



HEALTHY AMERICAS RESEARCH CONSORTIUM (HARC) Cervical Cancer and Screening Research Grants Program

GRANT OVERVIEW

Cervical Cancer and Screening Research Grants (CCSR Grants) will support 20 scholars in conducting research on cervical cancer and screening among Hispanic women. Each scholar will receive \$10,000 to support their research project. All project proposals should draw data in whole or in part from the National Institutes of Health's [All of Us Research Hub](#), a major new national source of data on health and well being. **Applications are due by March 30, 2022.**

Scholars will be a part of the Healthy Americas Research Consortium (HARC) of the Healthy Americas Foundation (HAF), the supporting organization of the National Alliance for Hispanic Health (Alliance). Support for this grants program is from an unrestricted grant from Hologic.

PURPOSE

Cervical cancer is [40% more prevalent](#) among Hispanic women than non-Hispanic white (NHW) women. Additionally, Hispanic women have a [30% higher mortality](#) rate due to cervical cancer than NHW women. Cervical cancer is the only gynecological cancer for which there is a screening test — the Pap test. Nevertheless, a recent [national survey](#) by HAF and the Alliance found that a larger proportion of Hispanic women (13.5%) have never had a Pap test, compared to non-Hispanic Black (11.7%) and non-Hispanic White (5.9%) women. In addition, the survey found that Hispanic women are less likely than non-Hispanic Black and White women to have a healthcare provider talk to them about a Pap test or HPV. Furthermore, among women who have had a Pap test, Hispanic women receive their first Pap test at later ages. The study also found that 99% of providers say that, with some very few exceptions due to patient age or level of sexual activity, women should have both Pap and HPV tests. Further, 96% of providers say it is beneficial to get both done in the same visit and only 18% say HPV screening is sufficient alone to screen for cervical cancer. Lower rates of early and sufficient access to Pap and HPV screening, places Latinas at greater risk for developing cervical cancer. Absence of Pap and HPV screenings over time can reduce the likelihood of carcinogenic cell detection.

The purpose of CCSR grants is to support 20 scholars in cervical cancer and screening research with a focus on Hispanic and other underserved communities. Research proposals are sought to understand further the screening issues discussed in the recent [national survey](#) by HAF and the Alliance; experiences with accessing Pap and HPV screening; and, effective approaches to increasing Pap and HPV screening in Hispanic and other underserved communities. We seek proposals that draw data in whole or in part from the National Institutes of Health's [All of Us Research Hub](#). Scholars will receive training and support on using the *All of Us* Research Hub and connection to other researchers in the field.

ABOUT THE ALL OF US RESEARCH PROGRAM

The *All of Us Research Program*, part of the National Institutes of Health, is building one of the largest biomedical data resources of its kind. With the goal of integrating one million people across the U.S., the program aims to build one of the most diverse health databases in history.



The *All of Us Research Hub* stores health data from a diverse group of participants from across the United States. Approved researchers can access *All of Us* data and tools to conduct studies that ultimately help improve our understanding of human health.

Over 53,000 Hispanics have taken part in the *All of Us Research Program*. This is equivalent to over 16 percent of all program participants. A wealth of information is available including electronic health records, surveys, physical measurements, and Fitbit data which are collected, curated, de-identified, and published in the *All of Us* database. Applicants may see the Public Tier data in the [Data Browser](#). Over 930 active research projects are available in the [Research Projects Directory](#). The current publications can be found on the [Publications page](#). Learn more about the [All of Us Research Program](#) and the [All of Us Research Hub](#).

ABOUT HOLOGIC AND THE HEALTHY AMERICAS FOUNDATION

Hologic empowers people to live healthier lives everywhere, every day by bringing The Science of Sure® to life, through groundbreaking technology, and by providing early and accurate results. The Science of Sure reflects who Hologic is as a leading innovator in women's health, helping healthcare professionals around the world diagnose and treat their patients with precision, certainty and confidence.

The Healthy Americas Foundation (HAF) is grounded in the experience of the National Alliance for Hispanic Health, a network of community-based members that deliver quality health and human services to over 15 million persons annually and national members that provide services to over 100 million persons annually. HAF is innovating, incubating, and investing in communities. Our efforts foster community-driven efforts that improve the lives of individuals and families throughout the Americas. HAF efforts are grounded in and celebrate the role of culture; redefine health as not merely absence of illness; and nurture wellness in body, mind, and spirit. HAF focuses on three critical underpinnings to promote healthy Americas: collaboration with communities, supportive solutions, and international partnerships.

ELIGIBILITY

Applicants must be current Masters, PhD candidates, or faculty members at an accredited institution based in the United States or practicing health care professionals. We particularly seek proposals that draw data in whole or in part from the NIH's [All of Us Research Hub](#), including availability of information from de-identified electronic health records (EHR) in the Hub. Selected grantees must apply to become *All of Us Researchers* for access to Registered Tier data and will be supported in the signing of an Institutional Agreement with the NIH.

Applications must include:

- Project background and scientific question(s) to be studied (1-2 pages)
- Project Timeline (no longer than 6 months) and Budget (1 page)
- Recommendation Letter from a mentor that will support your research effort (1 page)

Successful grantees will receive a \$10,000 award to complete their proposed research and be a part of a research network providing technical assistance and training on the *All of Us* platform.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

Applications must be sent to nch@healthyamericas.org by March 30, 2022. Applicants will be notified by the week of April 25, 2022. For additional questions, please contact Natalia Cañas at nch@healthyamericas.org