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Project L/EARN Research Training Internship
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The Institute for Health, Health Care Policy, and Aging Research offers Project L/EARN, an exciting program designed to increase graduate school enrollment among students from groups that are traditionally under-represented in health-related graduate programs, such as students from low-income families; first-generation college-attendees; African-American, Latino, Native American, and Pacific Islanders.

We invite sophomore and junior students with an interest in health, mental health, or health services research to apply to the Project L/EARN Summer 2017 research training program. The summer program is an intensive ten-week internship opportunity for qualified students who would like to obtain research skills and “hands-on” experience in health services research under the guidance of a distinguished faculty mentor. Summer training often leads to involvement in faculty research during the subsequent academic year. Faculty mentors represent a diverse array of disciplines, including health economics, medical sociology, medical anthropology, public health, social work, nursing, and health psychology; all head vigorous research programs. Each intern will be matched with a faculty mentor whose work is most closely aligned with his or her particular interests, skills, and background.

The core of the summer program is daily lectures and computer laboratory sessions that provide training in research methods, study design, data management, and statistical analysis (programming in SPSS). Project L/EARN has been designated as one of Rutgers University’s Graduate Education Preparation Programs. Interns will be provided with GRE preparation, as well as extensive guidance with respect to applying to graduate school. Project L/EARN is more than a full time commitment. Consider it the equivalent of a very demanding course load and a part time job. Participants cannot take any additional summer classes or hold employment during the program period and are required to live in the campus housing provided. Participants are required to attend all seminar series and program events (on and off-campus), meet with mentors regularly, and complete all scheduled assignments within the timeframe provided.

The internships provide students with a $4,200 stipend, tuition, and room and board for the duration of the ten-week program so that they can “learn while they earn.” Students also receive 3 academic credits for the program. The program will operate from May 30th to August 4th, 2017 on the New Brunswick campus of Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey. Project L/EARN is funded by the National Science Foundation and Rutgers University, and is directed by Professor Jane Miller and Diane (Deedee) Davis.

The online application can be found at www.ihhpar.rutgers.edu/projectlearn/

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