

Duke CTSI Population Health Improvement
Collaboration Seed Awards (\$1.5K)
Request for Applications
Application Deadline – Open / Rolling

Duke Clinical Translational Science Institute (CTSI), Duke's home of the National Institutes of Health's Clinical and Translational Science Award, will provide small planning awards of \$1,500 to community organizations and Duke investigators interested in working with the CTSI's Community Engaged Research Initiative (CeRI) for guidance on developing impactful community-research partnerships and planning collaborative population health improvement research proposals that impact community and population health.

All proposals must meet eligibility requirements and satisfy proposal guidelines. The Collaboration Seed Award will accept proposals on a rolling basis with awardee(s) selected on a quarterly basis. Project funds of up to \$1,500 will be awarded for a 12 month period.

Eligibility

- Proposed projects must involve a lead investigator from Duke and one or more community partners. More than one proposal may be submitted, but the faculty member is only eligible to receive one award as Lead Investigator during a given funding cycle.
- Nonprofits with & without 501(c)(3) IRS Status (Other than Institutions of Higher Education)
- Community organizations (especially those with a focus on public health, social services, caregiving, and patient advocacy) and Members of practiced-based research networks
- Eligible agencies of the federal, state, and local government
- Permanent, full-time, Duke Faculty, including professional and non-tenure track.

Selection Criteria and Review Process

Proposals will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

1. Program fit and potential to foster community-research partnerships and/ or outreach/engagement.
2. Project plan and timeline (including reasonableness of project approach, milestones, outcomes, and metrics).
3. Preference will be given to proposals that articulate a plan to sustain interactions, prepare joint grant applications, and/or create a shared research project

Priority will be given to proposals that foster community-research partnerships addressing the following:

- Projects and ideas that show promise and innovation.
- Research that references the Durham Neighborhood Compass.
- Health care priorities identified in the community through community level assessments such as the Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute's Town Halls on Health Outcomes that Matter, Partnership for a Healthy Durham, and the Durham County Community Health Assessment.
- Proposals that focus on an area of disparity including diabetes, asthma, cardiovascular disease/hypertension, mental health, cancer, obesity, dementia, and kidney disease.

- Proposals that highlight opportunities to gather data and identify key outcomes.

The review process of submitted proposals will be overseen by the CTSI Population Health leadership. All proposals, and discussions thereof, will be kept strictly confidential. The intent is that the collective set of award recipients will reflect the richness of approaches and modes of inquiry to make strong Duke and Durham Community collaborations.

Funding

Awards of up to \$1,500 will be provided to support each successful proposal. Funds can be used to cover the cost of food, meeting venue, external speakers or other meeting costs with potential collaborators across the community.

Proposal Requirements

Please email your applications to CeRi@dm.duke.edu and c.c. emarion@duke.edu Combine the following into a single pdf document:

1. In the email header please state that this is a PHI Award Seed Application and include the last names of the partners.
2. A **brief (maximum two-page) narrative** that articulates (1) the area of shared interest, (2) the question or problem the group proposes to explore, (3) the proposed group's unique position and qualifications for engaging in the interest area and/or addressing the question or problem, (4) activities the group plans to conduct during the exploratory period, and (5) anticipated outcome (e.g., sustained interactions, joint grant application, new educational offering, project team proposal, research project, etc.);
3. A proposed **budget & justification** (using the [budget template](#) – no format for justification);
4. A listing of the organizing core group with **2-page CVs** for each. Please be sure to include names, titles, organizations, and email addresses for all partners.

Award Timeline

- RFA updated November 2019
- Application Submission Deadline: Ongoing
- Successful awardee(s) notified quarterly in 2020: January, April, July, and October.

Additional Questions?

Contact Eve Marion at eve.marion@duke.edu.