Meharry-Vanderbilt Community Engaged Research Core (CERC)
Community Scholars Award
Research Statement 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 Statement consists of the following sections:

1) Description of past and/or current research and/or community engaged 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 and Significance: What has been done so far in this area? Why is this issue, research topic important? What is the importance and relevance of the issue or question you are interested in addressing?

   Discuss the potential impact of your research to further your research and/or professional goals; and ways in which this proposed work can benefit the community partner/organization, and broader society.

5) Description of product that you intend to develop through your research-community partnership experience.