

UHI + GME Community Champions Program

Supplemental information for applicants

Community Champions Program Goal:

The Community Champions program seeks to empower, connect, and support resident/fellow leaders in community engagement.

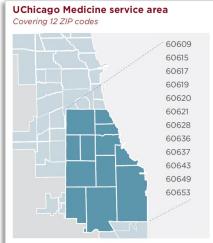
The Community Champions will participate in a didactic curriculum and collaborate with the Urban Health Initiative on a community-benefit longitudinal project. Each Community Champion will have the opportunity to receive mentorship from faculty and community leaders. Each participant will be expected to be an ambassador to their programs to engage co-residents/co-fellows and other team members in community engagement programming.

Recognizing the healthcare disparities impacting Chicago's South Side community, it is our hope that through community engagement, more residents and fellows will seek opportunities and choose to work on Chicago's South Side after completing training.

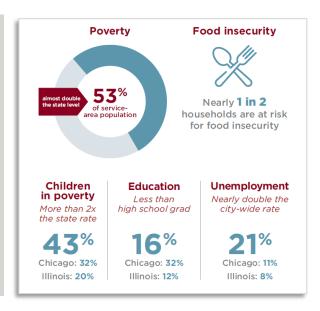


UChicago Medicine and Our Community





The Urban Health Initiative (UHI) is the University of Chicago Medicine's community health department. which administers our population health and community benefit programs



"As the COVID-19 pandemic has made tragically clear, health disparities in our South Side communities put residents at significantly higher risk for illness – whether chronic disease or viral infection. While UChicago Medicine has made robust investments toward improving health equity, there is a renewed urgency to quickly adapt to this changed landscape and join with community partners in addressing current and evolving healthcare needs."

Brenda Battle, RN, BSN, MBA
Vice President of the Urban Health
Initiative
Chief Diversity, Inclusion and Equity
Officer



UHI Sponsored Programs include:

- Community Grand Round
- Violence Prevention and Recovery
- Health Fairs
- Neighborhood Days of Service
- Talk Radio Health Shows
- Mobile Clinics

Health care concerns from the community



Complexity of obtaining and keeping public benefit coverage, such as Medicaid



High cost of some private insurance plans



Unequal distribution of health care services and facilities



Poor health care options for LGBTQ community and people of color



Selection Criteria

- PGY 2 or above level residents/fellows are eligible to apply
- Each applicant must be in good academic standing with approval from the PD
- Each applicant will submit an essay
 - How have you been involved in community engagement in the past?
 - What is your motivation to continue this involvement and why are you interested in participating in the Community Champions program in particular?
 - What unique characteristics or ideas can you bring to this engagement?



Program Components

- Curriculum
- Project Participation
- Mentorship/Networking
- Alumni Engagement



Program Components

Curriculum

- Each resident community champion will participate in a community engagement curriculum
- Each resident community champion will help facilitate program participation in the curriculum

Project Participation

- Each resident champion will be a liaison for their department/program to participate in UHI community activities
- Each resident champion must participate in 6
 activities, (at least 4 directly involving community
 engagement projects) from July to June



Timeline

- May-June: Request for applications and selection of participants
- July-June 2022:
 - Time commitment: 4-8 hours per month
 - Participate in educational curriculum
 - At least 6 community participation sessions
 - UHI Program choice of participation led by resident/fellow Community Champion liaison examples include:
 - STEM career sessions with middle school/high school students
 - Ask the Doctor Health Panels
 - Community Day of Service
 - Cooking demonstrations
 - Community grand rounds
 - Radio health sessions
 - Facebook Live sessions
 - Working meetings with community leaders and public health officials



Resident Champions Opportunities

- Education on healthcare inequity and opportunities to make a difference in our community outreach
- Opportunities to be leaders in your department for community engagement (e.g. Resident Chief of Community Outreach)
- Quarterly mentoring and networking events
- Honorarium for each resident/fellow Community Champion
- Branded materials and supplies, free meals and transportation for community based sessions



Community Champions in Action





Alanna Burnett, MD Community Champion

Ross McMillan, MD Community Champion



Tune into WVON 1690 this Saturday, February 13th 1-2pm to hear Community Champions on the Community Health Focus Hour! Watch via Facebook Live or Tune in Live on WVON 1690AM



Isolation & Covid-19 Panel Discussion



Dr. Anita Bianchard gregory yamamoto photo Dr. Alanna Burnett Stinson francis son photo





