FACT SHEET

Éxito! Latino Cancer Research Leadership Training Purpose
The Southwest Region of the U.S. is home to a large, diverse Hispanic/Latino population. However, this diversity is not evident in the master’s-level students who are training in doctoral degrees in health and research careers. Only a small proportion of Latino students go on to pursue doctoral degrees, resulting in a national shortage of experienced investigators in Latino health disparities and cancer prevention and control. The purpose of Éxito! Latino Cancer Research Leadership Training is to increase ethnic diversity in the field of Latino health disparities and cancer control research by encouraging Latino students in master’s-level health programs and Latino master’s-trained health professionals to pursue a doctoral degree and a career in research. The program, based at the Institute for Health Promotion Research (IHPR) at The UT Health Science Center at San Antonio, is designed to enhance participants’:
- understanding of the power of research to affect change;
- awareness of the strengths and limitations of research methods, theory and interventions in eliminating health disparities;
- interest in cancer control research, from surveillance to epidemiology, individual behavior change, health services and policy research; and
- research, networking, information seeking skills, and motivation and ability to successfully apply to a doctoral program.

Éxito! Components
1. Summer Institute
   An annual five-day Summer Institute, “Careers in Latino Cancer Control Research,” showcases the opportunities and need for Latino researchers in health disparities and cancer control research. Through the institute, 20 participants will acquire the motivation, skills, and resources needed to apply to a doctoral program. Faculty participants include role models and leaders in research from around the country.

2. Paid Internships (Eligible)
   Six internships are available to individuals accepted into the Éxito! Program and attend the Summer Institute. In order to receive an internship individual must first complete both the Éxito! Program application and the internship application. Visit http://ihpr.uthscsa.edu/exito.html for more information.

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