The Prevention Research Center at CWRU Launches Training Program to

Develop and Facilitate Community Partnerships in Research

The Prevention Research Center for Healthy Neighborhoods at Case Western Reserve University has received an NIH award to launch the **Partners in Education, Evaluation and Research (PEER) Training Program**. The 18-month mentored training program is designed to increase research capacity in community organizations and strengthen community/academic partnerships in order to facilitate translational research more effectively.

The program will enroll 4-6 qualified applicants (Fellows) from local organizations that are interested in conducting health research with a university partner. The Fellows will engage in a 12 month training in basic research methods, ways to evaluate evidence-based health research, guidance in data dissemination, and training in cultural competency, health literacy, and the social determinants of health. Fellows are recruited from community-based, nonprofit organizations, neighborhood clinics, governmental agencies, or organizations that have a primary mission of health programming and information dissemination. At the end of the 12 months, the fellow will continue for approximately 6 months in a project/research development phase with their faculty partner.

Fellows are recommended by the leadership of their organization and are matched with a mentor from their organization and a CWRU faculty partner. The faculty partner will be matched with the research interest of the fellow and their organization and will also be able to collaborate with the fellow and their organization for mutually beneficial research.

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