

# Community Scholars-in-Residence Program for Graduate Students and Postdoctoral Fellows: Hands-on Community-Engaged Research

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## Background

- The initial Community Scholars-in-Residence program was for junior faculty
- Two junior faculty were selected as Scholars and completed research projects with their respective community partners during the 2015-2016 cohort
- The current program has been adapted for researchers at the graduate student and postdoctoral level

## Goals

- Introduce researchers to the fundamentals of community-engaged research early on in their careers
- Train Scholars on best practices in community-engaged research
- Develop in young researchers the skills and mindset needed to conduct a successful research project and maintain positive relationships with community research partners

Key Program Information	
Target Group	Pre/Post Docs
Number of Scholars	3-5
Award Term	12 - 24 months
Funding Amount	Up to \$5,000 per project

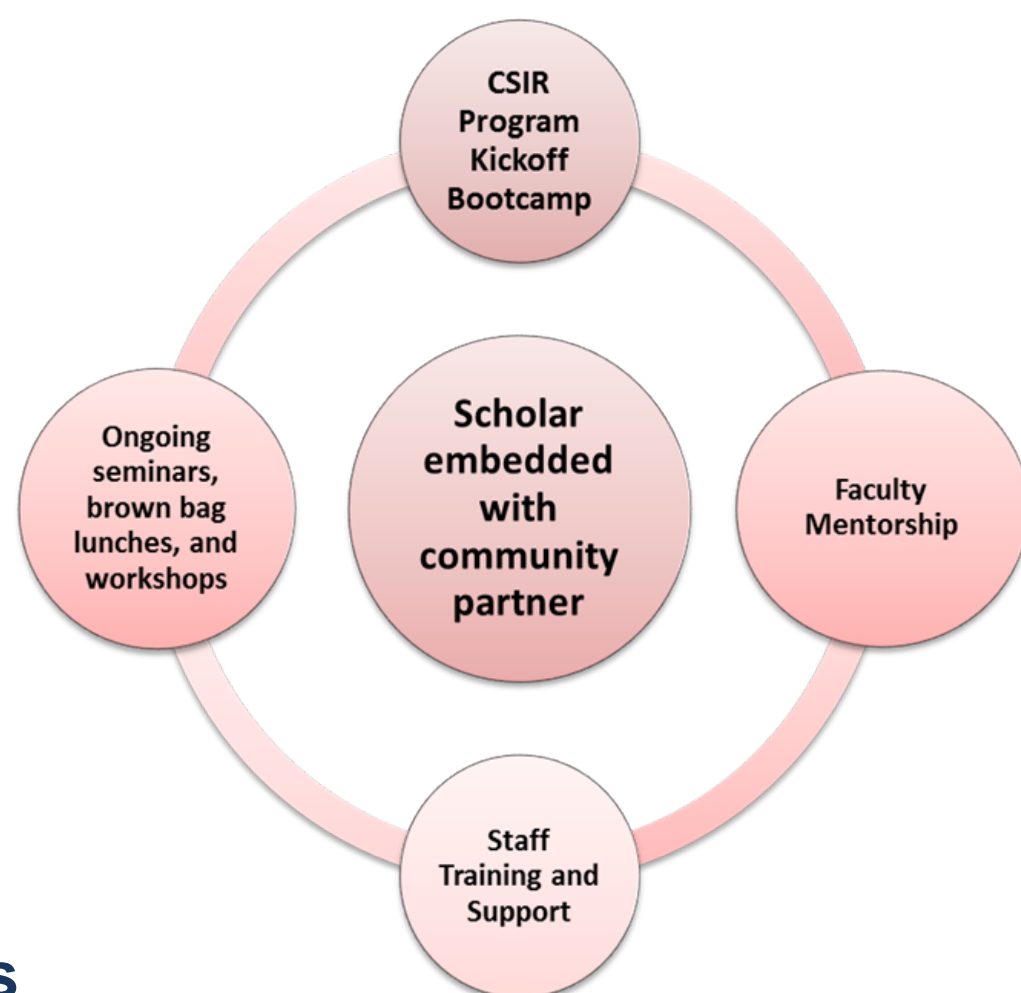
Program Structure + Timeline	
Program Announcement	April 2017
Information Session	May 2017
Application Due Date	June 30, 2017
Interviews	July 2017
Scholars Notified	July 15, 2017
Program Kick-Off: Community Engaged Boot Camp	September 2017
Project Proposal and Budget Submission	December 2017
Following IRB Review and Approval- Funds Dispersed	January 2018
Formal Training*	Throughout Program
Mentorship	Throughout Program
Progress Reporting	Every 6 months
Program Conclusion + Final Presentations*	May 2019*

