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**Research Faculty Position in Community Engaged Research
Northwestern University, Feinberg School of Medicine**

The Feinberg School of Medicine at Northwestern University announces a research faculty position to begin in Summer/Fall 2023 in community-engaged research. Community-engaged research centers around collaboration with community stakeholders to co-design, conduct, and disseminate research that benefits health and equity. Community engagement is a major area of study and practice for translational scientific research in the academic community of Feinberg School of Medicine, and a strong interest of many Chicago metropolitan and rural community stakeholders. We are particularly interested in applicants whose work addresses any of the following priorities as we seek to add to our strong portfolio of existing community engagement research and practice:

- Science of community engagement
- Using and testing innovative strategies for engaging community stakeholders
- Structural factors and social determinants that affect community health
- Implementation science

This is a non-tenure-track faculty position at the rank of Research Assistant or Research Associate Professor for candidates whose work focuses on community-engaged research. The new faculty member will be based within Northwestern's Center for Community Health (CCH) (<https://www.feinberg.northwestern.edu/sites/cch/>), which leads efforts to promote and study community-engaged research throughout the institution. CCH brings together collaborative, multidisciplinary teams of scholars and community members to improve health in underserved communities through a shared commitment to health equity, innovation, and translational research.

The new faculty member will be a member of CCH's infrastructure team that is supported by the Northwestern University Clinical and Translational Sciences (NUCATS) Institute. The CCH infrastructure team provides education, training, and consultation to research teams seeking to conduct community-engaged research. Additionally, the faculty member will be encouraged to develop their own independent research portfolio, with priority given to faculty working in the areas of maternal and child health, cardiovascular health, and diabetes. Research in the science of community engagement is also highly desirable. While there is no set formula for the amount of time spent between these two activities (CCH infrastructure team and one's independent research), it is anticipated that the new faculty member will spend a minimum of 40% effort related to CCH infrastructure activities.

There are opportunities for teaching and leadership roles within the community health research concentration in Northwestern's Program in Public Health ([Master of Public Health: Feinberg School of Medicine: Northwestern University](#)), and candidates should also emphasize experience teaching and mentoring graduate students, if applicable.

While we recognize that each candidate may not bring expertise in all these areas, the ideal candidate will have the following qualifications:

- History of working with patients and community stakeholders in developing, implementing, and sustaining clinical and translational research
- Deep understanding of principles of community-engaged research
- Demonstrated record of increasing equity, diversity, inclusion, and anti-racism
- Experience with grant/proposal development for extramural funding
- Experience authoring or co-authoring publications for peer review and community audiences
- Ph.D. or MD (or foreign equivalent) in a health-related field is required

The faculty member's academic appointment will reside in a Department within the Feinberg School of Medicine appropriate to the individual's training. This position will report to Dr. Darius Tandon, CCH Director.

Northwestern University is an Equal Opportunity, Affirmative Action Employer of all protected classes, including veterans and individuals with disabilities. Women, racial and ethnic minorities, individuals with disabilities, and veterans are encouraged to apply. Hiring is contingent upon eligibility to work in the United States.

Northwestern requires all staff and faculty to be vaccinated against COVID-19, subject to limited exceptions. For more information, please visit our COVID-19 and Campus Updates website.

The Northwestern campus sits on the traditional homelands of the people of the Council of Three Fires, the Ojibwe, Potawatomi, and Odawa as well as the Menominee, Miami, and Ho-Chunk nations. We acknowledge and honor the original people of the land upon which Northwestern University stands, and the Native people who remain on this land today.

To apply, please submit a cover letter, the names and contact information of three references, a CV, and three writing examples. Writing examples may include peer-reviewed publications, media works, and opinion pieces. At least one writing sample should be a peer-reviewed article broadly related to the science or practice of community-engaged research and one writing sample should use lay language—for example, an example of sharing findings with community audiences or communications with project stakeholders. CCH community stakeholders will be a part of the interview process. Letters of recommendation may be requested at a later date.

Materials should be submitted to cch-admin@northwestern.edu. To ensure full consideration, please submit materials by January 31, 2023.

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