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ELEVATE 2020
By January 19, 2020

About the Program:

MSI faculty members are life-long learners and educators who are constantly in the pursuit of personal and professional excellence. In an effort to support the ongoing development of early career MSI faculty, the Rutgers Center for Minority Serving Institutions (CMSI) will draw from our expertise to offer ELEVATE.

Supported by a $250,000 grant from the Arthur Vining Davis Foundations, ELEVATE will bring together early career MSI faculty to further equip them with support, training, and an opportunity to create a close-knit network of peers. This three-day program will provide early career MSI faculty with a unique professional development experience that will do the following:

*Enrich Learning:*
ELEVATE Fellows will have the opportunity to further develop their skills through workshops that will cover academic writing, grant writing, teaching, and mentoring. ELEVATE will further enrich Fellows’ learning by providing sessions geared towards helping early career MSI faculty navigate the professoriate. Sample sessions include: Balancing Faculty Work & Personal Life; Achieving Tenure and Promotion; Teaching Skill Development; Mentoring Skill Development; and Grant Writing 101.

*Enhance Visibility:*
Two key goals of the Center are to elevate the educational contributions of MSIs to ensure their participation in national conversations and to increase rigorous scholarship on MSIs. Through their rigorous research, MSI faculty members contribute to fulfilling these goals. Thus, ELEVATE will offer workshops that will further Fellows’ skills in producing and publishing MSI related research. Knowledge obtained from these workshops will allow early career MSI faculty to enhance the visibility of MSIs in national conversations by producing high quality research. Sample sessions include: Navigating the Publication Process; How to Increase Op-Ed Writing & Social Media Engagement; and Fundraising Initiatives for Research.

*Train Educators:*
All ELEVATE workshops will serve as trainings for early career MSI faculty to enhance their capabilities as researchers, scholars, and educators. Bringing together MSI faculty and providing trainings in key areas will perpetuate the goals of the Center by giving MSI faculty a space to build partnerships across MSIs that will increase efficiency and optimize resources. Sample sessions include: Identity in Academia; Developing a Research Program; and a hosted networking dinner.

**TIMELINE**

**Application Due Date**
January 19, 2020 11:59 p.m. EST

**Selection Announcement Date**
February 20, 2020 to February 28, 2020

**ELEVATE Program Dates**
June 24, 2020 to June 26, 2020

**ELIGIBILITY DETAILS**

- Must be an early-career faculty member (defined as tenured-track, untenured assistant professor or equivalent).
- Must have begun their faculty career no earlier than 2014.
- Must work at an accredited Minority Serving Institution.

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MORE INFORMATION

• Registration is free to selected Fellows.
• Lodging at the event hotel will be arranged and paid for by the CMSI.
• All meals during the program and necessary materials will be provided by the CMSI.
• Selected Fellows are only responsible for covering the cost of their individual travel. We encourage you to seek institutional support, if available.
• Program Benefits:
  • Supplemental skill development with fundraising, grant writing techniques, as well as teaching and mentoring.
  • Support and guidance with navigating the professoriate, the publication process, and developing a research program.
  • Networking with peers and seasoned professionals.
  • Creation of a community-oriented support group.
  • Opportunities for collaboration and partnerships for future work.

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

All application materials are due no later than January 19, 2020 at 11:59 p.m. EST. Online application may be accessed here: ELEVATE 2020. Please be sure to submit all of the following materials by the application deadline:

• Completed online application
• Statement of Purpose
  o A strong personal statement will provide clear and concise answers to the following questions:
    ▪ Why you are interested in attending ELEVATE?
    ▪ What do you hope to gain from the ELEVATE experience?
    ▪ How will your MSI benefit from your participation in ELEVATE?
    ▪ What challenges do you face working at an MSI and how do you hope attending ELEVATE will help you in overcoming those specific challenges?
  o Statement of Purpose should not be longer than 4,500 characters.
• Uploaded CV/Resume

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