



Partnerships to Advance Cancer Health Equity (PACHE) Program Meeting

Program updates

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CENTER TO REDUCE
CANCER HEALTH DISPARITIES

NCI Center to Reduce Cancer Health Disparities

Diversity Training



Workforce Diversity



Networks

- Connecting Underrepresented Populations to Clinical Trials (CUSP2CT)
- Transformative Educational Advancement and Mentoring Network (TEAM)

Partnerships

Partnerships to Advance Cancer Health Equity (PACHE)

Disparities and Equity Program

- Basic research
- Translational research
- Behavioral research
- DEIA

PACHE P20 Program Updates

PAR-22-239: *Feasibility Studies to Build Collaborative Partnership in Cancer Research*

- Launched in 2001
- Reissued ten times- latest in 2022
- 322 new applications received (161 Partnerships), and 104 awards issued (52 partnerships)
- Supported 300 Pilot Research Projects
- Trained > 274 Junior Investigators
- Current grant portfolio is 12 awards (6 Partnerships, including 2 in a no-cost-extension)
- **PAR-22-239 expired on January 7, 2023. This NOFO will not be reissued!**

CPACHE U54 Program Updates

PAR-22-249: *Comprehensive Partnerships to Advance Cancer Health Equity, C-PACHE (U54)*

- PAR-22-249 expired on January 7, 2023.
 - Under development for publication in FY 24; review and awards
- External evaluation of the U54 CPACHE from 2014 to 2021
 - Completed in 2022
- Current U54 grant portfolio is 36 awards
 - (16 partnerships, including one new U54, one in bridge support, and one in a no cost extension)

CPACHE U54 Program Updates

External Evaluation

- Data collected from 14 U54 Partnerships
 - RPPR
 - Questionnaire distributed to each Partnership by CRCHD
 - Reports from the Partnership to the PSC
- Evaluation Focus:
 - Infrastructure/Functional Characteristics
 - Cancer Research
 - Cancer Training, Career Development, and Education
 - Cancer Outreach
 - Capacity Building
 - Contribution to NCI Strategic Goals

CPACHE U54 Program Updates

Relevant findings from the external evaluation

- The CPACHE program has:
 - Made sustained contributions to the science of health disparities
 - Provided a valuable pipeline for the career development of underrepresented investigators
 - Supported the development of several senior underrepresented investigators in leadership positions
 - Fostered innovative and impactful science in CCs and ISUPSs
 - Been an important driver of equity and inclusion within the NIH portfolio
 - Afforded access to the ISUPSs to critical physical resources and knowledge resources (collaborations with CC investigators) for cancer research
 - Aligned with NCI's scientific priorities, contributing to the mechanisms, prevention, treatment, detection, and diagnosis and advancing public health of cancer

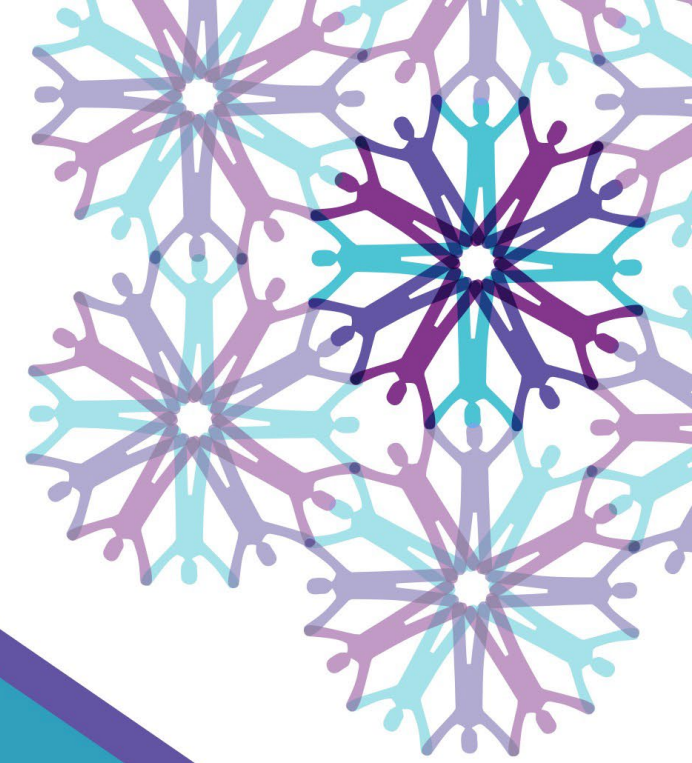
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Relevant recommendations from the external evaluation

- Coordinate with CCSG (P30) on the new Plan to Enhance Diversity (PED)
- Provide credit in the PED for joint appointments to CCs
- Increase access to CC resources from ISUPS investigators
- Develop strategies to protect the time of ISUPS clinicians and scientists
- Build protected time for U54 investigators to participate in community outreach and engagement
- Implement uniform reporting of –
 - Outcomes and set metrics
 - Joint publications and funding

Program Recommendations

- Tracking outcomes of trainees, including students, postdoctoral trainees, and Early Stage Investigators
- Tracking the cancer health disparities (CHD) research and determining the increasing CHD research at Cancer Centers
- Evaluate the impact of the program on cancer health disparities research
- Evaluate the impact of the program on community outreach
- Evaluate the impact of the program on education, training, and career development



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