Chicago Cancer Health Equity Collaborative (ChicagoCHEC):
Announcement for Co-Lead of Research Education Core

BACKGROUND on ChicagoCHEC
The Chicago Cancer Health Equity Collaborative (ChicagoCHEC) is a National Cancer Institute comprehensive cancer partnership led by the Robert H. Lurie Comprehensive Cancer Center of Northwestern University, Northeastern Illinois University, and the University of Illinois at Chicago. Our mission is to advance cancer health equity through meaningful scientific discovery, education, training, and community engagement. The Leadership of ChicagoCHEC includes: Melissa Simon (NU); Christina Ciecierski (NEIU); Moira Stuart (NEIU); and Robert A. Winn (UIC).

BACKGROUND on Research Education Core
We leverage the strengths of ChicagoCHEC institutions and partners to support students, trainees, and faculty. The academic and career trajectory to pursue a profession in health and science is often referred to as a “pipeline”. Unfortunately, many students never had the idea planted in them that they could be in a health or science related career. Through our work with individuals from all career stages, we know that even the most talented students and professionals may need training, mentoring, and other opportunities to successfully launch and advance their careers. In the Research Education Core, we leverage the strengths of ChicagoCHEC institutions and partners to propel students, trainees, and faculty from all backgrounds toward success in health and cancer research careers. The leadership of the Research Education Core is shared across the three institutions and includes: Francisco Iacobelli (NEIU); Tracy Luedke (NEIU); Alicia Matthews (UIC); and Frank Penedo (NU).

QUALIFICATIONS, OBLIGATION and BENEFITS of Co-Lead Research Education Core
1) Must be an Early Stage Investigator (ESI), visit www.nih.gov for definition of ESI; 2) Preference given to those with cancer disparities research portfolio; 3) Demonstrated history of teaching, mentoring or supporting in training of students and near peers; and 4) Must be a UIC Faculty, lecturer or academic professional who meets ESI definition with terminal degree awarded BEFORE January 2017. The award term is for 12-24 months and includes a % effort of protected research and core participation time (% effort will vary based on salary). Core Co-Leads are expected to: 1) attend and lead/co-lead monthly meeting; 2) dedicate at least ½ day a week to ChicagoCHEC activities (time obligation may increase during summer fellowship program); and 3) assist in ongoing development and evaluation of the core, including curriculum development, presentations and manuscripts. Benefits of serving as Core Co-leader includes: 1) Leadership role on NCI center grant; 2) Protected time to advance professional resume/CV to support P & T; 3) Mentored leadership role by Cancer Center Director and Core Co-Leadership including mentored guidance for career development awards OR and other NIH/NCI research or training opportunities; 4) Opportunities for manuscript development and participation in
national meetings and presentations with NCI leadership; and 5) The Opportunity to support the training and development of trainees from various stages in the health disparities pipeline.

To be considered for Co-Lead Research Education Core, please provide the following via email by 11:59PM Friday December 9, 2016:

1. 500-750 word summary statement of interest in training and education and commitment to cancer equity. Please also include teaching and/or mentoring philosophy statement.
2. NIH Biosketch with summary statement to reflect project goals (see www.chicagochec.org).
3. Career Development Proposal and how this project aligns with your goals (250 words or less).
4. “Other Support” Form to indicate any current grant or funded obligations.
5. Two Letters of Recommendation, one from Cancer Center Member and one from another recommender.

Letters of recommendation should be sent DIRECTLY from recommender to Ms. Erica Martinez at emarti66@uic.edu. Letters of Recommendation (LOR) should directly address; a) applicant’s track record of teaching, mentoring or advising; b) applicant’s interest in cancer/chronic disease health equity; and c) applicant’s ability to advance professionally in next 12-24 months as a cancer health disparities researcher. Application materials excluding the LORs, should be compiled into one single PDF document and also emailed to Ms. Erica Martinez at emarti66@uic.edu.

IMPORTANT DATES
1. Announce Application Process November 2016
2. Application materials including LORs due 11:59PM Friday Dec 9, 2016
3. Applications Reviewed by Dec 16, 2016
5. New Research Education Core Lead begins Jan 9, 2017

Thank you for your interest. For any questions please contact Ms. Erica Martinez at emarti66@uic.edu.

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