



## **GHUCCTS Statement on Recent Events and Our Mission**

June 11, 2020 - As a Center that focuses on translating research evidence to identify racial and ethnic health disparities and reduce their impact on the health of our communities, we at the [Georgetown-Howard Universities Center for Clinical and Translational Science](#) (GHUCCTS) speak out strenuously against institutional and systemic racism, as exemplified by the recent and historical horrific and tragic violence toward Black individuals by law enforcement officers. We also recognize structural racism as an important determinant of the disproportionate impact of COVID-19 on the health and well-being of underserved minorities.

In light of these events and our founding missions, we reaffirm our commitment and further our resolve to:

- 1) conduct research that aims to improve the health of underserved minorities;
- 2) train a diverse community of biomedical scientists, educated to be sensitive to the health impacts of racism and discrimination; and
- 3) increase the representation in research of ethnic and racial minority populations who bear the greatest burdens of health disparities.

As we reflect on the past ten years of GHUCCTS and begin a new funding period during this critical point of our nation's history, we pledge to continually examine and strive to improve our effectiveness in achieving these important missions.

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