

Limited Submissions Announcement

A limited submission opportunity is available from the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) and has been posted to the [UTSA Limited Submission Opportunities webpage](#).

[Health Careers Opportunity Program: The National HCOP Academies Program Overview](#)

The purpose of this grant program is to assist individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds to enter a health profession through the development of academies that will support and guide them through the educational pipeline. Based on Section 739 of the Public Health Service Act, academies are expected to focus on: 1) promoting the recruitment of qualified individuals from economically or educationally disadvantaged backgrounds into health professions, including allied health programs; 2) improving retention, matriculation and graduation rates by implementing tailored enrichment programs designed to address the academic and social needs of economically or educationally disadvantaged students; and 3) providing opportunities for community-based health professions training in primary care settings, emphasizing experiences in rural and underserved communities.

The National HCOP Academies will focus on three key milestones of education: 1) high school graduation, and matriculation into a two or four-year college/university (including allied health professions programs); 2) graduation from a two-year or four-year college/university (including allied health professions programs); and 3) matriculation into graduate-level health professions programs, retention and completion of a graduate-level health professions or allied health professions program (e.g., post-baccalaureate programs).

Applicants should propose activities to meet all nine statutorily authorized activities outlined below.

- 1) Recruitment
- 2) Facilitating Entry
- 3) Counseling, Mentoring and other Services
- 4) Preliminary Education and Health Research Training
- 5) Financial Aid Information Dissemination
- 6) Primary Care Exposure Activities:
- 7) Develop a More Competitive Applicant Pool:
- 8) Stipends:
- 9) Scholarships

Eligibility

Eligible applicants include accredited schools of medicine, osteopathic medicine, public health, dentistry, veterinary medicine, optometry, pharmacy, allied health, chiropractic, podiatric medicine, public and nonprofit private schools that offer graduate programs in behavioral and mental health, programs for the training of physician assistants, and other public or private nonprofit health or educational entities including community colleges, technical colleges and tribal colleges.

Application Limit

Multiple applications from an institution are not allowable. Eligible applicants can submit only **one** application per campus; multiple applications from a single campus are not allowable.

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Award Amount

Approximately \$12,794,000 is expected to be available annually to fund approximately twenty (20) awardees. Applicants may apply for a ceiling amount of up to \$640,000 per year.

The period of performance is September 1, 2018 through August 31, 2023 (five years). Funding beyond the first year is dependent on the availability of appropriated funds for the Health Careers Opportunity Program in subsequent fiscal years, satisfactory awardee performance, and a decision that continued funding is in the best interest of the federal government.

Cost Share Requirement

Cost sharing/matching is not required for this program.

Timeline

Limited Submissions Application Due	Selection Notification	Proposal Due to Funder
April 13, 2018	April 30, 2018	May 29, 2018

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Questions? Please reference the **[UTSA Limited Submissions website](#)** or contact **LimitedSubmissions@utsa.edu**