

# THE ROAD

The official newsletter of the CDU Urban Health Institute

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## ROADRUNNER SPOTLIGHT

*The first quarter of the year has given us the fuel for the journey. With professional development programs such as the M. Alfred Haynes Lecture series, Diplomat Series, DEVELOP@CDU, and with the relentless efforts of our cores, faculty, staff, and community leaders, we are ready for the road ahead. Here are a few highlights from the road. Click on each photo to view a short video on the UHI YouTube page.*

### STUDENTS



### FACULTY



### UHI MISSION

*To guide the university in its allocation of endowment funds to support activities that maximize the university's efforts to substantially improve the health status of underserved communities through supporting biomedical and behavioral research and its translation into high-quality clinical outcomes, improved community health, and progressive health policy.*



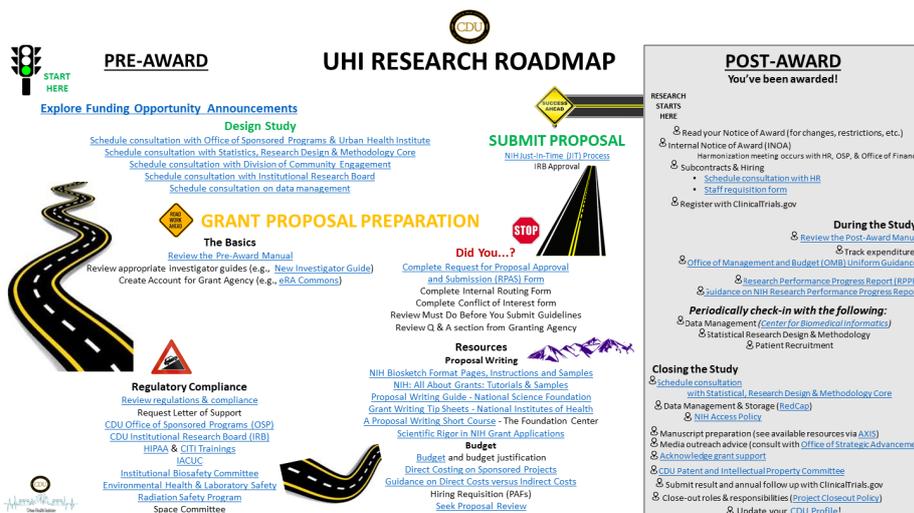
UHI FEATURE

# ROADMAP TO GRANT SUCCESS

The Urban Health Institute, the Office of Sponsored Programs, Institutional Review Board, and Research Administration have teamed up to assist faculty with successfully completing grant proposals and executing their research. This task force has created a roadmap with key resources at each stage of the process including grant development, pre-award, research implementation, and post-award.

The new UHI Research Roadmap provides links to institutional forms, contact information to schedule consultations such as for statistics, research design, and methodology, as well as resources that provide advice for manuscript development, community engagement, data management, and others.

Click on the photo to access the document:



VISITOR INFO

Welcome to The Road, the Urban Health Institute's quarterly newsletter designed to highlight, support and reflect on the research journey of our faculty and students! The central mission of the Urban Health Institute is to continue to build research capacity and support research activities that support the CDU Strategic Plan and maximize CDU's efforts to substantially improve the health status of underserved and under-resourced communities. The Road will foster this mission each quarter by providing linkages and information about various resources at CDU, in addition to highlighting and fostering dialogue about interdisciplinary work at CDU. We are excited about featuring a CDU Research Roadmap that provides a guide for faculty about integral elements to a successful proposal, including pre-award and post-award. On this journey, we honor the incomparable Dr. Loretta Jones, who always reminded us to ensure that everyone has an opportunity and a seat at the table.

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## Traffic Updates

The Center for Biomedical Informatics provides REDCap as a service to CDU investigators.

REDCap is a mature, secure web application for building and managing online surveys and databases. You can create and design projects using the online method from your web browser and/or the offline method by constructing a 'data dictionary' template file in Microsoft Excel, which can be later uploaded into REDCap.

REDCap provides export procedures for seamless data downloads to Excel and statistical packages (SPSS, SAS, Stata, R), as well as a built-in project calendar, a scheduling module, ad hoc reporting tools, and advanced features, such as branching logic, file uploading, and calculated fields.

For brief summary videos and tutorials click on the link here.

