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# Health Equity Hub Community Catalyst Award

Application form

**Award value:** Up to $5,000

**Submission deadline:** October 20, 2025, 23:59:00 MST to [healthequityhub@ucalgary.ca](mailto:healthequityhub@ucalgary.ca)

**Purpose**

The Health Equity Hub’s Community Catalyst Awards support early-stage community-academic research partnerships that advance health equity. The awards are intended to help teams move emerging ideas forward through community connections, project scoping, proposal development, student engagement, and partnership building. The awards aim to strengthen partnerships and co-create health equity research, serving as a springboard toward longer-term collaboration, research, and funding.

**Reporting requirements**

Award recipients will be asked to submit a brief progress report (1-2 pages) within 12 months of receiving the funds. The report will outline key activities, outcomes, and any follow-up plans, or funding pursued.

**Eligible costs**

Awards can be customized to team’s diverse needs. Examples of costs include student or trainee stipends, costs related to supporting community connections, meeting or workshop expenses to advance your research idea, planning or scoping activities (e.g. environmental scans, literature reviews), and honoraria for community members and Elders.

## 1. Project lead(s)

Name(s):

Position(s):

Organization or Faculty/Department (if applicable):

Email:

## 2. Project title:

## 3. Summary of research idea (Max 300 words)

Briefly describe the key question you will explore through research and how it relates to health equity. What issue or opportunity are you addressing? If you take a transdisciplinary[[1]](#footnote-1) approach, please explain how this will be integrated. What do you hope to do with the Community Catalyst Award?

## 4. Community-academic partnership (Max 200 words)

Briefly describe how your initiative involves collaboration between community organizations, academic researchers, students, trainees and/or policy actors. How will the work be co-designed and/or co-led?

## 5. Expected outcomes and key benchmarks (Max 150 words)

Briefly describe your vision and how this initial work fits into a longer-term research or action plan. Consider how the work might lead to larger research projects, external funding, policy or practice changes, and/or lasting community–academic partnerships. Then indicate key deliverables or milestones you aim to reach, along with expected completion dates.

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| **Deliverable/Milestone** | **Target date** |
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## 7. Estimated budget

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| **Expense** | **Estimated amount (CAD)** |
| Planning meetings / workshops |  |
| Community connections |  |
| Student or trainee stipend (indicate whether undergraduate, graduate or PhD) |  |
| Local travel/parking for community members |  |
| Materials and supplies |  |
| Honoraria for community members / Elders |  |
| Other (please describe): |  |
| Other (please describe): |  |
| **Total (up to $5,000):** |  |

1. "Transdisciplinary scholarship is directed towards a complex issue or problem, most often one with a social dimension. Because of the complexity of the issue or problem, it is best addressed by teams from multiple disciplines. To address the social dimension of the question, transdisciplinary scholarship incorporates knowledges from outside the university, through theoretical or creative approaches to societal issues, and ideally by including societal actors who are implicated in the issue or problem in question." (Working definition from the Calgary Institute for the Humanities) [↑](#footnote-ref-1)