Deadlines:

Internal Application: December 1, 2020
Full Application: January 7, 2021

Estimated Award Amount: $775,000
JHU Nomination Limit: 1
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Opportunity Summary:
The purpose of this program is to promote the development of a diverse and representative public health and health care workforce by recruiting undergraduate students from underserved or underrepresented backgrounds, including trainees from racially and ethnically underrepresented groups, into MCH public health and MCH-related health professions in order to improve levels of representation, reduce health disparities, and increase access to health care for vulnerable and underserved MCH populations, including those from such racially and ethnically diverse groups.

Few training programs currently focus on recruiting undergraduate students into MCH professions. The LEAP Program’s unique focus on recruiting diverse undergraduate student cohorts fills a critical gap by building and maintaining a diversified workforce that is reflective of and prepared to address the distinct needs of MCH populations. The specific objectives of the LEAP Program are to:

1. Recruit and support undergraduate trainees from diverse, underserved, and/or underrepresented backgrounds to:
   • Increase the number of undergraduate students from underrepresented backgrounds exposed to learning opportunities in MCH;
   • Promote development and interest in careers in MCH; and,
   • Increase their cultural responsiveness and skills in addressing health disparities in underserved communities.

2. Foster development of interdisciplinary leadership and research skills training at the undergraduate level in MCH public health and MCH-related health professions in preparation for careers in MCH.

3. Provide mentorship and internship opportunities to undergraduate students through preceptorships with MCH professionals, graduate students, and MCH/Title V organizations in preparation for graduate/post-graduate education/training in MCH.

4. Increase access to MCH undergraduate education and training through innovative and alternative methods, such as telehealth, virtual instruction, or distance-learning modalities.

Eligibility & Requirements:
• A student/trainee receiving a stipend must be a citizen or a non-citizen national of the United States or have been lawfully admitted for permanent residence by the start of the training grant, fellowship or traineeship, or award.

Internal Nomination Process:
Interested applicants should submit the following documents:

1. JHU Limited Submission Cover Sheet
2. Proposal (maximum of two pages of text only, single spaced: 12-pt font and one-inch margins)
   (Note: figures, tables, and other reference material may be included in addition to the 2 pg. text limit)
3. Curriculum Vitae of investigator, including current external research support and publications
4. Budget (two pages maximum)

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