Call for Nominations:

2016 ARCC Community-Engaged Research Partnership Award

Deadline: March 2, 2016

Award Intent: To recognize exemplary partnerships that use a community-engaged research (CEnR) approach and have made an impact on the health of their community.

Eligibility: Projects must use a CEnR approach and involve a community-academic partnership. Nominations must be submitted by, or on behalf of, a team that includes the participation of at least one community or faith-based organization or public agency AND at least one Northwestern University faculty member (regular or adjunct). Partnerships must be nominated (self-nomination allowed).

Submission Process: Nominators must submit a single PDF document, maximum of two pages that includes 1) the partnership title, 2) Description of participating partners (including names of a lead community partner and lead academic partner, 3) Description of the partnership’s work and outcomes/community impact (this should include an abstract- 300 word maximum).

Selection Criteria: Award recipients will be selected based on their ability to demonstrate the following: 1) pursuit of the CCH Principles of Engagement (available at http://bit.ly/1Kud22W, 2) strength of the community-academic partnership, and 3) community relevance and impact.

Selection Process: Nominations will be reviewed by experienced community and academic partners.

Recognition: The partnership will be publicly recognized at Northwestern’s medical school research day, April 7, 2016 (http://bit.ly/1PURmQe) and through ARCC and Northwestern’s publicity and media venues. The partnership will also be awarded $100 to cover costs of printing a poster about the partnership to be exhibited at Research Day.

Submission: Email nominations to arcc@northwestern.edu by March 2. Notification will be mid-March.

2015 Winner

Last year’s award acknowledged the efforts of the Partnership to Advance LGBT Health and Wellness, the exemplary partnership between with the Center on Halsted and the IMPACT LGBT Health & Wellness Development Program at Northwestern University. The partners have been collaborating on community-engaged research projects aimed at improving lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) health for 5 years. Informed through needs assessments and community advisory committees, cornerstones of this model include a shared value for implementing community-based participatory research approaches and a translational research perspective. The Partnership collaborates on research projects focused on youth, mental health, and evidence-based interventions utilizing innovative technology.

The award is given by the Alliance for Research in Chicagoland Communities (ARCC) whose mission is growing equitable and collaborative partnerships between Chicago area communities and Northwestern University for research that leads to measureable improvement in community health. To learn more about ARCC and past award winners, visit: http://www.feinberg.northwestern.edu/sites/cch/funding/seed-grants/arcc/partner-award-recipient.html.

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