



*"The Center for Health Equity Transformation (CHET), Lexington Kentucky, is located on the original homeland of diverse Native peoples who arrived over 10,000 years ago. The most recent among them were the Shawnee. Today, Kentucky is still home to over 25,000 Native people representing scores of tribal groups. CHET recognizes the injustices Native peoples have endured. Through this statement, we hope to begin the long process of healing."*

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## CHET's Weekly Communication Digest

### CHET Call for RA Applications

Application window: January 10 - March 1, 2022

The Center for Health Equity Transformation (CHET, <https://chet.med.uky.edu/>) welcomes applications for a graduate research assistantship focused on innovative, transdisciplinary and impactful health equities research. CHET's



focal research involves preventing and improving outcomes from cancer, substance use, cardiovascular disease, and diabetes/obesity in vulnerable, traditionally underserved populations. Graduate students from all disciplines, including social sciences, public health, biomedical informatics, health policy, and others, are welcome. CHET research assistants will work with faculty engaged in a diverse array of research approaches, including community-based participatory research, survey design, policy, intervention, and dissemination and implementation science. CHET research assistants will engage and support efforts in research conduct, development of scholarly products (presentations, abstracts, peer-reviewed manuscripts), professional networking, enriching activities (speaker series, workshops), mentoring undergraduate students, statistical analysis, grantsmanship, and development of communication and promotional materials.

This is a full-time graduate research assistantship with a competitive stipend and tuition. The start-date is negotiable, and the assistantship may be renewable for multiple years. Members of underrepresented groups are encouraged to apply.

Applications will be accepted beginning **January 10, 2022**. Interested individuals should send one PDF file to [CHET@uky.edu](mailto:CHET@uky.edu) by **March 1, 2022** that contains the following:

1. Cover letter outlining the applicant's interest in health equity research and career aspirations
2. CV
3. A list of three references with contact information
4. One writing sample

## Just-in-Time Funding

CHET is pleased to announce its next round of Just-in-Time funding. Requests will be accepted January 1, 2022 through April 30, 2022.



The mission of the CHET Just-in-Time (JIT) grant mechanism is to enable health equity researchers to obtain small funding amounts to support competitive extramural grant applications, manuscripts submission fees, conference registrations, or support critical health equity training (directly related to an health equity research project). This small grants program is designed to support CHET members and affiliates in conducting health equity related work.

Eligibility is limited to full-time faculty (all title series including regular, research, clinical and special) and post-doctoral fellows at the University of Kentucky who are CHET affiliates or CHET core faculty (to request CHET affiliation please email [ariel.arthur@uky.edu](mailto:ariel.arthur@uky.edu)). The JIT grants are open to health equity studies affecting any vulnerable group or population affected by health disparities.

The application can be found here: <http://chet.med.uky.edu/chet-just-time-funding>

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## NIH Listening Sessions to Inform Efforts on Achieving Racial and Ethnic Equity

January 11 - February 1, 2022

Zoom

As a global leader in biomedical research, NIH carries a weighted responsibility to address the structural challenges and barriers affecting the NIH workforce and the biomedical community that hinder the progress necessary to support true health equity. In March 2021, NIH launched the [UNITE initiative](#) to address structural race and ethnicity-based discrimination in NIH-supported entities and the greater scientific community.

As part of this initiative, NIH is holding a series of listening sessions to learn from external stakeholders about the full range of issues and challenges in advancing racial and ethnic equity in the biomedical research enterprise. The insights shared during these [listening sessions](#) will help to identify priorities for UNITE and inform the development of an NIH action plan.

To view the schedule of listening sessions and to register for an event, visit the following link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/listening-sessions-nih-stakeholders-discuss-racial-ethnic-equity-tickets-208113843107>

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## Collaboration Column

This weekly column provides space for any of our CHET affiliates to seek out involvement of others. We request that contributions be no more than 3 sentences and include contact

information.

If considered appropriate, contributions sent to [chet@uky.edu](mailto:chet@uky.edu) by Thursday will be included in CHET's Friday digest. Contributions will be run twice, unless requested otherwise.

For more information, please contact the Communication Subcommittee via [chet@uky.edu](mailto:chet@uky.edu)

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## **Biostatistics and Research Design Core**

To request a consultation with the CHET Biostatistics and Research Design Core, please click the following link: [https://uky.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_9GlfBA9n9aPOFlb](https://uky.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9GlfBA9n9aPOFlb)

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## **CHET Student and Trainee Listserv**

Please encourage your students and trainees to join our listserv here: [bit.ly/joinchet](http://bit.ly/joinchet)