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## Student Research Core

### The WHY

In order to meet the nation's need of enhancing the diversity of the biomedical, behavioral and clinical research workforce, the Urban Health Institute Student Research Core (UHI-SRC) works with faculty and students to build the research capacity of CDU. The overall goal of UHI-SRC is to strengthen high school, undergraduate and graduate student research activities, education and training experience in health disparities across all departments, colleges and schools.

### The HOW

In alignment with CDU's Strategic Plan-Research Theme Five, UHI-SRC aims to accomplish this goal by engaging students in innovative and interactive research training, and education programs that include: research methodology, laboratory techniques, clinical, and community-partnered research in 5 key research areas: (1) Cancer, (2) Cardiometabolic, (3) HIV/AIDS, (4) Mental Health, and (5) Health Policy.

### The WHO

The academic year kicked off with twelve high school students from King/Drew Magnet High School of Medicine and Science enrolled in the Medical Careers Program (MCP) under the leadership of Professor Dolores C. Fleming, CDU MCP Program Director. On November 1, 2018, UHI-SRC welcomed eighteen CDU undergraduate, post-baccalaureate and graduate students from diverse disciplines to participate in the Student Opportunities to Advance Research (SOAR) program. Currently, UHI-SRC provides support to five Research Assistants to gain research experience and training as they work closely with CDU Faculty Mentors.

### The WHAT

SOAR Alumni, Shaemion McBride, MPH, MSCc, was invited to participate in a roundtable discussion at the 2018 APHA Conference. Research Assistant, Jahmil Lacey, MSSP, has been selected to present at the 2019 African American MSM Leadership Conference on Health Disparities and Social Justice in Arlington, Va. CDU Bridges Summer Program Alumni, Adrienne Martinez, PhD(c), MSN, RN, PHN submitted two manuscripts to the Journal for the National Association of Hispanic Nurses, Hispanic Healthcare International. Thank you to our Students, Faculty, and Staff.

If you have questions or are interested in learning more about CDU student research opportunities, please contact:

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\*Students and Faculty Mentors at SOAR's Information Session



## COMMUNITY CORNER

**Loretta Jones, MA, ThD, PhD**  
CDU Community Faculty

By **Cynthia Gonzalez PhD, MPH**

Dr. Loretta Ford Jones, born Loretta Sharie Ford, was born in Tewksberry, Massachusetts on Friday, June 27, 1941 to her mother Marion Orange Ford. Dr. Jones collaborated with numerous CDU faculty and served as the advisors for many CDU students. As the Co-Director of the Division of Community Engagement at CDU, using her innovative, scholarly, and advocacy skills, Dr. Jones designed the community faculty appointment in the College of Medicine. There are now over a dozen appointed community faculty, creating innovative community-engagement strategies that foster mutual respect between community and academia. This year, CDU had the privilege of acknowledging her lifetime accomplishments at the 6th Annual Leaders Spring Gala and awarded an Honorary Doctorate in Humane Arts at commencement. Her tireless commitment to community engagement, ensuring community is always at the table will live on in her legacy and impact she has had on others.

The following comments are a compilation of obituaries, honoring her legacy and long-standing commitment to social justice and community health:

As a community gatekeeper, Loretta Jones dedicated her life to instilling hope and healing in communities and societies at large, with a career as a civil rights activist, health policy advocate, and researcher that spanned more than four decades. She fostered more than 20 children, including teen mothers with their babies and youth with mental disabilities. Jones mentored young people who had dropped out of high school, encouraging them to continue their education. (Memorial Program; UCLA Newsroom)

In an effort to level the playing field for all people, Ms. Jones continued her unyielding commitment as a change agent working to eliminate racial/ethnic disparities in the health of individuals and the community as well as improve community development and opportunity. Loretta is known internationally for her visionary leadership in advancing health equity. (Memorial Program; Community-Campus Partners for Health)

Dr. Jones addressed the issue of health disparities, an issue she has dedicated her life's work to. Jones founded Healthy African American Families in 1992 to work with pregnant women to improve preterm health, then expanded to other issues including diabetes, depression and environmental justice. Now called Healthy African American Families, Phase II, the group engages universities, think tanks and community members to address healthcare disparities. (LA Sentinel; LA Times)

Besides her daughter, Felica Jones, she is survived by three grandchildren.

