**American Indian/Alaska Native Drug Abuse**

**Prevention Research**

**Travel Awards to attend the Society for Prevention Research 20th Annual Meeting**

**May 26-29, 2015 Washington, D.C.**

The National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) is providing travel awards to researchers and/or students focused on drug abuse prevention research with American Indian/Alaska Native populations to attend the **Society for Prevention Research 23rd Annual Meeting, “Integrating Prevention Science and Public Policy.”** This conference will take place in Washington, DC, from **May 26 to 29, 2015**. NIDA travel awards will support travel, conference registration, and lodging expenses.

Prior to the conference, but NOT as part of the application packet, travel award recipients will be asked to submit a brief concept paper (2-3 pages) that describes a research project they are interested in conducting. At the conference recipients will meet with senior prevention researchers and/or NIH staff to discuss the concept. In addition to attending sessions of unique interest, they will attend a session developed for travel award recipients as well as a networking lunch, a morning session on NIH funding, and the Diversity Network meeting.

The Society for Prevention Research is the pre-eminent society focused on prevention science. The SPR Annual Meeting provides a centrally integrated forum for the exchange of new concepts and methods, and the presentation of the results from prevention research and related public health fields. In addition, it provides a forum for communication between scientists, public policy leaders, and practitioners concerning prevention science and the implementation of evidence-based preventive interventions in all areas of public health. For more information on the conference, visit: <http://www.preventionresearch.org/2015-annual-meeting/>

To take advantage of this opportunity, applications will be due to the email address listed on page 2 by March 6, 2015. Please contact Kathy Etz at ketz@nih.gov with questions.

Priority will be given to individuals who meet the following criteria:

* Completion of a doctorate or comparable degree
* Intention to submit a grant proposal to NIDA on drug abuse etiology or prevention or on drug-related HIV prevention. This includes:
	+ Investigators who have taken initial steps in preparation for submitting a new grant proposal; and
	+ Investigators who have previously submitted applications to NIDA but have not had an application selected for funding.

Applicants must submit:

* A curriculum vitae;
* Signed letter of support from your Dean, Department Chair, or approved referee; and
* Personal Statement describing your research and career interests, specific plan to submit a NIDA research grant proposal within the next 12-24 months, and how attending this conference will benefit your research goals (maximum 1 page). Please also indicate if there are any particular prevention scientists with whom you would like to meet.

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**Please complete this information as a WORD document and submit it as an email attachment**

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### Supporting Materials Required

1) Your curriculum vitae

2) A signed letter of support from your Dean or Department Chair

3) A Personal Statement describing your research and career interests, specific plan to submit a NIDA research grant proposal within the next 12-24 months and how attending this conference will benefit your research goals (maximum 1 page).

In your personal statement please include brief information on the specific areas of drug abuse research in which you are interested, the current status of your research career and your plans for the next two years in regard to developing your research skills and pursuing research funding opportunities.

***Applications must be received by 11:59 p.m. Friday, March 6, 2015***

 ***Applicants will be notified of their status by Friday, March 27, 2015***

Please email your application, curriculum vitae and personal statement to:

matthew.finger@nih.gov

To reach Matthew Finger by telephone: (301) 402-0263

It is expected that you will apply ONLY IF YOU AGREE THAT IF SELECTED, YOU WILL BE ABLE TO ATTEND AND PARTICIPATE IN THE FULL WASHINGTON CONFERENCE ON May 26 – 29, including an AI/AN breakout group meeting.