\*Program conclusion will depend on scholars proposed award term (12-24 months)

## Structure

### Resources Provided to Scholars

- Scholars receive funding of up to \$5,000 for their projects
- It is recommended that a minimum of \$500 be allocated to the community partner organization
- Scholars are also encouraged to include funds for their faculty mentors



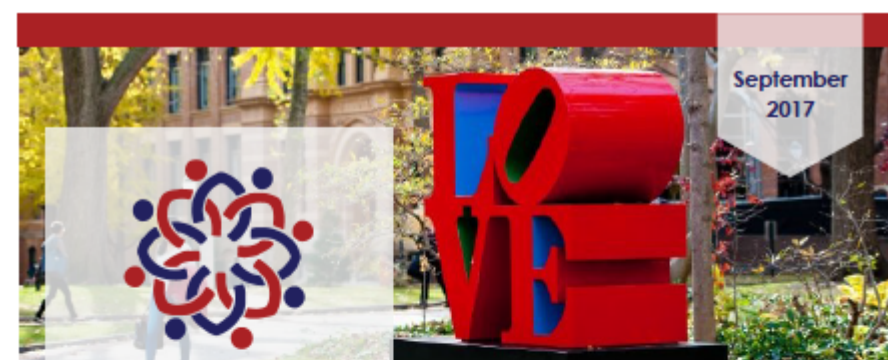
### Trainings

- Program kicks off with an all-day Bootcamp for selected scholars, faculty mentors, and community partners
- Scholars work closely with their community partners to develop and implement the research project
- Ongoing training is provided to the scholars throughout the program in the way of faculty mentorship, staff support, and a series of trainings, seminars and workshops.

## 2017-2018 Cohort

### Application Process

- Standing pre/post docs at the University of Pennsylvania were eligible to apply
- Proposed projects had to be focused on cancer prevention and control research
- Applicants submitted a CV, personal statement, draft budget and proposed timeline, description of their respective community partner organization, and letters of support from their faculty mentors and community partner organizations
- Applicants were interviewed and selected by the CSIR organizing committee



Community Scholars-In Residence Program  
Cancer Prevention and Control  
University of Pennsylvania

Applications are now being accepted for the Community Scholars-in-Residence program which will be focused on cancer prevention and control research.

Through this program, scholars will develop relationships with a community research partner of their choosing, identify research opportunities, and co-develop research projects during a one to two-year tenure with a community partner organization.

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### Selected Scholars

#### Joseph L. Benci, Ph.D.



Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Radiation Oncology, University of Pennsylvania Perelman School of Medicine

**Community Partner Organization:** Philadelphia Multiple Myeloma Networking Group

**Faculty Mentor:** Christine Hill Kayser, M.D.

#### Akinbowale Oyalowo, M.D.



Fellow, Division of Gastroenterology, Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania; Graduate student, Department of Health Policy Research, University of Pennsylvania Perelman School of Medicine

**Community Partner Organization:** The Health Annex

**Faculty Mentor:** Shivan Mehta, M.D., MBA, MSHP

#### Yujue Wang, M.D., Ph.D.



Postdoctoral Fellow, The Penn Ovarian Cancer Research Center, University of Pennsylvania

**Community Partner Organization:** TBD, working with CSIR to connect with a partner

**Faculty Mentor:** Karen Glanz, Ph.D., MPH

