

An Opportunity to Share Your Research Findings with the Community

Do you have research findings that would be of interest to local communities? Are you looking for ways to translate your research for public consumption? The Community Engagement and Research Program (CERP) seeks investigators from Atlanta Clinical and Translational Science Institute (ACTSI) institutions who have research findings that would be of interest to the public to test a new translation strategy. CERP will pair investigators with community-based organizations (CBOs) to disseminate research findings of mutual interest, as the ultimate step in the translation continuum. CERP will provide funding to the CBOs through a mini-grants program to support these dissemination activities.

Mini-grants to community-based organizations

For the past two years, the CERP has used a **program of mini-grants** to fund health promotion projects by CBOs that partnered with faculty members from Emory or Morehouse School of Medicine (MSM). Now, CERP is shifting the focus of the mini-grants to fund dissemination activities. The RFA for CBOs will highlight particular research findings and will seek proposals for dissemination activities (e.g., community forums, local presentations by researchers, etc.). Selected CBOs will receive mini-grants of up to \$4,000 to conduct dissemination activities around a particular topic, working in concert with the researcher whose findings are being shared.

Ready for prime time?

If you are a researcher interested in translation of research findings at the community level, consider participating in this inaugural program. You will be expected to provide a synopsis of your research and findings, as well as potential target community audiences, which can be included in the mini-grants RFA. Following selection of the CBOs for funding, CERP will facilitate coordination between researchers and CBOs to develop and implement appropriate community-level dissemination plans and activities. Grants will be awarded to CBOs in August of 2010, for dissemination activities to occur between September 2010 and May 2011.

If you have research findings that you think would be of interest and significance to communities, please provide **an abstract of no more than 250 words** describing your research and key findings, and potential target communities, to Dr. Winnie Thompson (wthomp3@emory.edu, tel. 404-778-1349) or Dr. Folake Ojutalayo (fojutalayo@msm.edu, tel. 404-752-1887) no later than **May 31**. The CERP Steering Board and the Clinical Interaction Network (CIN) will review abstracts received and help determine which are most appropriate for inclusion in the mini-grants RFA.

If you have questions about this process, please contact Johanna Hinman (jhinman@emory.edu, tel. 404-712-8533).

The Atlanta Clinical and Translational Science Institute (ACTSI) is an inter-institutional collaboration focused on accelerating the translation of science and research discoveries to application at the community level. The goal of the ACTSI Community Engagement and Research Program (CERP) is to expand existing academic-community research partnerships, develop new bi-directional collaborations and interface with other ACTSI components. CERP is co-led by the Prevention Research Centers of Emory and Morehouse School of Medicine (MSM).