Applications Due: April 12, 2019

Submit Email of Intent due Prior to Submission to Lexie.Lipham@vanderbilt.edu.

The Community Scholars Program is sponsored by the Meharry-Vanderbilt (MV) Community Engaged Research Core (CERC) to support Community Engaged Research. The Program provides support for two graduate or post graduate trainees. The Scholars will be required to perform a community engaged research project with a community partner during the academic year. Scholars will also participate in the MV Community Engaged Research Core, which supports the development of community-engaged and community-based research, builds relationships between community and academic partners.

The goal of the program is to provide an award to Graduate or Post Graduate trainees attending Meharry Medical College (including the School of Dentistry and Graduate Program), Vanderbilt University and Vanderbilt University Medical Center to create a partnership with a community organization to perform a research project. Scholars in the program will also build the capacity to use the methods and principles of community-engaged research; to understand determinants of community health; and to build the capacity of communities, health agencies, and academic centers to function as equal partners in research and education.

At the end of a Scholar's participation with the Program, he or she will be able to:

- Develop an understanding of community health determinants through participation in organized service to meet the needs of communities,
- Apply the principles of community-engaged research through participation in collaborative research,
- Demonstrate the methods or results of service learning through participation as a co-facilitator or co-preceptor of courses, field practice, continuing education workshops, or presentation of research findings at local or national meetings.

Award: Each Scholar will receive a scholarship of $5,000 to integrate community-engaged research principles and approaches into their studies, and participate in a community-engaged research project. These awards will be used to cover travel, books or other educational resources, and a small amount of pilot funding for research. In addition, a modest stipend ($500) will be provided to a community partner who works with the Community Scholar.

Awards are granted through a competitive review process. To be considered for an award, applicants should submit a concise proposal that includes the following:
1) Cover letter (optional)
2) 1-2-page research proposal
3) Curriculum vitae
4) A letter of recommendation from your mentor
5) A letter of support from the partnering community organization
6) Current Visa or U.S. citizenship required

To apply: https://redcap.vanderbilt.edu/surveys/?s=AaURWvW6ht

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