

APPLICATIONS OPEN MARCH 1, 2026 FOR THE ITM

**INSPIRING CHANGE: 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 community (Chicago's south side).

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. Investigators must agree to partner with a community leader, a person from the 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 (if ITM funding continues)

Last Date to Apply: April 1, 2026

Questions? Contact Dr. Lindsay Sheehan, lsheehan@illinoistech.edu

**COMMUNITY-BASED PARTICIPATORY RESEARCH TRAINING AND RESEARCH AWARD
(CBPR-TRA)
@ THE INSTITUTE FOR TRANSLATIONAL MEDICINE (ITM)**

We seek two CBPR Investigators for 2026-2028.

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. CBPR-TRA Investigators agree to focus their expertise by partnering with a community leader who has lived experience of the focal health condition. CBPR-TRA faculty will assist investigators in finding and partnering with a community leader.

The CBPR-TRA cohort will engage in training from July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027. Activities include didactics, case studies, and preparation of CBPR proposal. Investigators will complete a 12-month research project during the second year (if funding is available).

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 CBPRTRA, investigator and community leader teams can propose a CBPR research project with a budget not to exceed \$30,000 in direct costs (if funding is available. They then have the second year of the CBPR-TRA to complete the proposed pilot. Interested parties should **submit** the attached form by **April 1, 2026**, to Dr. Lindsay Sheehan, lsheehan@illinoistech.edu. Please email Dr Sheehan with any questions.

**CBPR-TRA @ ITM
2026-2028**

Applicant's Name _____ **Date** _____

Applicant's Institution _____

Applicant's Clinical Specialty _____

In what specific health priorities would you propose engaging with the 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, April 1, 2026, to Lindsay Sheehan,
lsheehan@illinoistech.edu.**

Finalists will be selected for an interview with CBPR-TRA faculty.