

# [Project Firstline Update](#)

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## **Project Firstline: UIO Funding Opportunity Pre-Application Webinar Today @ 1:00 PM Eastern**

NCUIH and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) are collaborating on an infection prevention and control (IPC) training initiative for UIO healthcare workers designed to protect the nation from infectious disease threats such as COVID-19.

[\*\*Register for Pre-Application Webinar  
Wednesday September 9, 1:00pm ET\*\*](#)

### **UIO Infection Prevention & Control “Champion” Funding Opportunity**

5 Awards Up to \$40,000

*Application Deadline 9/30/2020*

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#### **Goal of the Champion Initiative**

Identify and implement sustainable UIO systemic changes in infection prevention and control critical to a culture of safety and create organizations that are flexible and responsive to ongoing needs during the pandemic and beyond.

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#### **Opportunity Overview for UIO IPC Systems Champions (IPCSC)**

- Maximum of 5 UIOs will be selected
- Competitive awards of up to \$40,000
- Duration of participation is 8 months (November 1, 2020 to July 1, 2021)
- Application deadline: September 30, 2020 at 11:59PM Eastern Standard Time
- Participation requires a commitment to complete the core set of required activities
- Selected Systems Champions will support information gathering, training module and modality development, pilot testing of materials, and participation in frontline staff training within their organization, including potential participation in CDC-supported Project Echo activities
- NCUIH staff bring expertise, experience and support in multiple performance improvement methodologies, including LEAN, Six Sigma, and Just Culture
- Participants are provided access to CDC and other subject matter and training experts
- Option to participate in additional infection prevention and control train-the-trainer opportunities offered by CDC