

## FACULTY LEADERSHIP

GRITT is Directed by Dr. Christina Hoven, a Professor of Epidemiology and Psychiatry at Columbia University (CU) and the New York State Psychiatric Institute (NYSPI). She is joined by Co-Director Dr. Charles Branas, Epidemiology Department Chair at the Columbia University (CU) Mailman School of Public Health and Director of the Center for Disease Control (CDC)-funded Center for Injury Science and Prevention (CCISP).

In Guyana, GRITT sites include the University of Guyana (UG), with collaborative partners at the Georgetown Public Hospital Corporation (GPHC), including the Institute of Health Science Education (IHSE) and the Accident and Emergency Department.

In Guyana, GRITT is Directed by Dr. Reeta Gobin (Director of the School of Medicine at UG) and Co-Director Ms. Kara Lord (Lecturer in Psychology at UG). Ms. Leanne Kendall (Lecturer in Psychology at UG) is the UG Co-Director of GRITT Training with her CU counterpart, Dr. Thelma Mielenz, Assistant Professor of Epidemiology, Columbia University (CU) Mailman School of Public Health. At GPHC, the GRITT Program is headed by Dr. Alexandra Harvey, Director of Medical Education, IHSE.

In addition to numerous Mentors, Co-Mentors and Resource Faculty at CU, UG and various other International Institutions, GRITT has an external Training Advisory Committee, chaired by Dr. Linda Degutis, Yale University, and a Scientific Oversight Committee, Co-Chaired by Drs. Emanuel Cummings, UG, and Helen Herrman, University of Melbourne, Australia, which will provide oversight, evaluation, and direction for the GRITT Program.

## APPLICATION SUBMISSION

Interested candidates should submit their applications by February 28, 2023. Successful applicants will be notified by March 15, 2023.

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# THE GUYANA RESEARCH IN INJURY AND TRAUMA TRAINING (GRITT)

## ABOUT

The Guyana Research in Injury and Trauma Training (GRITT) Program, funded by the U.S. NIH Fogarty International Center, is a collaboration primarily between Columbia University, University of Guyana, Guyana Ministry of Health and the Georgetown Public Hospital Corporation. The collaboration is designed to facilitate capacity-building by providing in-depth training in research design and methods, and stimulate interest in and foster expertise in suicide, trauma and injury prevention.

Participants who are selected for the program will benefit from a flexible training approach, including mentorship for intensive, hands-on research projects, as well as virtual courses (100 hours over two summers) and seminars (eight a year).

## APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

In order to be considered for admission to the program, led by the University of Guyana (UG), Georgetown Public Hospital Corporation (GPHC) and Columbia University (CU), you will need to submit the following components:

1. Curriculum Vitae (CV) that includes your academic and professional training.
2. Personal Statement (~500-words) that describes your interest in obtaining expertise in trauma, suicide and injury prevention research. Please include your ideas about how you aim to incorporate such knowledge into your ongoing academic, professional, and/or clinical professional career.



## SELECTION PROCESS

A standard application review will be employed by a panel that will assess candidates in four areas:

1. Personal Statement (intent and goals, commitment and vision, and organization/grammar);
2. Academic Preparation/Clinical Training;
3. Relevant Disciplinary Experience; and
4. Personal experiences and/or a perspective that has historically been excluded or marginalized from public health intervention and services, and which is valued by GRITT to ensure services will reach everyone.

## COURSE INFORMATION AND EXPECTATIONS

Selected trainees will be able to participate in episummer@columbia (not for credit summer institute) coursework, starting in June, 2023. This will be 2-months of virtual courses and several in-person opportunities to build capacity in trauma, suicide, injury prevention, and research. The program will last for 2 years. The expected outcomes are:

- Year 1 completion of 3 online courses (~60 hours June-July 2023);
- Develop a trauma/injury-based independent research project with guidance from your local and Columbia University mentor team;
- Present your independent research project at the annual Guyana Mental Health and Well-Being Conference and/or Caribbean Public Health Agency annual conference;
- Virtually attend monthly Columbia University Injury Prevention seminars; and
- Attend an annual Columbia University Injury Prevention and/or SAVIR and/or Caribbean Public Health Agency's (CARPHA) conference.
- Year 2 completion of up to 2 online courses (~40 hours June-July 2024);

Starting in June 2023, you will have the opportunity to complete the courses listed below. These courses are core expectations; other courses are available based on previous coursework and/or experience. In year 2, you can select up to 40 hours of your preferred coursework.

Courses	Hours
Principles of Epidemiology	20
Introduction to Biostatistics	20
Program Evaluation for Public Health Professionals	20