



URBAN HEALTH INITIATIVE

FACULTY FELLOWS PROGRAM

SUMMARY

The UHI Faculty Fellows Program will support the development of community-based research and demonstration models that focus on projects related to the social determinants of health for youth ages 10 -18 in the following areas: obesity, violence prevention and teen pregnancy prevention. Research programs must address unmet community needs or gaps in services as defined by community partners. The fellowship will:

- Build the capacity of communities and the University of Chicago to engage in authentic collaborative research partnerships;
- Enhance networks and infrastructure that will promote community-engaged research that not only takes place in the community, but requires community as part of the planning partnership; and
- Foster preliminary work and collaborative research projects that pursue issues important to Chicago communities and lead to larger research projects that will provide information critical to improving the health and well-being for the target population in Chicago's South Side communities.

FUNDING SOURCE

Funding for the UHI Faculty Fellowship was provided by the generous support of an anonymous donor. The UHI Faculty Fellowship is funded at a rate of \$50,000 per year for a funding cycle of one year and can be awarded only once.

TARGET AUDIENCE

Ideal candidates for the UHI Faculty Fellows Program are University of Chicago faculty/affiliates that fall into one of the following categories:

- Physicians that have completed a fellowship.
- Individuals possessing a doctoral degree. Completion of a postdoctoral training program is preferred.

Applicants that are at the assistant professor level are encouraged to apply.

APPLICATION PROCESS

- Applications packets will be accepted only via email to the Center for Community Health and Vitality Community Relations Director (George R. Smith, Jr.) at gsmith2@medicine.bsd.uchicago.edu. The application period closes on **October 10, 2014** (no applications will be accepted after this date).

- All applicants are required to submit an application packet containing the following:
 1. Completed application.
 2. Current curriculum vitae.
 3. A detailed proposal with objectives, significance, and methodology. As well, please provide details about how the proposed project represents an original contribution to research and scholarship within your field.
 4. A budget with narrative.
 5. Three (3) letters of recommendation are required from established researchers who are familiar with your research. Two letters of recommendation must come from within the University of Chicago, and the other letter must come from outside of the institution.
 6. A signed letter of support from an established community partner. The letter should come from senior management within the organization.
- Applicants will receive a confirmation of submission via email.
- Completed applications will be forwarded via email to the selection committee.
- Fellows will be chosen by the selection committee (a multidisciplinary entity). Applications will be judged based on the following factors:
 - Quality and feasibility of community and academic partner involvement and proposed partnership development program
 - Importance of question being addressed in the targeted areas
 - Identification of gaps in knowledge in applied interventions
 - Quality of the research methods that will be used
 - Reasonable and realistic budget with narrative
 - Evidence of application of basic community based participatory research principles and previous related experience
 - Potential positive impact on community health
 - Potential for future research collaboration and funding potential
 - Potential economic benefit to community by including community partners within the budget
 - Providing service in a community that has been mapped by the South Side Health and Vitality Studies' (SSHVS) MAPSCorps Project
 - Utilizing data from the SSHVS's MAPSCorps Project
 - Active partnerships with other local academic institutions and collaboratives (i.e. The Chicagoland Clinical and Translational Science Awards for Community Engagement (C3), City Colleges of Chicago, Chicago State University, etc.)
- The selection committee will score applications based upon the aforementioned factors and meet in person to determine the faculty fellow.
- The CCHV Director will notify the faculty fellow of acceptance and schedule an orientation session.

TIME LINE

- **August 12, 2014 at 1 pm:** Informational conference call for potential applicants.*
- **August 27, 2014 at 5 pm:** Informational conference call for potential applicants.*

- **September 9, 2014 at 1 pm:** Informational conference call for potential applicants.*
- **September 23, 2014 at 5 pm:** Informational conference call for potential applicants.*
- **October 10, 2014:** Deadline for the submission of applications for potential candidates.
- **November 3, 2014:** Faculty Fellow notified and funding begins. Program orientation.

**The dial in number for all calls is 866-224-5643 and the conference code is 7737022739*

ORIENTATION SESSION

- Overview of the Urban Health Initiative and related programs.
- Overview of the demographics of the South Side of Chicago
- Overview of research with racial and ethnic minorities.
- Overview of Community Engaged Research.

REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Fellows are required to provide a quarterly reports and a final report describing the research accomplishments, publications, or other benefits obtained with the support of the fellowship. The report should be sent to George R. Smith, Jr. at gsmith2@medicine.bsd.uchicago.edu.

QUESTIONS

Please feel free to contact George R. Smith, Jr. (773-834-4244) with any questions that you may have in regards to fellowship or the application process.

FACULTY FELLOWSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Date:

Please Print All Information

First Name	Middle Initial	Last Name

Title

Degrees	Department/Division

Campus Address	Office Phone	Email Address

Please indicate your intended area of research.

- Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention
- Obesity
- Violence Prevention

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