.

**Because we are a federally funded program, we are not permitted to cover the travel expenses of other federal employees.*

Who should apply?

Anyone in the health care, academic or research field, those interested in cancer research, and/or those who are in a position to implement cancer research or intervention programs in a Native community. Priority will be given to applicants with a Masters degree or higher. Applications from American Indians, Alaska Natives, Native Hawaiians, American Samoans and other U.S. associated Pacific-Islanders are encouraged.

Application process and deadline

Application requirements include:

- Application form
- Letter of interest and commitment from applicant
This letter should describe the applicant's interest in cancer research and commitment to attend the full three weeks of training.
- Letter of support from Tribe or Native community
This letter should support the applicant's application as well as describe the applicant's relationship to his or her community.
- Letter of support from employer
This letter should state that the applicant has his or her employer's permission to attend all three weeks of the Native Researchers Cancer Control Training Program.
- CV/resumé

The deadline for all application materials is March 15, 2008.

Tentative Course Schedule

Week 1

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9:00 - 12:00	Introduction to Epidemiology	Introduction to Epidemiology	Introduction to Epidemiology	Introduction to Epidemiology	Introduction to Epidemiology
12:00 - 1:30	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
1:30 - 3:00	Cancer Control Project Examples	Cancer Control Project Examples	Cancer Control Project Examples	SEER* Stat	SEER* Stat & Other National Databases
3:30 - 5:00	Questionnaire Design & Survey Methods	Questionnaire Design & Survey Methods	Questionnaire Design & Survey Methods	Data entry & management	Data entry & management
6:00 - 8:00	Reception				

Week 2

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9:00 - 12:00	Epidemiology Methods	Epidemiology Methods	Epidemiology Methods	Epidemiology Methods	Epidemiology Methods
12:00 - 1:30	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
1:30 - 5:00	Conducting Focus Groups	Conducting Focus Groups	Conducting Focus Groups	Intro to Statistics	Cultural Considerations in Implementing Cancer Control Projects
					Intro to Statistics

Week 3

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9:00 - 12:00	Research Design & Grant Writing	Research Design & Grant Writing	Research Design & Grant Writing	Research Design & Grant Writing	Project Presentations
12:00 - 1:30	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
1:30 - 5:00	Human Subjects Protection	Library Searches (elective)	Project Time	Project Time	Project Presentations
					Evaluations