



Diversity in Suicide Research Program

VA Center of Excellence for Suicide Prevention

The objective of the Diversity in Suicide Research Summer Program is to deliver high quality research training and experiences to underrepresented racial/ethnic minority and/or disadvantaged medical and graduate students. The experience will include trainings and seminars by well-established VA and suicide researchers and will link participants with ongoing suicide research trials so that they have a hands-on research experience. Additionally, they will be asked to develop a research question and present at the culmination of the eight-week program.

Eligibility

Participants accepted and enrolled into the program must be 1) U.S. citizens; 2) actively enrolled in accredited schools of medicine, allied health professions, public health or other health professional schools; and 3) from diverse backgrounds underrepresented in suicide research. Individuals underrepresented in suicide research include: a) racial and ethnic groups including Black or African-American, LatinX, and American Indian; b) individuals with physical and mental impairment; c) students who are Veterans or children of Veterans; d) members of LGBTQ; and e) individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds. Participants must have completed at least one year in their current educational program and must commit to complete the eight-week program.

How to Apply

Send completed application to tyler.webb2@va.gov with the following components. Use the subject line "Diversity Research Program Application."

- Participant Information Form
- Cover Letter (Prompt below)
- C.V.

Cover Letter Prompt

In approximately one page, detail your interest in the program, research interests and training, who you are interested in working with from the list of faculty, how your background makes you a diverse applicant, as well as how you bring a diverse perspective to suicide research. Use this opportunity to emphasize the special qualities and accomplishments that will make you stand out as an applicant.

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Participant Information Form

Full Name

Phone

Email

Date of Birth

Address

City

State

Zip Code

Academic Institution

Area of Study/Concentration

Anticipated Date of Graduation

Relevant Coursework



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