

Minority Research Grant Program



The CMS Office of Minority Health administers the Minority Research Grant Program (MRGP). CMS seeks to achieve health equity by making health care more person-centered, affordable, and accessible. The MRGP is particularly interested in scientific research on health disparities affecting racial and ethnic minorities, people with disabilities, sexual and gender minorities, persons who live in rural areas; and persons otherwise adversely affected by persistent poverty or inequality.



GOAL 1. Develop capacity at minority-serving institutions to research health disparities and social determinants of health



GOAL 2. Understand the root cause of issues—processes, practices, behaviors, and burdens—that lead to health disparities and identify replicable interventions



GOAL 3. Strengthen CMS programs by disseminating best practices uncovered through funded research

GRANT ELIGIBILITY

Health equity researchers at the following types of institutions are eligible to apply: Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian-Serving Institutions (ANNHSIs), Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander-Serving Institutions (AANAPISIs), Hispanic-Serving Institutions (HSIs), Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs), Native American Serving Non-Tribal Institutions (NASNTIs), Predominantly Black Institutions (PBIs), and Tribal Colleges and Universities (TCUs). If you are not an eligible institution, you would need to partner with one and the MSI would need to be the one to submit an application. Universities partnering with community organizations and non-profits to expand research are highly encouraged.

To be eligible, investigators must propose research focused on testing solutions to health disparities that impact CMS OMH's target populations that are racial and ethnic minorities, people with disabilities, sexual and gender minorities, and rural populations. For more information on eligibility, visit: go.cms.gov/minorityresearch.

TO APPLY

Applicants must use Grants.gov to apply. Grantees are selected through an annual competition that values innovation, community collaboration, and scientific rigor.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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