



Applications accepted: November 2020– March 1, 2021

Summer institute : June 7, 2021 – June 11, 2021

Summer institute location: San Antonio, TX

Internships: June 2021 - November 30, 2021



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Éxito! Purpose

Éxito! Latino Cancer Research Leadership Training (Éxito!) aims to increase ethnic diversity in the field of Latino cancer control research by encouraging minority master's-level students and master's-trained health professionals to pursue a doctoral degree and a career in cancer control research.

About *Éxito!*

- *Éxito!* Latino Cancer Research Leadership Training
 - Funded by the National Cancer Institute (2010-2020)
 - Program Director: Amelie G. Ramirez, DrPH
 - Institute For Health Promotion Research
 - UT Health San Antonio
- *Éxito!* was adapted from the UCSF/UCLA Minority Training Program in Cancer Control Research led by Dr. Rena Pasick.
- *Éxito!* currently has:
 - 200 alumni (2011-2019)
 - 37 alumni currently enrolled in a doctoral program & 11 doctoral graduates!



Éxito! Alumni

2011 Alumni



2013 Alumni



2012 Alumni



2014 Alumni



Éxito! Alumni

2015 Alumni



2017 Alumni



2016 Alumni



2018 Alumni



Éxito! Alumni

2019 Alumni



Éxito! Components

1. **Five-day Summer Institute** in San Antonio, TX.
2. **Paid internships** for applicants accepted into *Éxito!*



Éxito! Five-Day Summer Institute

- 25+ Latino researchers, faculty and role models.
- Theory-driven interactive activities to help you pursue a doctoral degree.
- Tips/tools for applying for and completing a doctoral degree.
- Information on funding a doctoral program and seeking mentorship.
- Information on Latino cancer health disparities research from surveillance to survivorship.



Éxito! Summer Institute Agenda

The five-day summer institute covers different topics every day:

- *Day 1: What's going on in Latino cancer health disparities research and why we are here.*
- *Day 2: Reaching the "Hard-to-Reach": The Range & Reach of Latino Cancer Health Disparities*
- *Day 3: Why Culture Matters & Tools of the Trade*
- *Day 4: Hear from the Experts: How to Apply to Doctoral Programs*
- *Day 5: Stepping Out: Transition from Student to Researcher*

Éxito! Paid Internships

- Ten paid internships will be awarded annually to those accepted into the *Éxito!* program.
- Internships are completed at the applicant's home institution or at a cancer, health or biomedical research center near them.
- Interns select a mentor from their home institution or research center near them.
- Internships must be related to Latino cancer health disparities research.

Éxito! Paid Internship (continued)

- Interns complete 360 internship hours within a six-month timeframe (June-November 30, 2021).
- Each intern receives a \$3,250 stipend.
- Each mentor receives a \$750 stipend.
- Internships are optional for those who apply for the *Éxito!* Summer Institute program; we encourage all Summer Institute applicants to apply for an *Éxito!* internship.

Applying to *Éxito!*

Program eligibility:

- Minority, Hispanic/Latino* student in a master's-level health program or master's-trained health professional.
- Students must have completed the first semester of their master's program by the start of the Summer Institute.
- *We define “minority Hispanic/Latino” as those who are underrepresented and experience an excess or unknown burden in the field of health disparities and cancer control research.

Applying to *Éxito!*

Program eligibility continued:

- Good academic standing (“B” or above).
- Strong verbal, writing, interpersonal and organizational skills.
- Attend ALL FIVE days of the Summer Institute.
- Individuals are ineligible if:
 - They have completed or are currently enrolled in a doctoral program.
 - They have already been accepted into a doctoral program.

Éxito! Internship Application *(optional)*

- The *Éxito!* internship is an optional component for those applying for *Éxito!*; however, we encourage all *Éxito!* Summer Institute applicants to apply.
- To apply for an *Éxito!* internship, applicants must:
 - Select a mentor from their home institution or cancer, health or biomedical research center near them.
 - Create a work plan with input/approval from their selected mentor.
 - Submit your *Éxito!* internship as part of your *Éxito!* Summer Institute application.

Éxito! Internship Work Plan

The Internship Work Plan should be 3-6 pages with the following:

Internship Work Plan Components

- Abstract
- Parent grant/program overview
- Internship project
- Goals and objectives
- Skills and knowledge to be gained
- Duties and responsibilities
- Required trainings
- Communications
- Final report
- Timeline
- CV of the selected mentor
- Work plan signatures

Éxito! Internship Responsibilities

Intern Responsibilities:

- Adhere to submitted work plan; alert mentor and *Éxito!* staff of changes.
- Meet weekly with selected mentor to discuss work plan progress.
- Submit monthly electronic internship progress reports to *Éxito!* staff.
- Complete Responsible Conduct of Research and CITI training
- Complete a pre- and post-internship survey.
- Present results at Intern Webinar Series
- Submit a final internship report to *Éxito!* staff.

Mentor Responsibilities:

- Work with intern to create an internship work plan.
- Provide intern with opportunities to gain research experience in Latino cancer health disparities.
- Meet with intern once a week to review and discuss work plan progress.
- Complete a post-internship survey on intern's performance.

Applying to *Éxito!*

Each year 25 applicants will be selected for the *Éxito!* Summer Institute and 10 applicants will be selected for internships.

The *Éxito!* applications are available at:

www.ExitoTraining.org

Online application components:

- Personal statement (300-500 words)
- Two letters of recommendation
- Verification of GPA
- Curriculum Vitae/Resume
- Internship Application (if applying for an internship)

Éxito! Program Evaluation

- **Éxito! Summer Institute**
 - Pre-summer institute survey
 - Daily summer-institute surveys
 - Post-summer institute survey
- **Éxito! Alumni**
 - Annual alumni survey
- **Éxito! Internships**
 - Pre/Post Internship Survey
 - Mentor Post Internship Survey

2021 *Éxito!* Timeline

November 2020	Summer institute and internship application opens
March 1, 2021	Summer institute and internship application closes
March 2-16, 2021	Applications under review
March 17-24, 2021	Summer institute and internship notifications sent
April 1-10, 2021	Travel arrangements completed for summer institute attendees
June 7-11, 2021	<i>Éxito!</i> summer institute in San Antonio, TX
Early June 2021- Nov. 30, 2021	<i>Éxito!</i> Internships conducted



Éxito! Contact Information

Complete the *Éxito!* program application online and learn more about the program at www.ExitoTraining.org

For more information contact the *Éxito!* staff.

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Program Coordinator:

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