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dates to remember

Mini-Grant RFA Deadlines
December 19, 2008
January 16, 2009

In September 2008, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) announced the award of a cooperative agreement totaling \$1.5 million over three years to the Morehouse School of Medicine's Cork Institute on Alcohol and other Addictive Disorders, located within the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences.

The Cork Institute will use the funds to support a Center for Excellence in Substance Abuse and Mental Health (HBCU-CFE). The focus of the center will be the advancement of the work of Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) in supporting the development and delivery of substance abuse and mental health services.

"By expanding knowledge of best practices, leadership development and community participation, the center can greatly enhance the quality of behavioral health services provided for years to come," said SAMHSA Acting Administrator Eric Broderick, D.D.S., M.P.H.

The first year of funding will be used to expand and enhance the existing national network of HBCUs, to foster the development of programs, and to facilitate collaboration and the exchange of information related to substance abuse and mental health. Also, funding will be used to provide culturally appropriate substance abuse and mental health disorder resources to historically black colleges and universities.

The goals of HBCU-CFE are:

- 1) to foster the development of programs and schools mentoring schools to facilitate the exchange of substance abuse and mental health information;
- 2) to provide culturally appropriate substance abuse and mental health resources to HBCUs; and
- 3) to promote the development of a diverse workforce by exposing students to opportunities such as internships, mentoring and leadership training.

More specifically, HBCU-CFE will:

- Target all 103 HBCUs and provide ongoing technical assistance and on-site and distance learning opportunities;
- Support up to 25 Substance Abuse Treatment Workforce Development mini-grants annually and up to 20 Mental Health mini-grants annually on HBCU campuses; and
- Provide assistance for the Dr. Lonnie E. Mitchell Behavioral Health Policy Academy.

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HBCU-CFE MINI-GRANT PROGRAM

The HBCU-CFE issued a Request for Applications (RFA) on November 20, 2008, for fiscal year (FY) 2009 mini-grant awards focusing on mental health promotion activities on HBCU campuses and/or promotion of workforce development in substance abuse treatment.

The Substance Abuse Treatment Workforce Development RFA seeks to fund small pilot projects that will provide opportunities for more students to obtain practical experience in the addictions field. Up to 25 Mini-Grants will be awarded, with funding up to \$5,000 per institution for student internships.

The Mental Health RFA seeks to fund small pilot projects focusing on addressing student mental health needs, including, but not limited to, the development of suicide prevention programs, stigma reduction, culturally appropriate responses to trauma, and student leadership. Up to 20 Mental Health mini-grants will be awarded, with funding up to \$10,000 per institution.

Eligibility: All 103 nationally recognized Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) are eligible to apply.

HBCUs that are successful in the application process will be considered for team participation and attendance at the Dr. Lonnie E. Mitchell Behavioral Health Policy Academy in Spring 2009.

For more information and applications, visit our Web site at www.hbcucfe.net.



Join us on the Web!

Visit HBCU-CFE's Web site for important updates and information on the Substance Abuse and Mental Health fields.

On this site, you will find HBCU-CFE events, upcoming conferences, a Student Corner with internship and employment opportunities, and funding opportunities. The site also features other valuable substance abuse and mental health tools and resources. These include Student Orientation Kits and presentations from the Historically Black Colleges and Universities National Resource Center for Substance Abuse and Mental Health Infrastructure Development (HBCU-NRC) regional workshops as well as Elluminate! sessions and Dr. Lonnie E. Mitchell Conferences.

To submit information for posting on the HBCU-CFE Web site, e-mail us at webmaster@hbcucfe.net

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