Call for Nominations:
2020 ARCC Community-Engaged Research Partnership Award
Deadline: February 28, 2020

Award Intent: The Alliance for Research in Chicagoland Communities (ARCC) seeks to recognize exemplary partnerships that use a community-engaged research (CEnR) approach to impacting the health of their community. CEnR is the bidirectional exchange of expertise between academics (scientific experts) and communities/stakeholders (local, cultural, practice experts) to increase value of research for improving health and equity. CEnR includes a broad spectrum of engagement from minimal collaboration to equal partnership in all aspect of the research. This award seeks nominations from partnerships that exemplify the Center for Community Health Principles of Engagement.

Eligibility: Nominations must be submitted by, or on behalf of, a community-academic research partnership 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). Partnerships are not required to have fully completed research projects that have already led to improvements in health, but must be able to show evidence of authentic partnership that is working towards achieving community impact.

Submission Process: Nominators must submit a single PDF document, maximum of two pages that includes 1) Partnership title, 2) Description of participating partners (including names of lead community partner and lead academic partner), 3) Description of the partnership’s work, and 4) Description of any achieved or planned health impact/outcomes. Submission should include a summary 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, 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 2, 2020 and through ARCC and Northwestern’s events, publicity, and media venues. Award will include $100 to cover costs of printing a poster about the partnership to be exhibited at Research Day and other events.

Submission: Email nominations to arcc@northwestern.edu by February 28 by 12pm. Notification in mid-March.

2019 Winner: The BE-LUNG’ INITIATIVE: Building Capacity for a Community Based Research Partnership to Optimize Physical Activity in Lung Cancer Survivors is the exemplary partnership between lead community partner, Gilda’s Club Chicago, (led by Kathleen Boss, director of Special Initiatives) a community organization that supports individuals and their families and friends whose lives have been impacted by cancer, and Shirley Ryan AbilityLab (led by Northwestern’s Prakash S Jayabalan, MD, PhD Assistant Professor of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation). The partnership also includes Northwestern’s Lurie Comprehensive Cancer Center (led by Victoria Villaflor, MD, Associate Professor of Medicine- Hematology & Oncology).

To learn more about ARCC, this project, and past award winners, visit: http://bit.ly/1o6NG1l