



Grant-seeking Strategies to Support Engaged Scholarship in the Social Determinants of Health

Community Engaged Scholarship Forum Workshop

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Social Determinants of Health (SDOH)

Healthy People 2030

- The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion (ODPHP), as part of their Healthy People 2030 initiative (see: <https://health.gov/healthypeople/priority-areas/social-determinants-health>), defines the Social Determinants of Health (SDOH) as factors in the environment where people are born, live, work, and play that affect health and quality of life.

US Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion – Health People 2030

SDOH rests on five pillars:

1. Economic Stability
2. Education Access and Quality
3. Health Care Access and Quality
4. Neighborhood and Built Environment
5. Social and Community Context

<https://health.gov/healthypeople/priority-areas/social-determinants-health>

Economic Stability

1. Employment
2. Food Insecurity
3. Housing Instability
4. Poverty

Education Access & Quality

1. Early Childhood Development & Education
2. Enrollment in Higher Education
3. Graduation from High School
4. Language & Literacy

Health Care Access & Quality

1. Access to Health Services
2. Access to Primary Care
3. Health Literacy

Neighborhood & Built Environment

1. Access to Food That Support Healthy Dietary Patternes
2. Crime & Violence
3. Environmental Conditions
4. Quality of Housing

Social & Community Context

1. Civic Participation
2. Discrimination
3. Incarceration
4. Social Cohesion

A recent [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) search for SDOH research grant opportunities yielded 811 funding announcements from the U.S. Federal government

- 704 from National Institutes of Health (NIH). Virtually all those NIH funding opportunities were for research in the health sciences.
- Eight at the Department of Education (ED)
- Eight at the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH)
- Other SDOH opportunities revolved around infrastructure development and support for social programs

- A recent Pivot database search for SDOH yielded 407 active research grant funding opportunities from US private foundations and non-profits.
- If US federal funding opportunities are added there are an additional 1040 listed funding opportunities.
- A more focused search for funding opportunities around “health Disparities” yield 71 opportunities from both private foundations and the US government.

Grant-seeking Resources

- [Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh](#) – Non-profit Resource Center offers grant-writing and grant-seeking classes.
Free access to a National Foundation Center searchable database of foundations. -
<https://www.carnegielibrary.org/services/nonprofit-resource-center/>
- [The Foundation Directory](#) <https://www.carnegielibrary.org/event/introduction-to-the-foundation-directory/>
- Pitt Office of Sponsored Programs - <https://www.osp.pitt.edu/funding/external-funding>
- [Grants.gov](#) – all federal funding (NIH, NSF NEH, etc.,) - www.grants.gov
- Pivot - https://pivot.proquest.com/funding_main
- [NIH Guide to Grants and Contracts](#) – all NIH funding - <https://grants.nih.gov/funding/index.htm>
- [FundsNet](#) – Foundations grants database - <https://fundsnet.services.com/>
- Office of Research, Health Sciences - <http://www.oorhs.pitt.edu/>

Grant application writing resources

- Office of Research, Health Sciences (OORHS)- Free copy-editing, grantsmanship and scientific review for Health Sciences faculty members - <http://www.oorhs.pitt.edu/>
- ARTHUR – Repository of funded grant applications in the Health Sciences (OORHS) – <https://www.oorhs.pitt.edu/application-assistance/application-repository-help-university-researchers-arthur>
- Dietrich School of A&S Writing Institute – Ono-on-one help for faculty and writing accountability groups - <https://www.writinginstitute.pitt.edu/faculty-writers/support-grant-writing>
- Open Grants – An open repository of grant applications across disciplines - <https://www.ogrants.org/>
- Pitt Office of Sponsored Programs proposal development page – Funder specific writing tutorials – (NSF, NEH, NIH, DoED) - <https://www.osp.pitt.edu/find-funding/proposal-development>
- CSR's Insider's Guide to Peer Review – General advice from the NIH Center for Scientific Review - <https://public.csr.nih.gov/ForApplicants/InitialReviewResultsAndAppeals/InsidersGuide>

Collaboration Resources

Engaged Scholarship Project Development Cohort

Over four facilitated sessions, a cohort of project teams work together to refine and advance their project plans to ensure logistic feasibility, community relevance, scholarly rigor and social impact. After completing the Project Development Cohort, each project will have:

- Clearly articulated goals, including what new knowledge and/or practice the project will produce.
- List of key collaborators and project contributors.
- Understanding of the ethical challenges that may be present within the project and plans for addressing ethical challenges.
- Project logic model or theory of change.
- Articulated set of academic and public products that will best disseminate the new knowledge/practice coming from the project.

Compensation for Community-Based Team Members: To encourage full participation by community-based partners, we offer a stipend of \$1,200 for attending all four (4) sessions. This stipend recognizes that community-based partners are offering valuable time and expertise and that they may not be otherwise compensated for their time.

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Collaboration Resources, Continued

Partnership Facilitation

The Office of Engagement & Community Affairs is your starting point for developing relationships ... that turn into collaborations ... that can turn into partnerships.

- We're a "designated listener" in community and civic conversations across the region, and facilitate partnerships and coalitions based on a shared vision of action.
- We lead, coordinate and maximize Pitt's expansive commitments in Oakland, the Hill District, Hazelwood, and Homewood.
- We're an "impact multiplier" for organizations working for stronger communities throughout the city and region, bringing to the table all the resources and capabilities of the university.
- We ensure all of Pitt's community-based engagements model ethical, contextualized, respectful, and culturally responsive behavior.

Do not wait until the last minute... Sometimes we are approached to help find a collaborator to meet a grant opportunity timeline. This rarely works. Engaged scholarship is about developing equitable partnerships.

Collaboration Resources, Continued

Engagement & Outreach Map

Great way to find collaborators!

www.engagementmap.pitt.edu

The screenshot displays the 'Engagement and Outreach Map' on the University of Pittsburgh website. The interface includes a top navigation bar with the university logo and links for 'PITT HOME', 'FIND PEOPLE', 'ABOUT', and 'LOG IN'. The main content area is divided into three sections: a left sidebar for 'Activities', a central map, and a right sidebar for 'Engagement Activity' details.

Activities Sidebar: Lists various engagement and outreach activities, each with a person icon. The 'Allegheny County Overdose Prevention Coalition' is highlighted. Other activities include Pittsburgh Lutheran United Ministries, After-school tutoring at Sacred Heart Elementary School, Allegheny County Department of Human Services, Youth and Families, All of Us Pennsylvania Research Program, Alumni Mentoring Program, American Refining Group (Internship), An RCT on Support Surfaces for Pressure Ulcer Prevention, and AP Course Liaison.

Map: A map of Allegheny County showing the locations of these activities as blue pins. A tooltip for the 'Allegheny County Overdose Prevention Coalition' is visible, showing its location near the center of the county. The map includes a 'MAP OVERLAYS' button and a zoom control.

Engagement Activity Details: Provides information about the 'Allegheny County Overdose Prevention Coalition', including its website (<https://www.acopc.pitt.edu/>), the date range '12/31/2016 - Present', and a description of its mission to reduce overdose deaths. It also lists 'Categories' (Consulting, coaching, training or technical assistance) and 'Populations Served' (People with substance dependence, Residents: Unspecified). The 'People' section lists contact persons, including 'Pringle, Janice'.

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