



NIH Biomedical Workforce Diversity Advisory Panel

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# Summary of Recommendations

- 1- Target efforts to reach overlooked and underserved Asian Americans and Pacific Islander sub-groups.
- 2- Support post-secondary institutions who serve AAPIs.
- 3- Provide opportunities for research that is relevant to AAPIs.

# 1) Targets and Definitions

Defining AAPIs

Number of AAPI ethnicities = 48

# of languages spoken >300

% foreign-born = 69%

% below poverty = 6% Filipinos, 20% Samoans,  
38% Hmong

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Division

# Overlooked and Underserved in Higher Education

- Educational status
  - % of adults that do not have a high school diploma
    - 34.4% of Laotian
    - 38.5% Cambodian
    - 39.6% of Hmong
  - 47.3% of AAPI college enrollment was in the community college sector (2005)

Findings from CARE (Commission on Asian American and Pacific Islander Research in Education) 2011

# Overlooked and Underserved in Higher Education (cont.)

- % college students not earning a degree

## Southeast Asians

- 33.7% of Vietnamese
- 42.9% of Cambodian
- 46.5% of Laotian
- 47.5% of Hmong

## Pacific Islanders

- 47.0% Guamanian
- 50.0% Native Hawaiian
- 54% Tongan
- 58.1% Samoan

## 2) Support AANAPISI

- Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander-Serving Institution federal program
  - AANAPISI programs
    - Academic Achievement Programs, Freshman Transition/Bridge Programs, College Transfer Programs, English Language Learner Program Improvement, Learning Research Centers, Data Collection
  - 15 of 52 designated institutions have received funding

### 3) Support research that is relevant to AAPIs

Strengthen Community-based participatory approach to research

- Translational science research

Consider also methods from:

- Public health research

- Health services research

- Ethnographic research

### 3) Support research that is relevant to AAPIs (examples)

- NIH funded Community Engaged Partnership Training
- NCI supports Asian American Network (AANCART) and Weaving an Islander Network (WINCART) for Cancer Awareness Research and Training
- NCI Center to Reduce Cancer Health Disparities *Imi Hale*, a community network program
- Community Health Applied Research Network (CHARN)