

APPLICATIONS OPEN JULY 1, 2024  
FOR THE ITM

# COMMUNITY-BASED PARTICIPATORY RESEARCH TRAINING & RESEARCH AWARD (CBPR-TRA)



CBPR projects are defined by questions reflecting a focal health condition (e.g., diabetes, arthritis, asthma, or major depression) intersecting with a specific diverse community (e.g., ethnicity, faith-based community, or gender identity).

The CBPR TRA is to train and then provide resources for two ITM investigators. Suitable candidates are early career investigators or senior colleagues seeking to add CBPR to their skills. Preference is given to investigators who identify with one or more DEIA communities. Investigators must also agree to partner with a community leader, a person from a diverse community with lived experience of the focal health condition.

CBPR-TRA investigators can request up to \$10,000 in the first year, with \$5,000 each for the investigator and community leader. In the second year, teams can propose a pilot CBPR project with a budget of up to \$30,000.

**Last Date to Apply: October 15, 2024**  
**Questions? Contact Dr. Lindsay Sheehan, [lsheehan@iit.edu](mailto:lsheehan@iit.edu)**

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## @ THE INSTITUTE FOR TRANSLATIONAL MEDICINE (ITM)

Healthcare has prioritized research that reflects and addresses the needs of people from diverse communities with diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility (DEIA) defined as, among other things, ethnicity, faith tradition, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, income, and differently-abled. DEIA may also encompass social disadvantage including poverty (with homelessness, food insecurity, under-education, and under-employment), involvement in the criminal justice system, and challenges related to immigration. CBPR projects are defined by questions reflecting a focal health condition intersecting with a specific diverse community

- Why don't some Chinese Americans use the breadth of interventions for Type 2 Diabetes?
- Why don't some black women get tested for breast cancer?
- Why are some gender-nonconforming individuals unlikely to be tested for HIV?
- Why are some gay men less likely to stay on methadone?

We seek two CBPR Investigators for 2024-2026.

**Suitable candidates** for the CBPR-TRA are early career (less than ten years since doctoral degree or equivalent) clinical investigators or more senior investigators wishing to add CBPR to their skills. Candidates are employed by one of the ITM institutions seeking to answer questions about the processes and format of services in a healthcare area of their specialty.

**Health priority** areas for 2024-2026 are based on findings from Chicago town halls hosted by the Community-Based Research Network and include mental health, violence, and cardiometabolic care. Note; proposals beyond these priorities are welcome. Preference is given to investigators who identify with one or more DEIA communities. CBPR-TRA Investigators agree to focus their expertise by partnering with a community leader from a specific diverse community. This community leader identifies with the diverse community AND has lived experience of the focal health condition. CBPR-TRA faculty will assist investigators in finding and partnering with a community leader from specific diverse communities.

The first cohort of CBPR-TRA will engage in training and research from October 1, 2024, to June 30, 2026. Activities include didactics, case studies, and preparation of CBPR proposal. Investigators will complete a 12-month pilot during the second year.

**Resources:** CBPR-TRA investigators can ask for up to \$10,000 during the first year with up to \$5,000 allocated to the investigator and \$5,000 allocated to the community leader. Then, as part of the CBPR-TRA, investigator and community leader teams can propose a pilot CBPR with a budget not to exceed \$30,000 in direct costs. They then have the second year of the CBPR-TRA to complete the proposed pilot.

Interested parties should **submit** the attached form by **October 15, 2024**, to Dr. Lindsay Sheehan, lsheehan@iit.edu. Please email Dr Sheehan with any questions.

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2024-2026**

**APPLICANT'S NAME** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE** \_\_\_\_\_

**APPLICANT'S INSTITUTION** \_\_\_\_\_

**APPLICANT'S CLINICAL SPECIALTY** \_\_\_\_\_

**IN WHAT SPECIFIC HEALTH PRIORITIES WOULD YOU PROPOSE ENGAGING A DIVERSE COMMUNITY?**

**DISCUSS YOUR PRIOR TRAINING OR EXPERIENCE IN COMMUNITY-ENGAGED RESEARCH.**

**DO YOU HAVE A POTENTIAL COMMUNITY LEADER OR OTHER COMMUNITY PARTNER? IF YES, PLEASE DESCRIBE.**

**HOW WILL YOUR PROPOSED PILOT HELP YOUR LONG-TERM RESEARCH/GRANT GOALS?**

**PLEASE ATTACH YOUR CV.**

**PLEASE EMAIL YOUR COMPLETED APPLICATION BY 5:00 PM, OCTOBER 15, 2024, TO  
LINDSAY SHEEHAN,  
LSHEEHAN@IIT.EDU.**

**FINALISTS WILL BE SELECTED FOR AN INTERVIEW WITH CBPR-TRA FACULTY.**