Dear Minority-Serving Institution Faculty Members:

Langston University (LU), a historically Black college/university (HBCU), has won a $4.3 million, 5-year grant from the Administration for Community Living (ACL), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) - National Institute on Disability, Independent Living, and Rehabilitation Research (NIDILRR) to carry out a National Rehabilitation Research and Training Center (LU-RRTC) on Research and Capacity Building for Minority Entities. The RRTC will carry out activities in partnership with the Institute for Community Inclusion (ICI) at the University of Massachusetts Boston (Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander-serving institution [AANAPISI]), South Carolina State University (HBCU), Oklahoma Department of Rehabilitation Services, Delaware Nation Vocational Rehabilitation Program, Cherokee Nation Vocational Rehabilitation Program, Kessler Foundation, Association of University Centers on Disabilities (AUCD), and the Southwest Addition Technology Transfer Center. The MISSION of the LU-RRTC is to empower Minority Entities/Minority-Serving Institutions (e.g., HBCUs, Hispanic-serving institutions [HSIs], Tribal colleges/universities [TCUs], and AANAPISIs) to improve their disability and rehabilitation research capacity and infrastructure by conducting a programmatic line of research examining experiences and outcomes of persons from traditionally underserved racial and ethnic populations and communities and capacity-building efforts.

We invite faculty members and researchers at minority-serving institutions (i.e., HBCUs, HSIs, TCUs, or AANAPISIs) to apply to participate in either of two different research mentorship opportunities; (1) Minority-Serving Institution-Based Visiting Investigator Program or (2) Minority-Serving Institution-Housed Research Centers Fellow Program. To be eligible for consideration as a Visiting Investigator, one must simply be employed as a faculty member or researcher at a minority-serving institution. To be deemed eligible for selection as a Research Center Fellow, one must have been employed as a researcher or engineer (i.e., Principal Investigator, Co-Principal Investigator, Investigator, Research Associate, Pre-Doctoral or Post-Doctoral Fellow) at a current or previous federally-funded minority-serving institution-housed research center (e.g., University Centers of Excellence in Developmental Disabilities [UCEEDs], NIH-Research Centers in Minority Institutions) focused on solving complex disability, rehabilitation, or health problems through research or research and development (R&D) activities.

The successful applicants would be integrated into at least one interdisciplinary research team at the LU-RRTC (will be based at their employing institution), and participate in online periodic webinars and community of practices aimed at enhancing research skill sets. They would have a strong interest in disability/health and rehabilitation research in one of the following areas; Opioid Use and Employment; State Vocational Rehabilitation Agency and Veterans Affairs Co-Services to Minority Veterans; American Indian Vocational Rehabilitation Program and Veterans Affairs Co-Services to Native American Veterans; Minority Health Issues; or Minority-Serving Institution Disability and Health Research Capacity Building Model Evaluation. Successful applicants will demonstrate a strong commitment to research through the accomplishment of or the potential for conducting high-quality research. As a member of an interdisciplinary research team, they would contribute to the MISSION of the RRTC.

Benefits to becoming a Visiting Investigator or Research Center Fellow include $4,000 annual stipend, opportunity to be mentored in conducting federally-funded research, expanded research networks, opportunity to learn more about research methods, and co-authorships on peer-reviewed publications.

Applications for either opportunity can be accessed on the RRTC website: http://www.langston.edu/capacitybuilding-rrtc

Please email the completed application along with curriculum vitae, statement of interest, and letter of reference from your Department Administrator to Dr. Jean Johnson at jeanj@langston.edu by October 5, 2018. Successful Participants will begin November 1, 2018. For additional information or application, please contact Dr. Jean Johnson at email address or telephone 405-530-7533.
Langston University
Rehabilitation Research and Training Center (RRTC)
Application for Visiting Investigator or Research Center Fellow

(Please Print or Type)

Date: ____________________________

Name __________________________________________

Last                      First                      Middle

Home Address ___________________________________________________

Number          Street                 City             State             Zip Code

Employing University Address _____________________________________________

Number       Street          City          State         Zip Code

Telephone (Office) ___________________ (Cell) ________________________

Email Address _______________________________________________________

Position ________________________________

(Job Title, Department, School)

1. Type of Employing Institution
   o Historically Black college/universities
   o Hispanic-serving institutions
   o Tribal colleges/universities
   o Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander-serving institutions

2. Opportunity of Interest
   o Minority-Serving Institution –Based Visiting Investigator Program
   o Minority-Serving Institution-Housed Research Centers Fellow Program

Length of Time at Current Position _______________________________________

Other Relevant Work Experience ___________________________________________
(The following information should be provided on attached curriculum vitae)

- Educational Attainment: Title of Graduate Degree, Where and When Obtained
- Peer-Reviewed Publications (i.e., journal articles)
- Book Chapters
- Presentations
- Grants applied for and/or secured
- Professional Organizational Memberships, Certifications, Licenses
- Other Relevant Affiliations

Discuss your interest in becoming a Visiting Investigator or Research Fellow in this RRTC. Discuss how becoming a Visiting Investigator or Research Fellow will help to enhance disability and rehabilitation research capacity building and infrastructure as well as develop your professional research agenda (no more than two (2) pages, double-spaced, 12-point font, submitted as an attachment to the application).

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