

**American Indian/Alaska Native Drug Abuse  
Prevention Research  
Travel Awards to attend the Society for Prevention Research 20th  
Annual Meeting  
May 29-June 1, 2012 Washington, D.C.**

The National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) is providing travel awards to several researchers and/or students focused on drug abuse prevention research with American Indian/Alaska Native populations to attend the **Society for Prevention Research 20th Annual Meeting, “Promoting Healthy Living Through Prevention Science.”** This conference will take place in Washington, DC, from **May 29 to June 1, 2012.** NIDA travel awards will offset travel, conference registration, and lodging expenses. Award amounts will not exceed \$1500.

Travel award recipients will also be invited to attend the pre-conference workshop, scheduled for May 29, focused on Small Sample Methodologies. They will be expected to attend a networking lunch, a morning session on NIH funding, as well as [the Diversity Network meeting](#).

The Society for Prevention Research is the pre-eminent society focused on prevention science. The SPR Annual Meeting provides a centrally integrated forum for the exchange of new concepts and methods, and the presentation of the results from prevention research and related public health fields. In addition, it provides a forum for communication between scientists, public policy leaders, and practitioners concerning prevention science and the implementation of evidence-based preventive interventions in all areas of public health. For more information on the conference, visit: <http://www.preventionresearch.org/2012-annual-meeting/>

This is a unique opportunity for drug abuse and addiction researchers working with American Indian and/or Alaska Native populations to gain exposure to new concepts and methods, to learn about the state of prevention research generally, and to meet prevention-oriented researchers.

To take advantage of this opportunity, **applications will be due to the email address listed on page 2 by March 15, 2012.** Please contact [Kathy Etz](mailto:ketz@nih.gov) at ketz@nih.gov with questions.

Priority will be given to individuals who meet the following criteria:

- Completion of a doctorate or comparable degree
- Intention to submit a grant proposal to NIDA on drug abuse etiology or prevention or on drug-related HIV prevention. This includes:
  - Investigators who have taken initial steps in preparation for submitting a new grant proposal; and
  - Investigators who have previously submitted applications to NIDA but have not had an application selected for funding.

Applicants must submit:

- A curriculum vitae and
- Personal Statement describing your research and career interests, specific plan to submit a NIDA research grant proposal within the next 12-24 months, and how attending this conference will benefit your research goals (maximum 1 page).

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**Please complete this information as a WORD document and submit it as an email attachment**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Professional Title \_\_\_\_\_

Department/Division \_\_\_\_\_

University or Institution \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip code \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Academic/Prof Degree(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Year(s) Obtained: \_\_\_\_\_

**Supporting Materials Required**

- 1) Your curriculum vitae
- 2) A signed letter of support from your Dean or Department Chair
- 3) A Personal Statement describing your research and career interests, specific plan to submit a NIDA research grant proposal within the next 12-24 months and how attending this conference will benefit your research goals (maximum 1 page).

In your personal statement please include brief information on the specific areas of drug abuse research in which you are interested, the current status of your research career and your plans for the next two years in regard to developing your research skills and pursuing research funding opportunities.

***Applications must be received by 11:59 p.m. Friday, March 15, 2012***

***Applicants will be notified of their status by Friday, April 10, 2010***

Please email your application, curriculum vitae and personal statement to:

[matthew.finger@nih.gov](mailto:matthew.finger@nih.gov)

To reach Matthew Finger by telephone: (301) 402-0263

**It is expected that you will apply ONLY IF YOU AGREE THAT IF SELECTED, YOU WILL BE ABLE TO ATTEND AND PARTICIPATE IN THE FULL WASHINGTON CONFERENCE ON May 29 – June 1, including an AI/AN breakout group meeting.**