

Dear Research Faculty:

Howard University is soliciting your support and participation in a retreat scheduled for July 13-15, 2015 at the Wintergreen Resort in Wintergreen, VA. The primary objectives of the retreat are to 1) expand the University's research enterprise, 2) create research synergies across disciplines in the areas of health disparities, natural products, nanotechnology and neuroscience and 3) update the participants on the University's research enterprise. The desired outcome is a fully engaged and energized group of investigators that will produce cutting-edge collaborative approaches in research that command the attention and resources of external sponsors. A near-term goal of this process is to increase Howard University's research expenditures to over \$100 million.

The dress is business casual and, depending on the progress during the retreat, some recreational clothing may be appropriate. Transportation will depart from Howard University at 9 a.m. on Monday, July 13, 2015 and return on Wednesday, July 15, 2015 around 5 p.m. The departure location is forthcoming.

This retreat, undergirded by the University's research priorities, provides the opportunity for you to exchange ideas and develop strategies with colleagues representing a number of disciplines. I hope that you will participate in this exciting activity. There are a number of faculty who are interested in attending; so, your confirmation is needed by no later than close of business, Monday, June 22, 2015, with either Dr. Linda Jones at lgjones@howard.edu or Mrs. Maya Shih at maya.shih@howard.edu

Respectfully,

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