

NIH/Latino Medical Student Association LIDEREs in Research Travel Award

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) and the Latino Medical Student Association Faculty Physician Advisory Council (LMSA FPAC) provide travel awards to participate in NIH/LMSA LHS+ Identity, Development, and Resources Seminar (LIDEREs) in Research. The National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK) leads and coordinates this program in collaboration with other NIH Institutes, Centers, and Offices.

Overall goals of the seminar are to:

- Describe LHS+ (Latina/o/e/x, Hispanic or of Spanish Origin+) related research priorities, urgent health challenges and disparities;
- Provide information about how to navigate a career in academic medicine and research, including how to find support and funding for your career through NIH;
- Describe the career journeys of physician-scientists and academicians, including those who have obtained NIH research funding;
- Facilitate interactions, networking, and connectedness with researchers, faculty, and representatives from NIH, LMSA and other entities.

Background:

In the Spring of 2023, the NIDDK Office of Minority Health Research Coordination (OMHRC) met with the leadership of the LMSA FPAC to discuss ways to address the relative lack of Latina, Latino, Latinx, Latine, Hispanic or of Spanish Origin+ (LHS+) identified individuals in the research and academic medicine workforces.

The LMSA Inc. (Latino Medical Student Association) was formed to increase the presentation and success of LHS+ medical students within medical schools. The 50+ history of LMSA and its antecedent organizations has been detailed in a new book titled *Latino, Hispanic, or of Spanish Origin+: Identified Student Leaders in Medicine, Recognizing More Than 50 years of Presence, Activism, and Leadership* by Springer Publishing (<https://link.springer.com/book/10.1007/978-3-031-35020-7>)

The meeting with the LMSA FPAC resulted in the decision for NIDDK to provide travel awards and support to aspiring LHS+ residents, fellows, and early career individuals interested in careers in academic medicine to attend LMSA's LHS+ Identity, Development, Empowerment, and Resources Seminar (LIDEREs) in Research. Key topic areas include the importance of diversity in academic medicine, understanding the NIH grant process, learning how to obtain funding and grant support, potential career paths, recognizing the pitfalls to avoid in the selection of academic appointments and early years of academic tenure, career appointment and advancement, identification, and successful utilization of mentors, among others.

Recipients of the NIH/LMSA Travel Award can be interns/residents, fellows, junior faculty, post-doctoral researchers who are interested in pursuing careers in research and/or academic medicine.

The event is scheduled for April 12-14, 2024.

Hosted at Universidad Central Del Caribe (UCC) School of Medicine, Bayamón, Puerto Rico.

Award Application Deadline:

Thursday, January 11, 2024 (12:00pm EST)

Award Highlights

- Research/Academic career development workshops and networking
- Round trip airfare (economy) up to \$700.00
- Hotel accommodations and per diem

Eligibility

Applicants must:

- Be a member of a nationally underrepresented group in biomedical or behavioral research
- Be an intern/resident, fellow, post-doctoral scientist, or early stage investigator
- Be a U.S. citizen, non-citizen national, or legal permanent resident
- Not have received travel support under this announcement in previous years

Award recipients **must attend** the entire NIH/LMSA LIDEReS in Research event.

Application Process

Gather Required Documents

It is recommended that you prepare the following required documents in advance of starting your application:

- 1-page letter of interest (Format requirements: Times New Roman, 1.5 line spacing, 1-inch margins)
- A signed letter of recommendation from a faculty member/LMSA faculty or staff advisor/medical school leader (Dean of the Medical School, Dean of Research, Dean of GME; Program Director; Chairperson; etc.) who will follow-up with you regarding your research interests and how your institution will support your interests. The letter should also confirm your full participation in the seminar and describe any financial resources to help you participate in the entire program. (Format requirements: Times New Roman, 1.5 spacing, 1-inch margins)
- CV (If you are uncertain how to develop or format a CV reach out to your institutional office for faculty affairs or use the following <https://www.niddk.nih.gov/-/media/Files/Research-Funding/Process/CVTemplate.pdf>)

Submit the Application

Fill out the application (<https://form.jotform.com/233178719637064>) with uploaded documents. All application materials must be submitted through the system.

Application Deadlines

Applications will be accepted from December 10, 2023 – January 11, 2024.

Selection Process

The NIH/LMSA LIDEReS in Research Travel Award Review Committee will review the applications and select awardees based on policies and provisions of the NIH governing administrative awards.

Award recipients will be announced no later than January 18, 2024.

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