



Community Scholars-in-Residence Program

Cancer Prevention and Control Fact Sheet

What is the purpose of this program?

The Community Scholars-In-Residence Program is designed to encourage and train researchers to conduct projects focused on community-engaged health research within the area of cancer prevention and control. For more information on eligible topics, visit <https://cancercontrol.cancer.gov/>

Who should apply?

Standing PhD, medical students or post-docs at Penn with an interest in conducting community-engaged health research.

What types of projects are allowed?

Projects must focus on cancer prevention and control research, and must be co-developed with a community partner to assess the needs of the community organization and explain how this project will help them meet that need. For more information on eligible topics, visit <https://cancercontrol.cancer.gov/>

What will I learn from participating in this program?

Program participants will learn the fundamentals of community-engaged health research. Scholars and community partners will be trained on best practices in community-engaged research, develop the skills needed to conduct a successful research project, participate in regular meetings and trainings with the other Scholars and community partner organizations, and learn how to write high-quality proposals and budgets.

What if I don't have a mentor or community partner?

That's okay! The program staff can help connect you with a faculty mentor or community organization if you do not have one lined up. Please make sure to tell us this in your application.

How long will the program last?

The program will last between 12-24 months. Since some projects might take longer than others, the exact program length will be based on your individual project and how much time you need to successfully complete your proposed project.

What if I don't know how long my project will take?

Your application should include an estimated length of time for your project. A more specific timeline will be worked out during the initial 3 month training and project development period (September-December 2018). It is okay (even expected) that your initial estimate might change once you begin to think about your project in more detail.

I've never done community-engaged health research. Will I receive any guidance or support?

Yes, there will be a day-long kickoff event where you will begin to learn the fundamentals of community-engaged research. The first three months of the program (September-December 2018) will be when you finalize the details of your project, in collaboration with your community partner, mentor, and program staff. There will be regular meetings and trainings led by program staff during this time period. Program staff is also available to address any problems or concerns you run into during the course of your project.

How much funding will I receive?

Each Scholar/Community Organization team will receive up to \$5,000 for their project. Please include a proposed budget in your application. This can also be adjusted before submission of the final proposals and budgets in December 2018. Please note that once finalized, each project will need to be approved by the Penn IRB before funds can be dispersed and before any work can begin.