



CBPR PARTNERSHIP ACADEMY

REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS

Application Due Date: 3/16/2015

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

The **Community Based Participatory Research (CBPR) Partnership Academy** is an integrated one-year research education program which brings together community-academic pairs from across the country to engage in an intensive week-long CBPR course and ongoing mentored learning activities throughout the year in order to foster collaborative research using innovative methods in the behavioral and social sciences to increase health equity. The program is being facilitated by community and academic partners involved in the Detroit Community-Academic Urban Research Center (Detroit URC) and affiliated partnerships.

This program is intended for community-academic teams involved in newly forming and early-stage CBPR partnerships, as well as teams of community-academic pairs that are interested in working together but have not yet developed a partnership. Through a competitive review process, a total of 12, two-person teams will be selected for the CBPR Partnership Academy, with all program expenses covered (including tuition, travel, meals, lodging, ongoing learning activities). For more detailed information about the program, visit the "Partnerships & Programs" section of the Detroit URC website at DetroitURC.org.

PROGRAM OPPORTUNITIES & EXPECTATIONS:

- Attendance at a **week-long, intensive course** (July 13-17, 2015) at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, MI being offered in conjunction with the U-M Graduate Summer Session in Epidemiology
- Participation in **monthly learning activities** (e.g., webinars, mentoring calls, online forums) during the one-year program period
- Opportunity to apply for a non-competitive **project development grant**
- Participation in national **Network of Community-Academic Scholars**

KEY DATES & DEADLINES:

Q & A Informational Conference Call	February 12, 2015 ; 2 p.m., EST
Application Submission Deadline	March 16, 2015
Anticipated Notice of Award	April 17, 2015
Program Period	July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016
Week-Long Intensive Course	July 13-17, 2015

Q & A CONFERENCE CALL:

The Detroit URC will host a one-hour conference call to answer any questions related to the CBPR Partnership Academy application process on Thursday, **February 12, 2015** at 2 p.m. EST. To join the call, use conference line: (866) 941-8436 and enter passcode 916088.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

Community-Academic Team Criteria:

- Team should be newly forming or in the early stages of CBPR partnership development (well-established CBPR partnerships are not eligible)
- Ability to attend program events in community-academic pairs
- Commitment to year-long activities
- Interest in learning about, and applying, innovative methods in behavioral and social science research using a CBPR approach

Academic Partner Criteria:

- Must be a doctoral level researcher or faculty member trained in the behavioral and social sciences and affiliated with an academic institution in the United States
- Can be at any career stage with interest and limited experience in CBPR
- Must have support for year-long participation in the program from academic institution (as evident in Letter of Support)

Community-Based Organization or Health & Human Services Agency Partner Criteria:

- Must have a minimum of a Bachelor's degree or equivalent training and 3-5 years of relevant work experience
- Be in a position of mid-to-upper level leadership in the organization
- Must have support for year-long participation in the program from the applicant's organization (as evident in Letter of Support)

SELECTION CRITERIA:

- Interest in collaborative BSS research to address health inequities
- Evidence of commitment to CBPR principles and ongoing co-learning process
- Commitment to establishing and enhancing an equitable partnership
- Evidence that proposal was jointly developed
- Availability and commitment of both partners to participate in year-long program activities

HOW TO APPLY:

1. Fill out and submit an **ONLINE APPLICATION** (link available on our website)
2. Applicants are also required to upload **Resumes/CVs** and **Letters of Support** (PDF format) in the online application. We require **two** letters of support: one from the community partner's supervisor and the other from the academic partner's academic chair or equivalent. These letters should indicate support for the applicants to participate in the one-year program, including attendance in the intensive course **July 13-17, 2015**

PLEASE NOTE: We are accepting ONE APPLICATION per team. For your convenience, a pre-application worksheet is available on the website (with a list of questions in the online application).

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

If you have questions about the Partnership Academy or how to apply, please contact Julia Weinert, MPH, Detroit URC Manager: (734) 764-5171, weinertj@umich.edu. Or visit our website at **DetroitURC.org**. For details, and to access the online application form, go to: **DetroitURC.org/programs/cbpr-academy**.

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