**ANNOUNCEMENT**

**Career Development Opportunity in the Fields of American Indian**

**Public Health and Resilience**

The Center for American Indian Resilience (CAIR) is an Exploratory Center of Excellence supported by the National Institutes of Health’s National Institute of Minority Health and Health Disparities (NIH-NIMHD) and co-administered by Northern Arizona University, University of Arizona and Dinè College. CAIR is pleased to announce an opportunity for tribal and academic partners to explore the role of resilience in contributing to positive health outcomes in American Indian (AI) communities. The tribal partner must work for a tribe, native lead non-profit organization or urban Indian center. The academic partner must be affiliated with a US based college or university as a graduate student, postdoctoral student, appointed personnel or faculty.

CAIR will select and support a cohort of partnerships for 1 year. These partnerships will engage in mentored personal career development as well as educational activities that will contribute to the national and local public health education associations, agencies and funding institutes that set policy and support activities that influence American Indian health.

Career Development: Partners are expected to: 1) design an independent community-based proposal for a project (such as a community intervention, manuscript of past collaborative efforts or planning activities to prepare for a grant application) that incorporates resilience and/or resilience promoting strategies in health promotion; 2) work collaboratively with CAIR faculty to conceptualize and apply concepts of resilience in health; and 3) develop and adhere to a goals and milestone schedule that yields a tangible outcome that is meaningful to both the community and university. CAIR will provide mentoring both face-to-face and via conference calls, and an annual required workshop that will include: project planning, familiarity with external finding opportunities, application of mixed methods, strategies for collaborative grant writing, successful approaches to co-project administration, tribal approval procedures for activities engaging university partners, and ethics related to research, evaluation and results dissemination with American Indian communities.

Level of Support

* $5000-$10,000/yr stipend to the partnership; the partnership can determine how the funds will be awarded among partners. **Funds must be expended on community-based projects, not on research activities**. With satisfactory progress each year, the stipend can extend for a total of two years.
* Travel support (mileage or airfare, lodging and per diem) for a round trip from academic home to Flagstaff, AZ for the workshop.

Eligibility

* Tribal partner must have a minimum of 5 years of experience working in health with American Indian communities.
* Academic partner must have a minimum of a 4 year undergraduate degree in a relevant field or a minimum of 5 years of experience working in American Indian health.
* Availability to attend annual 1.5 day meeting. In 2016, the annual meeting is planned for August 11-12, 2016 in Flagstaff, AZ. Partners must be available to attend.

Application Process:

* Partnerships should submit one document that provides the following for each partner:
	+ demographic information
	+ background and skills
	+ reference contact information; if the applicants advances to the second phase of review, references will be contact for a verbal or email recommendation
* Two page concept paper of proposal or manuscript idea incorporating resilience; components to include are:
* statement of problem and need for support
* method(s)
* expected outcome/deliverables
* timeline for deliverables
* Budget identifying how funds will be expended; indirect costs are not allowed.
* Current CV, resume or bio-sketch of lead partner from each institution

Deadline: May 20, 2015 extended and firm; Awards will be announced by May 27, 2015

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