

U54 CPACHE Early Stage and New Investigators Survey

Welcome

The purpose of this survey is to identify the professional development and training needs of CPACHE Program Early-Stage Investigators (ESIs) and New Investigators (NI) based on their current experiences and anticipated direction of their cancer health disparities research.

An Early-Stage Investigator (ESI) is an investigator who has completed their terminal research degree or end of post-graduate clinical training - whichever date is later - within the past 10 years and who has not previously completed successfully as a Principal Investigator for a substantial, NIH independent research award such as an R01 or R01-equivalent.

A New Investigator (NI) has not previously completed successfully for a substantial research grant from NIH.

**For more details about these definitions, please visit:
<https://grants.nih.gov/policy/early-stage/index.htm>**

Results from the survey will help NCI's Center for Cancer Health Equity (CCHE) determine what resources might be available and needed to support ESIs and NIs among the CPACHE partnerships.

In addition, we intend to use the information collected through this survey to shape the agenda and activities for the Annual meeting to be held in the Fall of 2025.

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The survey should take approximately 15 minutes to complete.

Your responses are anonymous. We are not collecting any personally identifying information for this survey.

All questions are optional and you may exit the survey at any time.

We thank you for your assistance!

To continue and begin the survey, click the "Next" button below.

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ESI/NI Experience

Please tell us a bit about yourself and your experience as an ESI or NI in your CPACHE Partnership.

1. Please tell us about yourself and your connection to your U54 CPACHE Partnership (select the response that best represents you).

- ☐ I'm a current ESI at a Cancer Center.
- ☐ I'm a current ESI at an ISUPS.
- ☐ I'm a current New Investigator at a Cancer Center.
- ☐ I'm a current New Investigator at an ISUPS.

2. What role do you play in your U54 CPACHE Partnership (Check all that apply)?

- ☐ Core Co-Leader
- ☐ Full Research Project Lead Investigator
- ☐ Full Research Project Co-Investigator
- ☐ Pilot Project Research Lead Investigator
- ☐ Pilot Project Research Co-Investigator
- ☐ Other (please specify)

3. Rate the following components of the U54 CPACHE Partnership you are or have been a part of in terms of its **impact on your career development as an ESI or NI**.

| | Low | Medium | High |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Support to secure funding opportunities | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Mentorship and guidance from senior researchers | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Training workshops and skill-building sessions | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Collaborative projects and research partnerships | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Networking opportunities with fellow researchers | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Exposure to cutting-edge cancer and cancer health disparities research methodologies | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Resources for data analysis and research tools | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Support for writing and publishing papers | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Other | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

Specify other

4. What specific challenges or obstacles, if any, have you encountered **as an ESI or NI within your U54 CPACHE Partnership?** (select all that apply)

- ☐ Limited research opportunities or experiences
- ☐ Difficulty in finding and maintaining the appropriate collaborators
- ☐ Inadequate support or guidance from mentors
- ☐ Shortage of resources and funding
- ☐ Limited understanding of program expectations and requirements
- ☐ Balancing research with other professional responsibilities
- ☐ Navigating institutional and administrative barriers
- ☐ Limited professional and career development opportunities
- ☐ Other (please specify)

- ☐ None of the above

5. What are your long-term career aspirations within the field of cancer research, and how can the U54 CPACHE Program better assist you in achieving these goals?

6. What specific resources or tools would you like to see developed or made available through the U54 CPACHE Program to support your work in cancer research?

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CPACHE Support for Professional Development

Please share your thoughts about the support for ESI or NI professional development within the CPACHE Program.

7. Overall, how would you rate the **current resources and support for ESI or NI professional development** by your U54 CPACHE Partnership? Use the slider to indicate your rating.

Poor Excellent

8. What improvements or changes would you suggest for your U54 CPACHE Partnership to better support ESIs or NIs? (Select all that apply)

- ☐ Additional opportunities to pursue and secure funding
- ☐ Enhanced mentorship programs
- ☐ More frequent and diverse training sessions
- ☐ Better communication of program goals and resources
- ☐ Expanded networking opportunities
- ☐ More cross-collaboration between the participating program sites
- ☐ Greater access to research facilities and tools
- ☐ Additional support for work-life balance
- ☐ Other (please specify)
- ☐ None of the above

9. Please provide additional comments or further explanation of these suggestions.

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Professional Development

Please share your preferences related to professional development to assist in our planning of the annual CPACHE meeting.

10. Rank the areas of professional development or skill-building from **most to least useful** to your future professional development.

- ☐ Grant writing and management
- ☐ Research methodologies and study design related to cancer research
- ☐ Leadership and professional growth
- ☐ Communication and presentation skills
- ☐ Networking and collaboration strategies
- ☐ Budgeting and financial management
- ☐ Data analysis and biostatistics
- ☐ Writing and publishing scholarly articles

11. Rank the following formats of engagement for professional development from **most to least preferred**.

- ☐ In-person workshops and seminars
- ☐ Online webinars and virtual workshops
- ☐ Blended (combination of online and in-person)
- ☐ Hands-on training sessions
- ☐ Individual, 1:1, coaching or consulting
- ☐ Roundtables

12. In your opinion, how **effective is each session type** in fostering collaboration and knowledge exchange between ESIs/NIs, senior investigators, and community partners?

| | Not very effective | | | | Very effective |
|---|--------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Research workshops and symposia | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Mentorship panels and interactive discussions | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Mock Reviews | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Networking events and social mixers | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Collaborative project development sessions | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Joint grant proposal writing workshops | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Community engagement and outreach training | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Cross-disciplinary knowledge exchange forums | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

13. Which specific topics would you like future workshops and training sessions to focus on within the U54 CPACHE Program?

14. We'd like your thoughts on any speakers you'd like to hear from at the 2025 U54 CPACHE Program Meeting (Please provide as many details as possible, i.e., Speaker names, key area of expertise, e-mails, and/or institutions, etc.)

15. We are interested in your recommendations to make the 2025 U54 CPACHE Program Meeting an exciting and productive meeting. Please feel free to provide any novel suggestions you'd like to see (i.e., Speed Networking, Flash Talks, 1:1s with Program Directors, Fun Social Media Corner, etc.)

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Optional question

16. In what way(s) do you contribute to enhancing diversity in cancer research?