

Summer 2023

Intensive Program in Intersectional BIPOC SGM-focused HIV Science



Call for Applications

The Institute for Sexual and Gender Minority Health and Wellbeing ([ISGMH](#)) and the Third Coast Center for AIDS Research ([TC CFAR](#)) are pleased to invite individuals in the behavioral and social sciences who are Black, Indigenous, and People of Color ([BIPOC](#)) and also who are sexual and gender minority (SGM) persons in either doctoral or postdoctoral training programs to submit applications to the **2023 Summer Intensive Program in Intersectional BIPOC SGM-focused HIV Science**.

Held over two weeks on [Northwestern University's Evanston Campus](#), the Summer Intensive Program will include:

1. A series of lectures, trainings, and other academic activities about the application of intersectionality to HIV behavioral and data science research.
2. Information sharing and usage to address disparities and inequities in HIV and health outcomes for BIPOC SGM populations.
3. Mentoring and networking opportunities.

Participants will gain knowledge and skills in intersectional BIPOC SGM-focused HIV Science to incorporate into their careers, regardless of training stage.

Program Schedule

July 31 – August 11, 2023

Summer Intensive Program at Northwestern University, Evanston, IL

Program Costs

There is no tuition charge for participation in the program. Cost of travel, housing, and meals will be covered for all participants to attend the program. Housing in Northwestern University dormitories and a meal plan will be provided to all participants. Additionally, participants will receive other program benefits to support their participation in the summer program.



About the Program and Faculty

The Summer Intensive Program is sponsored by the Institute for Sexual and Gender Minority Health and Wellbeing ([ISGMH](#)) at Northwestern University and Third Coast Center for AIDS Research ([TC CFAR](#)) in Chicago, IL, and by the Southern AIDS Coalition ([SAC](#)).

As a university-wide institute at Northwestern University, ISGMH's mission is to connect scholars from numerous disciplines with the SGM community to forge collaborations and stimulate innovative research to improve SGM health and wellbeing. The Institute provides opportunities for high-level research and training for the next generation of SGM scholars.

The Third Coast Center for AIDS Research (TC CFAR) is a citywide collaboration led by Northwestern University, the University of Chicago, the Chicago and Illinois Departments of Public Health and multiple community partners. The center's mission is to catalyze cross-disciplinary and cross-institutional research will end the HIV epidemic.

The mission of Southern AIDS Coalition (SAC) is to end HIV/STI epidemics in the South by promoting accessible and high-quality systems of prevention, treatment, care, housing, and essential support services.

The Summer Intensive Program is led by ISGMH Associate Director, [Dr. Jagadīša-devaśrī Dācus](#). Program sessions will be led by Northwestern faculty and participating academic and community collaborators from Chicagoland and from across the country.

COVID-19 Precautions: We are following the [Northwestern University](#) COVID-19 guidelines. Mask wearing will be encouraged of all program participants.

For more information, please email the Program Director, Dr. Jagadīša-devaśrī Dācus, at jagadisa@northwestern.edu.

How to Apply

BIPOC SGM applicants must be currently enrolled in a doctoral or postdoctoral training program in the US, planning for a career in research, and demonstrate an articulated research interest in intersectional BIPOC SGM health and HIV science. Applicants from Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) and Minority Serving Institutions (MRIs) are especially encouraged to apply.

Applicants are required to complete and submit an online application package that includes:

1. A completed online demographic questionnaire.
2. A CV including any publications and a list of any courses taken in research methods, HIV, LGBTQ health and/or racial/ethnic population studies.
3. Graduate transcripts (unofficial copies will be accepted).
4. Two letters of recommendation (submitted separately)
5. A writing sample.
6. A personal statement (limited to 2 pages).

In the personal statement, applicants should describe their current research interests and/or projects in BIPOC LGBTQ health, and their future research plans and career goals after completion of their doctoral or postdoctoral training program.

The application package must be submitted as a single PDF. Please submit [here](#). Online applications will be accepted until May 22, 2023, 11:59pmPT.

Letters of recommendation must be submitted separately by June 5, 2023, 11:59pmPT and can be submitted to jagadisa@northwestern.edu.

All applicants will be notified by June 23, 2023

