

PARTNERSHIPS TO ADVANCE CANCER HEALTH EQUITY (PACHE)

Overview

Initiated in 2001, the Partnerships to Advance Cancer Health Equity (formerly known as the Minority Institution/Cancer Center Partnership program) aims to create stable, comprehensive, and long-term partnerships between institutions serving underserved populations and NCI-designated Cancer Centers (CCs) in the areas of research, training/career development, education, and outreach. Through these collaborations, the PACHE works together to train scientists from underrepresented backgrounds in cancer and cancer health disparities research, and to enhance efforts to reach racially/ethnically diverse communities regarding cancer advances.

Goals

The overall goals of the program are to:

- Build research and training capacity at underrepresented-serving institutions.
- Improve effectiveness of CC research, education, and outreach for underserved populations.
- Export successful approaches for addressing disparities to all CCs and other key networks and consortiums.

Objectives

The PACHE program charges both partners to combine their different levels of expertise and experience to achieve the following general objectives:

- Increase participation and competitive research/training capacity of institutions serving underserved populations;
- Increase competitive grant funding of under-represented scientists;

- Increase involvement and effectiveness of CCs in research and training related to underserved populations;
- Develop more effective research, outreach, and education programs that will have a direct impact on public health as well as the health of ethnic minority and underserved populations; and
- Enhance collaborative research in cancer health disparities at CCs.

Mechanisms

PACHE establishes partnerships through two mechanisms:

- **Feasibility Studies to Build Collaborative Partnerships in Cancer Research (P20)** support feasibility studies to assist researchers and faculties at institutions targeting underserved populations in establishing collaborative partnerships with researchers and faculty of Cancer Centers (or other institutions with highly organized, integrated research efforts focused on cancer).
- **Partnerships to Advance Cancer Health Equity (U54)** is designed for institutions targeting underserved populations and NCI-designated Cancer Centers that have already conducted considerable prior planning and evaluation and are ready to implement or have implemented their partnerships in inter-institutional cancer research projects, cancer training, outreach, and education.

