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.

The Community Champions will be expected to be an ambassador to their programs and share what they have learned through the didactic series with their colleagues.

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.
“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

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

- Residents/fellows who will be PGY 2 or above during the 2022-2023 academic year are eligible to apply.
- Each applicant must be in good academic standing with approval from the PD.
- Current Community Champions who have satisfied the requirements of the program will complete the Continuing Champions Application.
- New applicants will complete the 2022-2023 Community Champions application:
  - 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**
  - Each Community Champion will participate in a community engagement curriculum
  - Each Community Champion will help facilitate program participation in the curriculum

- **Project Participation**
  - Each Community Champion will be a liaison for their department/program to participate in UHI community activities
  - Each Community Champion must participate in 5 activities, (at least 4 directly involving community engagement projects) from July to June
Curriculum

Lecture Series:

- Race, Health Disparities and Origins: Chicago's South Side - Dr. Doriane Miller
- Community Health Transformation: Urban Health Initiative - Brenda Battle
- Finding Personal Meaning in Research and Action to Advance Health Equity - Dr. Marshall Chin
- Creating an Inclusive Environment – Veronica Hernandez and Joel Jackson
- Navigating Food Deserts, Swamps, and Racial Health Disparities in Chicago - Dr. Edwin McDonald
Speaker Suggested Readings

Books provided to Community Champions.
Champions in Action

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH: Coping with Grief & Change During the Holidays
Join us as we discuss ways of dealing with grief and loss.

Dr. Chidimma A cholonu
UChicago Medicine

Dr. Heather Renfro
UChicago Medicine

Zoom Workshop
Monday, November 15 at 7PM

Nutrition Series Part 1
Shopping on a Budget
Wednesday, February 23 at 6:00 PM

Kelli Pointer, MD
UChicago Medicine
Ryan DesCamp, MD
UChicago Medicine

Fall Wellness Series:
COVID, Booster Shots and the Flu: What's the 411?
Wednesday, Nov. 17 @ 6:00PM
Virtual Event

Think Pink!
Breast Cancer Awareness
Join our next "Ask the Doctors" workshop as we discuss breast cancer.

Daniela Anderson, MD
Internal Medicine Pediatrics
UChicago Medicine
Wendy Chen, MD
Internal Medicine Pediatrics
UChicago Medicine

Eating Disorders and the Body
Thursday, March 10th, at 6:00 PM

Jennifer Wible, PhD
Assistant Professor of Psychiatry
UChicago Medicine
Laura Rosas, MD
UChicago Medicine
Shanjeez Syed, MD
UChicago Medicine

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NUTRITION SERIES PART 1
SHOPPING ON A BUDGET
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23 AT 6:00 PM

Kelli Pointer, MD
UChicago Medicine
Ryan Dickemp, MD
UChicago Medicine

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Timeline

- **April-May 2022:** Request for applications and selection of participants
- **July 2022-June 2023:**
  - Time commitment: 4-8 hours per month
  - Participate in educational curriculum
  - At least 5 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
Community 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
- Opportunities for mentoring and networking
- Honorarium for each Community Champion upon satisfying program requirements
- Branded materials and supplies