For the purpose of informing interested faculty, please be aware of the following opportunity. Please note that the other recipients of this announcement could be potential collaborators on this opportunity.

PAR-10-136: Behavioral and Social Science Research on Understanding and Reducing Health Disparities (R01)

(If you are interested in submitting for this opportunity please submit a Notification of Interest to Dr. Greg Reed (gdreed@utk.edu) by 3/26/2010. This submission will enable the Office of Research to assist in areas such as team formation, partnership opportunities, etc.)

The National Institutes of Health is soliciting applications to encourage behavioral and social science research on the causes and solutions to health and disabilities disparities in the U. S. population. The primary basic research question is the causes of differences in the health status of populations. While understanding the causes of poor health in a given population may be necessary to explaining differences in health between groups, it is probably not sufficient to be considered health disparities research for the purposes of this opportunity. That is, the same cause may depress the health of both groups equally and may not be a source of one group’s having poorer health than the other. One intention of this FOA is to stimulate research on why there are health differentials between groups. Health disparities between, on the one hand, racial/ethnic populations, lower socioeconomic classes, and rural residents and, on the other hand, the overall U.S. population are major public health concerns. Emphasis is placed on research in and among three broad areas of action: 1) public policy, 2) health care, and 3) disease/disability prevention. Particular attention is given to reducing “health gaps” among groups. Proposals that utilize an interdisciplinary approach, investigate multiple levels of analysis, incorporate a life-course perspective, and/or employ innovative methods such as system science or community-based participatory research are particularly encouraged. This opportunity runs in parallel with an FOA of identical scientific scope, PAR-10-137, that encourages applications under the R21.
For detailed information about this opportunity, **including encouraged research perspectives and themes**, please see the full solicitation (PAR-10-136). To find more opportunities from this agency, please see [here](#).

**Because the nature and scope of the proposed research will vary from application to application, it is anticipated that the size and duration of each award will also vary.** Cost sharing is not required. Please see the full solicitation for complete award information.

Please be aware that multiple submission dates exist for this opportunity. The dates listed below reflect the first deadline for submissions.

**Deadline for Proposal to OR-Sponsored Programs: 9/7/2010**
(Please see the solicitation for complete application & submission information.)

Please contact Sponsored Programs (4-2402) with questions regarding proposal submission requirements.

**Deadline for Proposal Submission to Agency: 9/14/2010**

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