



**Weill Cornell
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Diversity Center of Excellence

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Dear WCM faculty and leadership,

The WCM Diversity Center of Excellence (DCOE) of the Cornell Center for Health Equity is delighted to invite faculty members to submit applications **for the 2021 Research Scholars in Health Equity faculty development program application cycle.**

Objectives of program: The program will support the development of novel and innovative ideas into fundable research projects in topics related to healthcare equity and health disparities. This mini-grant program invites aspiring faculty researchers and their mentors to apply. Applicants who need mentors will be assisted in finding mentors with expertise in health equity research, in order to help candidates prepare competitive pilot project proposals for future funding. Recipients will meet monthly with program faculty and will be invited to attend meetings of the Education Scholars in Health Equity faculty development program, also sponsored by the DCOE.

Funding available: The Diversity Center of Excellence will commit \$25,000 to fund five Research Scholars in Health Equity projects (**\$5,000 for each project**) for our 2021 application cycle.

Who may apply? Weill Cornell Medicine faculty of any specialty, throughout the WCM network, are invited to apply. Women and underrepresented minorities are especially encouraged to apply. Faculty members may apply in teams. The PI applicant must be or must become an Academic Member of the Cornell Center for Health Equity. To join the Center, please visit: <https://centerfortheequity.cornell.edu/>. Membership is free.

Mission of the DCOE: The Diversity Center of Excellence's mission is to enhance diversity in medicine and health care and to promote health equity through research, education, and advocacy, all in partnership with the community.

Application information: The proposal must clearly explain how the mentor and candidate will work together to develop a competitive grant proposal. The target grant opportunity should be named (for example, Dean's Diversity Award, R21, K23, K08, etc.). Applications that propose potentially high impact pilot studies that are well thought out and have a clearly defined path to extramural funding are particularly encouraged. Applications will be reviewed by an awards committee.

Previous Scholars and their projects: Information about previous scholars and their projects are available at <https://centerfortheequity.cornell.edu/education/diversity-center-of-excellence/faculty-scholars-in-health-equity/>

Application deadline is July 15, 2021. For more information about the application, please visit our website at <https://centerfortheequity.cornell.edu/education/diversity-center-of-excellence/faculty-scholars-in-health-equity/>. For questions, please contact Daisy Torres-Baez (dat4004@med.cornell.edu). We are also happy to discuss the program with potential applicants.

Sincerely,

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