On behalf of the Research Centers in Minority Institutions (RCMI) Conference Organizing Committee, the RCMI Principal Investigators, Faculty and Staff, and the National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities (NIMHD) Program Officers and Project Scientists, we are pleased to invite you to the 2022 RCMI Program Virtual Grantees Conference that will be held online, which will commence on March 16th, 2022 and will conclude on March 18th, 2022.

The Conference theme is *Inclusive Excellence*, and the scientific sessions and oral and poster presentations will showcase the best science across the RCMI Consortium. Following opening remarks by NIMHD Director, Dr. Eliseo Perez-Stable, Dr. Joshua C. Denny and Dr. Kenneth R. Gersing will highlight research collaboration and funding opportunities with the NIH All of Us Program and the National COVID Cohort Collaborative (N3C), respectively. The Opening Session will also provide an update on NIMHD evaluation of the RCMI Program, as well as an update on the progress of the RCMI Coordinating Center in defining common metrics and data collection standards for evidence-based evaluation of the RCMI U54 Centers.

Concurrent workshops will feature the following RCMI research awards and collaborations: (1) RCMI data science awardees and training on the All of Us (AoU) Hub Research Workbench, conducted by the Vanderbilt University AoU Research Hub team; (2) RCMI COVID-19 awardees and community engagement; (3) practice-based research network (PBRN) awardees and collaboration opportunity; (4) research infrastructure core resources; (5) RCMI Investigator Development Workshop will focus on preparing the all-important Specific Aims page and provide useful insights into the NIH application submission and peer-review processes, including information about the Early Career Reviewer Program; (6) RCMI Research Administrators’ Workshop will introduce how RCMI U54 Centers can showcase their scientific discoveries and community health impact with the new RCMI Consortium website, as well as share solutions on efficient data collection for progress reports, evaluation, and other research-related deliverables.

We would be delighted to have you attend this conference and/or submit an abstract for a poster presentation. Your participation will contribute to the success of this program and to the RCMI theme of Inclusive Excellence.

We encourage you to respond to this invitation on or before March 14, 2022, to secure a place as an attendee or before March 7, 2022, to submit an abstract.

Registration is complimentary. We look forward to receiving your confirmed registration for the upcoming 2022 RCMI Consortium National Conference. For more information, please see the attached Program Agenda or visit the conference website at [https://rcmi-cc.org](https://rcmi-cc.org)

To register as attendee, use the online form at [https://www.rcmi-cc.org/registration/](https://www.rcmi-cc.org/registration/)

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Yours Sincerely, and on behalf of the RCMI Conference Organizing Committee,

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