

# UHI + GME Community Champions Program

Supplemental information for applicants

# The Urban Health Initiative (UHI)



#### **Urban Health Initiative**





2022 ANNUAL COMMUNITY BENEFIT REPORT

# At the forefront of health equity.



Building strong, lasting relationships with civic leaders, community organizations, health care providers and residents to strategically improve health and access to quality care on the South Side of Chicago.



## UChicago and the Surrounding Community

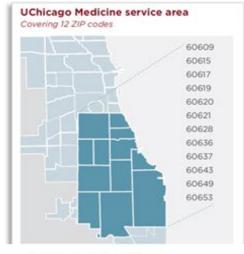
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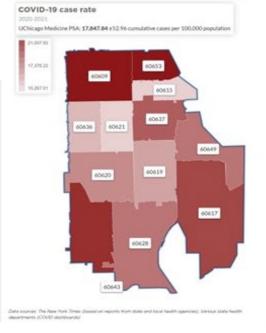
**UHI Sponsored Programs include:** 

- Community Grand Rounds
- Violence Prevention and Recovery
- Health Fairs

- · Neighborhood Days of Service
- · Talk Radio Health Shows
- Mobile Clinics





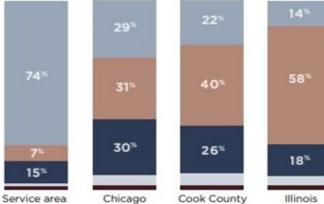


#### Priorities for 2023-2025



#### Race and ethnicity 2020

People who identify as non-Hispanic Black made up 74% of the service area population in 2020.



Hispanic/Latinx

Non-Hispanic Asian

Other

Non-Hispanic Black

Non-Hispanic White

Poverty<sup>2</sup> 26.7% live below the federal poverty level

Unemployment 15.8% in the service area compared to 8.1% in Chicago and 5.4% in the United States

Food Insecurity<sup>3</sup> 17.5% of residents in the service area are food insecure

Nearly half of Chicago's residents living in food deserts⁴ live in the University of Chicago Medical Center service area

#### **Access to Care**

8.6% do not have insurance

56% of all South Side residents leave the South Side to get their care

60% of residents seeking medical care use emergency and inpatient services for needs that could be treated in clinics or doctor's offices

Service area is a Health Professional Shortage area5

# Community Champions Program





#### COMMUNITY CHAMPIONS

#### **Graduate Medical Education + Urban Health Initiative**

















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Graduate Medical Education

Community Champions, Our Patients Deserve Excellence!

## **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.

#### **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
- Current Community Champions who have satisfied the requirements of the program will complete the Continuing Champions Application
- New applicants will complete the 2024-2025 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
  - Community Champion participation will vary based on Champion type from July 2024 to June 2025

## **Champion Participation Structure**

#### Continuing Champions

- » Didactic Series
  - » Workshops and Panels
- » Engagement Activity Participation
- » Program Liaison

#### New Champions

- » Didactic Series
  - » Workshops and Panels
- » Engagement Activity Participation
- » Program Liaison

#### Champion Leaders

- » Workshops and Panels
- » Engagement Activity Participation
- » Research Activities
- » Program Liaison

### Curriculum

#### Past Lecture Series Topics (May Vary):

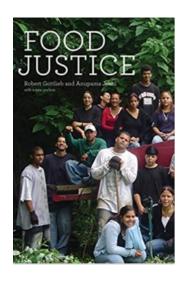
- Race, Health Disparities and Origins: Chicago's South Side
- Community Health Transformation: Urban Health Initiative
- Finding Personal Meaning in Research and Action to Advance Health Equity
- Creating an Inclusive Environment
- Navigating Food Deserts, Swamps, and Racial Health Disparities in Chicago

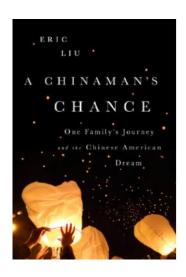
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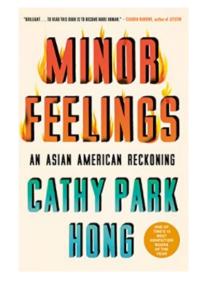
Past Panel Topics (May Vary):

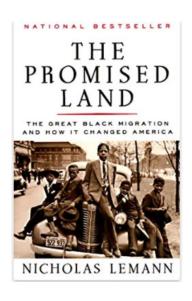
- Food Insecurity Panel
- School Based/Youth Community Engagement Panel
- Violence Recovery Panel
- Public Health Policy Panel

## **Speaker Suggested Readings**









Suggested Books for Community Champions

#### **Timeline**

- April-May 2024: Request for applications and selection of participants
- July 2024-June 2025:
  - » 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



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