



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Health Resources and Services
Administration

Rockville, MD 20857

Bureau of Health Workforce

November 30, 2022

Dear Tribal Leader:

I am pleased to share that the Health Resources and Services Administration's (HRSA) Health Careers Opportunity Program (HCOP): National HCOP Academies (grant opportunity: [HRSA-23-003](#)) will soon be accepting applications.

Tribal serving organizations are eligible to apply for the National HCOP Academies program. Grant funding allows organizations to assist individuals from educationally and economically disadvantaged backgrounds to enter a health profession through the development of academies that will support and guide them through the educational pipeline. The National HCOP Academies program can also serve non-traditional students, including military veterans.

National HCOP Academies focus on three key educational milestones - graduation from high school, graduation from college, and completion of a health professions degree program. In response to virtual alternatives created during the COVID-19 pandemic, HCOP will explore cutting-edge technology, such as data analytics, artificial intelligence and machine learning to advance health equity and population health.

Eligible applicants include accredited schools of medicine, osteopathic medicine, public health, dentistry, veterinary medicine, optometry, pharmacy, allied health, chiropractic, podiatric medicine, public and nonprofit private schools that offer graduate programs in behavioral and mental health, programs for the training of physician assistants, and other public or private nonprofit health or educational entities including community, technical and tribal colleges and universities.

This grant expects to award approximately \$15,000,000 to eligible organizations.

I ask that you share this information with tribal colleges and universities in your communities seeking aid in workforce development. Please [sign up](#) for emails to be notified when the HCOP application cycle opens.

If you have questions, contact hcopprogram@hrsa.gov. Thank you in advance for your consideration of this program.

Sincerely,

/s/

Luis Padilla, M.D.
Associate Administrator
Bureau of Health Workforce