



Pre-Summer Institute Questionnaire

Demographics

1. Last name
2. First name
3. Middle initial
4. Zip code
5. What country were you born in?
 United States
 Mexico
 Other
6. If you answered "other" to question 5, what county were you born in?
7. What is your marital status?
 Single
 Married
 Engaged
 Living with partner
 Divorced
8. Do you have children?
 Yes
 No
9. What is your primary language?
 English
 Spanish
 Other
10. If you answered "other" to question 9, what is your primary language?
11. During my college career, I experienced challenges/obstacles based on my ethnicity.
 Strongly agree
 Agree

Neither agree or disagree

Disagree

Strongly disagree

12. During my college career, I experienced challenges/obstacles based on my gender.

Strongly agree

Agree

Neither agree or disagree

Disagree

Strongly disagree

13. During my college career, I experienced challenges/obstacles based on my age.

Strongly agree

Agree

Neither agree or disagree

Disagree

Strongly disagree

14. During my college career, I experienced challenges/obstacles based on my religion and beliefs.

Strongly agree

Agree

Neither agree or disagree

Disagree

Strongly disagree

Family Academic History

1. What is the highest level of education your father completed?

Grade school (k-6)

Middle school (7-8)

High school (9-12)

Some college

Bachelor's degree

Master's degree

Doctoral degree

Don't know

2. What is the highest level of education your mother completed?

Grade school (k-6)

Middle school (7-8)

High school (9-12)

Some college

Bachelor's degree

Master's degree

Doctoral degree

Don't know

Please indicate whether you agree or disagree with the following statement.

3. In my family, I was expected to complete a Bachelor's degree.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neither agree or disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

4. In my family, I was/am expected to complete a Master's degree.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neither agree or disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

5. In my family, I am expected to complete a doctoral degree.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neither agree or disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

Financial Matters

1. Did you receive loans to help you pay for your college tuition and living expenses?

- Yes
- No

2. Did you receive, grants, scholarships and/or fellowships to help pay for your college tuition and living expenses?

- Yes
- No

3. Were you employed at any time during your Master's program?

- Yes
- No

Academic Preparation

1. Have you taken the GRE?

- Yes
- No

2. Have you taken the TOEFEL?

- Yes
- No
- Not Applicable

Perceptions of Barriers and Facilitators

1. **Which of the following best describes why you enrolled in a Master's program? (Check all that apply)**

- I have an academic interest in health disparity and cancer research
- I want to apply evidence based research in community settings
- It was the most optimal time for me to continue my education
- My previous work/research experience motivated me to continue my education
- I possess the academic skills to continue my education
- I want to advance my career development
- Other

2. **If you answered "other" for question 1 please explain.**

3. **How confident are you that you will apply to a doctoral program in the next year?**

- Very Confident I will apply in the next year
- Confident I will apply in the next year
- Unsure if I will apply in the next year
- Confident I will not apply in the next year
- Very Confident I will not apply in the next year

4. **How confident are you that you will apply to a doctoral program in the next five years?**

- Very confident I will apply in the next five years
- Confident I will apply in the next five years
- Unsure if I will apply in the next five years
- Confident I will not apply in the next five years
- Very confident I will not apply in the next five years

5. **How confident are you that you will pursue a career in cancer research?**

- Very confident I will pursue a career cancer research
- Confident I will pursue a career in cancer research
- Unsure if I will pursue a career in cancer research
- Confident I will not pursue a career in cancer research
- Very confident I will not pursue a career in cancer research

6. **I want to reduce health disparities in my community**

- I want to conduct/create research and programs
- I want to advance my career development
- It would be the most optimal time for me to continue my education
- I want to earn a better salary
- I want prestige and recognition in my community
- I want to teach higher education
- Other

7. **If you answered "other" for question 6 please explain.**

8. Which of the following best describes why you would not pursue a doctoral degree?

- The financial expense of obtaining a doctoral degree
- I am uncertain of job possibilities with a doctorate
- I am not interested in teaching higher education
- I would prefer to get another bachelor's or master's degree
- It is not required to advance my career
- I lack social support
- I need to be employed full-time (40 or more hrs/wk)
- I am unfamiliar with the graduate level academic system
- Other

9. If you answered "other" for question 8 please explain.

10. Which of the following would best help you pursue a doctoral degree?

- Increasing my work/research experience
- Further knowledge of doctoral program curriculums
- Obtaining financial assistance through loans, fellowships, grants, scholarships
- Having an academic mentor
- Don't know

11. If you answered "other" for question 10 please explain.

12. Which of the following best describes your current or past work/research experience if any?

- I have experience in cancer research
- I have experience in health disparities research
- Both
- Other

13. If you answered "other" for question 12 please explain.

Academic Self-Efficacy

1. I have the skills to apply to a doctoral program.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neither agree or disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

2. I can get accepted into a doctoral program.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neither agree or disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

3. I can get accepted into a doctoral program of my choice.

Strongly agree

Agree

Neither agree or disagree

Disagree

Strongly disagree

4. I can write a strong personal statement.

Strongly agree

Agree

Neither agree or disagree

Disagree

Strongly disagree

5. I can obtain an acceptable GRE test score.

Strongly agree

Agree

Neither agree or disagree

Disagree

Strongly disagree

6. I can accomplish my academic goals.

Strongly agree

Agree

Neither agree or disagree

Disagree

Strongly disagree

7. Financial challenges will not stop me from applying to a doctoral program.

Strongly agree

Agree

Neither agree or disagree

Disagree

Strongly disagree

8. I have adequate social support to pursue a doctoral degree.

Strongly agree

Agree

Neither agree or disagree

Disagree

Strongly disagree

9. My cultural background will serve as an asset in a doctoral program.

Strongly agree

Agree

Neither agree or disagree

Disagree

Strongly disagree