



**American  
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Dear Colleagues and Friends,

The American Heart Association invites you to join me for an exciting opportunity to engage medical students by serving as a mentor through the newly formed National Hispanic Latino Cardiovascular Collaborative (NHLCC) taking place during the AHA Scientific Sessions in Chicago, IL this November 5<sup>th</sup> through 7<sup>th</sup>.

In order to advance its mission to promote the treatment and prevention of cardiovascular diseases and stroke in the Hispanic/Latino community by reducing and eliminating health disparities that prevent people from living a full, optimal life, the American Heart Association's National Hispanic Latino Cardiovascular Collaborative (NHLCC) believes that it is critical to engage medical students and early-career investigators in networking, mentorship, and sponsorship opportunities to grow and diversify the healthcare workforce of the future.

To that end, the NHLCC is launching the NHLCC Scholars mentoring program centered around AHA's annual Scientific Sessions conference. As a champion of the AHA and health equity, the NHLCC leadership team and I would like to request your support of the NHLCC Scholars program by servicing as a mentor for Hispanic/Latino medical students selected to be NHLCC scholars. If you are unable to serve as a mentor but may know eligible Hispanic/Latino medical students, please consider directing them to [our website](#) to apply.

#### About Scientific Sessions

The American Heart Association's Scientific Sessions 2022 is a premier global exchange of the latest scientific advancements, research and evidence-based clinical practice updates in cardiovascular science for health care professionals. Thousands of physicians, scientists, population researchers, advanced practice nurses and allied health care professionals will convene in Chicago and online Saturday, November 5 through Monday, November 7, 2022. This year's meeting features 500 sessions including presentations, discussions and curricula that will shape the future of cardiovascular science and medicine, including prevention and quality improvement. During the three-day meeting, attendees receive exclusive access to more than 4,000 original research presentations and can earn Continuing Education (CE) or Maintenance of Certification (MOC) credits for educational sessions.

#### When:

November 5<sup>th</sup> – November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022

#### Location:

AHA Scientific Sessions  
McCormick Place Convention Center in Chicago, IL.

#### What:

- Pairing with NHLCC Scholars for the duration of Scientific Sessions (Hispanic/Latino medical students drawn from Chicago area and regional medical schools)
- Ongoing student mentoring for 1 year following Scientific Sessions (minimum quarterly meetings)
- Participation in NHLCC meetings and activities (minimum 2 annual member meetings)
- NHLCC networking dinner

Eligibility:

- Current AHA professional member
- Attendance at AHA Scientific Sessions 2022 (travel and registration not provided)
- Prefer work and interest in the health of the Hispanic/Latino Community

Deadline:

Please submit your interest in mentoring to [NHLCC@heart.org](mailto:NHLCC@heart.org) no later than Monday, October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022.

If you have any questions, please reach out to [NHLCC@heart.org](mailto:NHLCC@heart.org). I look forward to having you join me in this exciting opportunity.

Kind Regards,

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