

ACCEL Community Engaged “ACE” Research Awards “FAQ Sheet”

1. What are the ACCEL Community Engaged “ACE” Research Awards?

The purpose of these awards is to train scholars to conduct research that engages the community in the research experience. This initial research experience of the ACE award should lead to larger, externally-funded research and publications and support individuals to become independent Community-Engaged researchers. Our vision is to improve outcomes that matter to patients and communities through research.

2. How can I apply?

To apply please visit the ACCEL website at:

<https://www.de-ctr.org/community/ace-award>

If you have not already registered as a member for the ACCEL website please do so, in order to access the information.

Please note: to obtain all application information you must be logged in.

3. Who can apply?

We encourage researchers, community members, health care providers, organizations, and institutions to apply. If you have a great research idea, we would love to hear it!

4. When is the application due?

The application is due August 10th 2015.

5. How do I find a mentor?

To find a mentor (*please log-in to ACCEL website using your username/password*):

- Visit the ACCEL website <https://www.de-ctr.org/>
- Click on “Research”
- Click on “Mentorship” button and complete the KCA contact us form.

If you need further assistance please email accelceo@de-ctr.org.

6. How do I connect with the Epidemiological/Biostatistical Component?

To connect with the Epidemiological/Biostatistical Component (*please log-in to ACCEL website using your username/password*):

- Visit the ACCEL website <https://www.de-ctr.org/>
- Click on “Research”
- Click on “Personal Assistance”
- Complete “Epi-Biostat Request for Assistance” form

7. How do I find out if I won an award?

After all applications are reviewed by the ACE committee and ACCEL Executive Team, decisions will be made. You will be contacted via email and/or by phone sometime in October 2015.

8. Can I re-apply next year if I do not win an award?

Yes, we encourage and strongly recommend that you re-apply. We will provide feedback/comments made on all submitted proposals.

9. How much is the award for?

Awards will vary depending on your research proposal budgetary requests. Typically, awards will range between \$15,000-\$20,000. We hope to fund at least 4 proposals.

10. What if I can't find a researcher or a community partner for my project?

If you are having trouble finding a researcher or community partner please contact accelceo@de-ctr.org for assistance.

11. Tell me about the curriculum. Who has to attend the curriculum? Is it required?

The curriculum is approximately 10 weeks and covers basic research skill building topics such as, qualitative and quantitative methods, research design, partnership building, evaluation, etc. The curriculum is highly focused on the skills and needs of the individual teams.

Funding will only be released after successful completion of the course. At a minimum, the Academic Investigator (AI) and the Community Investigator (Co-I) **must attend**. Other team members are welcome and encouraged.

12. I don't know where to start, who can I talk to (developing an idea, writing a proposal, creating a budget, etc.)?

Please email accelceo@de-ctr.org addressing specific needs and we will work with you to get all of your questions answered.

13. How long is the grant period?

There are two parts to the ACE Awards:

- 1) The curriculum is approximately 10 weeks and,
- 2) Grant period for research proposal begins after completion of the curriculum and is expected to run for 1- year.

14. How can I be sure that my research falls into one of the 5 categories?

The 5 categories are as follows: Cardiovascular, Cancer, Maternal and Child Health, Diabetes/Obesity, and Degenerative Diseases/Rehabilitation. If you are unsure if your topic falls under one or more of these topics, please feel free to contact accelceo@de-ctr.org and we will review with you. We are open to your ideas!

15. Why are the ACE Awards needed?

It is key that research begins to travel in the direction of more Community-Based Participatory (CBPR), Community-Engaged (CER), and Patient-Centered Outcomes (PCOR) research. The ACE Awards are fostering this type of research and more importantly creating community-based research scholars.

16. How can I attend the information session?

The information session will be held May 6th from 3:00-4:00 PM at Christiana Care Health System's, John H. Ammon Center in Room 14. We are giving the option to attend either in person or through video. If you would like more information or are unable to attend in person please contact accelceo@de-ctr.org

17. How do I create a profile?

Visit <https://www.de-ctr.org/>. Located at the top right corner, click on "Register".

18. Key contacts.

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