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CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR THE COMMUNITY BASED RESEARCH AWARD OF MERIT

The Centre for Urban Health Initiatives (CUHI) is a Canadian urban health research centre (funded by Canadian Institutes of Health Research) located in University College at the University of Toronto. CUHI facilitates research that examines how the social and physical conditions in cities affect the health of the people who live there. In close partnership with the Wellesley Central Health Corporation, our mission is to work with policy makers, community partners and academics from many disciplines to make great urban health research happen – research that leads to social change and improved public policy.

The Centre for Urban Health Initiatives and the Wellesley Central Health Corporation, in partnership with University College at the University of Toronto, are pleased to announce a call for nominations for a Community Based Research (CBR) Award of Merit. The award will recognize Principal Investigators who have demonstrated exemplary academic participation in the field of community based research, as defined by *Minkler and Wallerstein*¹.

CBR is a collaborative approach to research that equitably involves all partners in the research process and recognizes the unique strengths that each brings. CBR begins with a research topic of importance to the community with the aim of combining knowledge and action for social change to improve community health and eliminate health disparities.

Nominations are invited from community, policy, or academic project partners who are working (or who have worked) with the nominee on a recent CBR project. The submission deadline is **Friday, March 17, 2006**. Further details are given below.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

¹ Minkler, M., and Wallerstein, N. (2004). Introduction to community-based participatory research. *In* Community-Based Participatory Research for Health. Eds. Minkler and Wallerstein. Jossey-Bass, 2004.

The award is open to Principal Investigators of CBR projects based in the Greater Toronto Area who meet the following eligibility requirements:

- Completed formal training in research (usually a PhD, MD, or equivalent)
- Have a research appointment
- Engaged in CBR research that exemplifies the principles of CBR as described by Minkler and Wallerstein (2004).

NOMINATION PROCESS

- Complete and submit a nomination form plus letter of recommendation (no more than 250 words), from a community partner on the CBR project, outlining why the nominee is an excellent candidate for the award.
- Deadline: **5:00pm on Friday, March 17, 2006.**
- Please submit nominations by e-mail or fax to the Centre Coordinator at cuhi.admin@utoronto.ca or 416-946-0669 (fax).

The successful PI will be notified no later than April 14, 2006. The award ceremony will take place at the wine reception following the Centre for Urban Health Initiatives' Annual Planning Retreat in May 2006.

AWARD DETAILS

The award will be presented to an individual Principal Investigator but will honour the whole project team.

The successful Principal Investigator's project team will receive:

- Invitations to the award ceremony
- Award Certificates: Each member will receive a personalized award certificate.
- A copy of, "Methods in Community-Based Participatory Research for Health", edited by Barbara A. Israel, Eugenia Eng, Amy J. Schulz, and Edith A. Parker.
- Registration fees (for one project team member) to attend the Wellesley Central Health Corporation's CBR Workshop Certificate Program toward the completion of a CBR Certificate.
- Organizational membership to Community Campus Partnerships for Health (CCPH).
- Project Publicity facilitated by the Centre for Urban Health Initiatives

- An invitation to present the project at the Centre for Urban Health Initiatives' monthly seminar series, *Spotlight on Urban Health Research*

Runners Up will receive:

- Invitations to the award ceremony
- Certificates of Recognition: Each project member will receive a personalized certificate in recognition of their contributions to CBR
- An invitation to display a project poster at the award ceremony (created with support and funding from CUHI)

EVALUATION CRITERIA

The review committee will consider whether:

- The research responds to a community identified issue or need
- The community has been involved in the majority of stages of the research (generation of research question, development of methodology, data collection, analysis, interpretation of results, and dissemination of results)
- There has been ongoing community participation in decision making
- The project has enabled community partnership
- The project has contributed to meaningful social change and improved community health

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