

## THE NIH BUILD INFRASTRUCTURE LEADING TO DIVERSITY (BUILD) CONSORTIUM

The main goal of the NIH BUILD Consortium is to increase the *diversity of the NIH-funded workforce* in response to compelling evidence that this will help us accomplish our mission.

The NIH BUILD Consortium will **increase enrollment of college graduates from diverse backgrounds underrepresented in biomedical research in graduate training** by providing support for:

- Rigorous mentored research experiences for two summers while in college and up to two years post - graduation;
- Tuition scholarships and stipends, for up to two years of undergraduate studies and additional loan repayment once in graduate school;
- Salary offset and other infrastructure support for key faculty responsible for undergraduate research training;
- Resources for highly effective mentors to train new mentors; and
- Support for an “innovation space” to enable organizations to develop novel approaches to increase the diversity of those entering PhD training.

Institutional Eligibility for the NIH BUILD Consortium:

- Primary Site: The applicant organization for the BUILD Consortium will have the following:
  - <\$7.5M of NIH research project grant (RPG) funding annually (FY2012), and
  - A minimum of 25% of undergraduate students receiving Pell Grants.
- Pipeline or Research Partner: All other organizations are eligible to be included as pipeline or research partner institutions as part of the primary site’s application.
- Co-Primary Partner: Primary site may also partner with “Co-Primary” Institutions that do not have an undergraduate program but do have the following:
  - <\$7.5M of NIH RPG funding annually (FY2012), and
  - Award-eligible pool of doctoral-level applicants, at least 25% of whom are former Pell recipients.

A single Coordination and Evaluation Center will integrate Consortium members to:

- Ensure sharing of best practices and,
- Link BUILD with a National Research Mentoring Network to provide students and faculty with potential mentors, nation-wide.