Meharry-Vanderbilt Community Engaged Research Core (CERC)  
Community Scholars  
Research Proposal Guidelines

INSTRUCTIONS:

Formatting: Please complete the following sections in one to two pages, single-spaced, 12 point font, and 1-inch margins.

Writing Research Statement: The CERC Community Scholars Award Research Proposal consists of the following sections.

(1) Description of past and current research and/or community engagement activities.

(2) Description of your overall research interest and how it relates to community-engaged work.

(3) Description of motivation to become involved in community-engaged research.

(4) Description of proposed project:  
   a. What problem or issue do you want to address?  
   b. Background & significance: What has been done so far in this area? Why is this issue or research topic important? What is the importance and relevance of the issue or question you are interested in addressing?  
   c. Discuss the potential impact of this research to further your professional and/or research goals and ways in which this proposed work can benefit the community partner/organization and broader society.

(5) Description of the outcomes and products you intend to get from your research and community partnership experience.