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NIH Tribal Advisory Committee: NIGMS Update

Revisions to NARCH NOFO (PAR-23-166)

- Moved to a receipt date every year instead of two out of every four years
- Extended award duration from 4 to 5 years
- Require at least 60% of award budget go to Tribes or Tribal Entities
- Emphasized capacity building and earlier stage (high school) career development projects
- Revised application review and program evaluation criteria
- Working to improve funding process to award grants earlier



NARCH Planning Grants (PAR-24-041)

- Provides support for Tribes and Tribal Entities that do not have NARCH awards to develop competitive NARCH applications
- Up to \$225k direct costs per year for 2 years
- Develop overall goals and research questions; assess capacity building and career development needs; establish program plans; etc.
- Can bring in consultants and advisors, as needed
 - For example, current NARCH grantees or sponsored program administration experts



Tribal Institutional Review Board Establishment and Enhancement (TIRBEE) Grants (PAR-24-260)

- Allows establishment of new or enhancement of the capacity of existing Tribal Institutional Review Boards
- Up to \$350k per year in direct costs for up to 5 years
- At least 75% of funds must go to eligible Tribal entity/entities
- Goal is to increase Tribal research autonomy and control



Tribal Undergraduate to Graduate Research Training and Leadership Experiences (TURTLE) Program

- Phased awards to allow Tribes and Tribal Entities to develop and then implement institutional training grants for undergraduate and graduate students
- PAR-24-235 (UE5/T32) and PAR-24-236 (UE5/T34)
- UE5 phase provides up to 2 years of support to develop the program
 - Hire personnel, develop program infrastructure, establish partnerships with colleges and universities, recruit mentors, etc.
- T32/T34 phase provides up to 5 years of support for the graduate (T32) or undergraduate (T34) training program
 - Pays trainee stipends, tuition remission and benefits and provides support for the administration of the program



Several Models Are Possible through TURTLE

- Grantee will administer award, including paying stipends, tuition remission and benefits
- Grantee will provide additional mentoring, career development and support to the trainees beyond what they get from research advisors and professors
- Grantee could be a TCU (or multiple TCUs) that provides support for its students and/or students at other institutions (for example, those transferring from a 2-year TCU to a 4-year school)
- Grantee could be a Tribe or non-TCU Tribal Entity that supports students at multiple academic institutions

