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Using his extensive experience, innovative teaching and research opportunities will expose participants to a full spectrum of research activities that will support publishing and disseminating research results.

Subject: The Training Advisory Committee for the Enhancing Minority Students in International Health Research Collaborative Enterprise Management Program. learning experiences and facilitating interaction with our community partners. Our program is integrated of a multidisciplinary group of professors and researchers who have covered various areas of health research among which are: health policy development and health service delivery, migration and public health and environmental health across to medicines, health policy management of medical emergencies. Each of the research is focused on improving health disparities in Costa Rica and various countries of Latin America.

The purpose of this letter is to express the support of the Faculty of Medicine and the School of Public Health at the University of Costa Rica for the proposal of UCF entitled "Enhancing the Minority Students in International Health Research and Enterprise Management Program" that is being submitted for the "NCMHD Minority Health and Health Disparities International Research Training (MHIRT)" awards.

The Program in Health Policy Research of the School of Public Health collaborates with other academic units of UCR as the School of Health Technology, also of Faculty of Medicine and Faculty of Pharmacy. We are pleased to partner with UCF in this proposed project that will provide scientific training for undergraduate and graduate minority students for a highly specialized field of clinical research and enterprise management with a global perspective in understanding the sources of health disparities and potential avenues for reducing disparity gaps so that students can develop a professional career in health and biomedical research management. It will also establish an international collaboration in global health research on disparity issues and will facilitate interactions between the trainees and the collaborative institutions in various countries and bridge health disparities with a global perspective.

In the last years, the PIPS has developed projects based on cooperation with academic institutions and multilateral agencies such as the Public Health Institute of Mexico, the University of Antioquia, Université Libre de Bruxelles, the Pan American Health Organization, among others. Currently, this Program have been working with the University of Central Florida in projects like Health Informatics Research Lab and developing other ideas such as the health policy management focused on drugs, teacher training and student exchange.



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As this program may strengthen our mission and establish the continuous academic relationship with UCF, we look forward to participating in this noteworthy project.

Sincerely,

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