Alliance for Research in Chicagoland Communities
2016 Partnership Development Seed Grants
Info Session

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Center for Community Health
Institute for Public Health and Medicine and Northwestern University Clinical & Translational Sciences Institute
Goals for the Session

• Seed Grant Program Purpose/Eligibility
• Application and Review Process
• Resources
• Q&A
Community-engaged research (CEnR)

• Approach for conducting research in a collaborative way

• Exchange of expertise between academics (as scientific experts) and communities (local, cultural, practice experts)

• **Broad spectrum**: minimal collaboration to equal partners in all aspects of the research
We will keep you informed

We will consider your input and give feedback about how it informed our decisions

We will ensure that your input is considered among the choices we implement

We will work together to decide and ensure everyone’s views are incorporated as much as possible

We will implement what you decide

How can you tell if a research project/partnership is community-engaged or community-placed? Who has the power to make decisions?
Community-Engaged Research Key Principles

- Builds on strengths & resources within community
- Facilitates collaboration in all phases of research
- Academics & community learn together –both are empowered
- Disseminates findings to all partners
- Integrates knowledge gathering & action for mutual benefit of all partners- Ensure findings are used for change

ARCC 2016 Seed Grant Goals

• Support community-engaged research partnership development

• Lay the groundwork for the development of community-engaged research projects/proposals for external funding
2016 Seed Grants

• Focusing this year on Partnership Development
  – Similar to Partnership Development grants awarded in earlier rounds

• Up to $10K (max request, not per year)
  – 12-24 months
Partnership Development Grants

- Intended to support newly developing partnerships
- May form to explore community-based participatory research (CBPR), patient-centered outcomes research (PCOR), or other engaged research collaborations.
- Possible activities:
  - Relationship building, Exploring areas of shared interest/compatible skills
  - Defining roles/responsibilities of partners
  - Developing partnership/engagement infrastructure/processes
  - Building capacity of community and academic partners
  - Planning future collaboration and proposals
Partnership Development Grants

Eligibility:

• Applications must be submitted jointly by a community-academic partnership (community/faith/public organization and Northwestern faculty member)

• Applications involving partners not previously involved in engaged research are encouraged.

• Applicants who need assistance in connecting with possible partners should contact ARCC ASAP.
Awards

• Each grant is up to $10K - don’t ask for the max if not necessary

• Not a predetermined number of funded projects (based on submission quality)

• No matching required
Guidance from past grants

- Must have **research** focus- not conducting research but planning for it, preparing for it, seeking funding for it
- Clearly show community interest/involvement
- Don’t have overly ambitious expectations
- Build on other support, if you have it
- Connect to future research and opportunities
- Incorporate active participation in ARCC activities/training or use of ARCC resources
Pre-Application

• Before submission, applicants are **required** to contact ARCC director Jen Brown to discuss the fit and feasibility of potential proposal ideas.

• *This is mandatory and must be done no later than March 2.*

• Jen Brown, 312-503-2942, jenbrown@northwestern.edu
Application

*Should not exceed 7 pages.*

- Project title
- Contact info for submitting partners (community and academic co-PIs)
- Aims your application is seeking to address
- Description/evidence of partnership
- Description of how goals will be achieved. Include methods, timeline, appropriate milestones/outcomes, and potential hurdles or limitations & how they will be addressed
Budget

- Must use budget form provided on ARCC website.
- Also form for budget justification.
- Budget & justification are in addition to 7 page limit.
- Split budget (proportions determined by team):
  - $ for academic partner/related expenses go to academic co-PI
  - $ for community partner/related expenses go to community co-PI

Possible expenses

- support partnership meetings
- support participation of community/academic partners and/or community residents/patients/stakeholders
- Support project staff on grant activities (manage meetings/logistics, collect/analyze data)
Application Submission

• Will be submitted online through NUCATS system
• Posted on ARCC site & part of application site
  – Application instructions
  – Budget template
  – Budget justification
• Online form will request an abstract & contact info but majority of application will be in the uploaded documents (e.g. 7 page application)
• Online submission must be done by NU faculty or staff person
• Application can be edited up until the deadline
Review Process

• Review by experienced faculty and partners

• Criteria: Strong science **and** strong collaboration
  – Quality and feasibility of community and academic partner engagement
  – Quality and feasibility of proposed activities
  – Potential for future research collaboration and funding
  – Potential for positive community impact.

• In-person NIH-style review meeting with full group of reviewers

• Applicants will receive feedback on their applications
Timeline

- Contact ARCC Director to discuss your idea
- Application Deadline: March 18
- Funding decisions communicated: April 2015

Deadlines
- Now - March 2
- March 18
- April 2015
Other Possible Funding Opps

Voucher & Pilot Programs

- Open to all NU faculty & partners collaborating w/NU faculty
- Focus includes dissemination/implementation in community settings and pilot/prep for external funding
- Predominantly for NUCATS ‘services’ e.g. data analysis
- Voucher program
  - Up to $2,500. Ongoing submission. Response within 2 weeks.
  - 500 word application
- Pilot Program
  - Up to $10,000. Two times per year. New deadline posted soon.
  - 1000 word application
  - *Research Dissemination & Implementation pilots coming soon*
Resources

- Contact ARCC staff- can give guidance, review drafts, etc.
- Previous ARCC seed grants on ARCC website
- **Online ARCC Resource Directory:** [www.ARCCresources.net](http://www.ARCCresources.net)

**Upcoming**

- **Deadline for ARCC Award Nominations**
- **March 15** CCH Writing Retreat
- February Resources and Opportunities [listing](#)
National Resources

www.ccph.info
- Resources
- Skill-Building Online Curriculum

Progress in Community Health Partnerships Journal

Patient and Family Engagement Rubric

Sample Patient Engagement Plans

http://www.pcori.org/get-involved/what-is-engagement-in-research
**Mission**: Promoting and supporting collaborative research partnerships between Chicago area community-based and faith-based organizations & Northwestern University that lead to measurable improvements in community health

Guided by steering committee of 13 community & faith-based organizations, Chicago Public Schools, Chicago Department of Public Health, & 10 Northwestern academics.

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