

Alliance for Research with Chicagoland Communities Call for Nominations: 12th Annual ARCC Dr. Virginia Bishop Community-Academic Research Partnership Award



Deadline: August 7, 2026

Award Intent: To recognize exemplary community-academic research partnerships that use a community-driven or -engaged research approach and are working to improve health & equity.

Eligibility: Partnerships must use a community-driven or -engaged research approach and involve a community-academic partnership. Nominations must be submitted by, or on behalf of, a partnership that includes the leadership of at least one community collaborator 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 the lead community partner and lead academic partner, 3) Description of the partnership's work and impacts (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 Center for Community Health [principles of engagement](#); 2) strength of the community-academic partnership, and 3) community impact.

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

Recognition: The partnership will be publicly recognized at the [Northwestern Feinberg School of Medicine Research Day](#) on September 10 and through ARCC communication channels. The partnership will also be awarded a \$500 cash prize including funds to cover costs of printing a partnership poster to be exhibited at Research Day.

Submission Instructions: Email nomination PDFs to arcc@northwestern.edu by August, 2026, 11:59 PM. Winners will be notified by mid August.

More info: <https://bit.ly/ARCCaward>



Award Background: In 2022, the ARCC award was renamed to honor the leadership and partnerships of the late Dr. Virginia Bishop. Dr. "Gini" Bishop, who passed away in February 2020, co-founded ARCC and served as ARCC's co-director from 2007–10. The 2022 Award honored Dr.



Bishop's Partnerships with Partnership for a Better Roseland (led by Demoiselle 2 Femme) and Building Bridges to Connect Faith to Community Health (led by Apostolic Faith Church). Click [here](#) to learn more about the partnerships and Dr. Bishop's legacy and leadership. Click [here](#) to learn about all of the past award winners since the award was established in 2012.

ARCC Background: Established in 2008, the [Alliance for Research with Chicagoland Communities](#)' mission is to catalyze and support research partnerships driven by and rooted in Chicagoland communities' unique assets and experiences to achieve health justice. We support authentic community-academic research partnerships between Chicagoland communities and Northwestern University by providing partnership facilitation, capacity-building resources and technical assistance, seed grants, and advocacy for supportive structural and institutional systems and policies in the research enterprise that center community leadership. ARCC is guided by our Community-Academic Steering Committee of community-and faith-based organizations, public agencies, and Northwestern faculty and staff. ARCC is a program of the [Center for Community Health](#)

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