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# Challenges for Minority Scientists

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**Black, Hispanic and Native American scientists often face special obstacles and challenges in their educational advancement and professional careers. In an environment shaped by traditionally meager opportunities, some minority scientists paradoxically face allegations of special treatment. Reducing the under-representation of minority investigators is not only an ethical imperative, but also essential in the interests of fairness, high-quality laboratory research and ethically optimized human subject and public health studies.**

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