

### Collaborative HIV Prevention in Minority Communities Program

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#### Project Description

The Collaborative HIV Prevention Research in Minority Communities Program was developed to address the simultaneous over-representation of communities of color among those with HIV and under-representation of researchers of color at the National Institutes of Health. The program is designed to help scientists develop their programs of research and obtain significant research funding.

The 27-month program has the following elements:

- Small grant funding
- Structured summer program
- Individualized long-term research collaboration
- Access to behavioral science expertise
- Internal peer review of all products



#### Significance

Institutes throughout the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and other entities could use this model to develop investigators of color, improve the quality of research with communities of color, and begin to address health disparities within communities of color. Congress has directed the NIH to address the significant health disparities, including those related to HIV.

#### Interesting Findings

- The program provides a network of support for investigators of color who tend to feel isolated at their universities and has created a nationwide network of HIV prevention researchers who are now collaborating on grants, projects and papers.
- Since 1997, 40 program participants have:
- Received over \$45 million of funding to conduct culturally specific collaborative research with communities of color
- Contributed to the scientific literature on these issues
- Trained their students and colleagues
- Participated in peer review of grant proposals (including NIH study sections)
- Developed interventions to address health disparities

**Project Website:** [www.caps.ucsf.edu/CAPS/about/fellows/minorityindex.php](http://www.caps.ucsf.edu/CAPS/about/fellows/minorityindex.php)

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