Public Health Collaboration Grants 2027

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS
Public Health Research Center (PHRC)
University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC)

Funding: $10,000 per team in faculty summer salary stipends
Awards: Up to five teams of two to four faculty
Apply By: January 15, 2027
Submit to: PHRC@umbc.edu

Develop Your Next External Grant Proposal

The Public Health Research Center invites interdisciplinary faculty teams to develop and submit competitive external public health grant proposals. Selected teams will receive faculty summer salary stipends and join a faculty cohort for facilitated workshops, writing time, and peer feedback. Each team will submit an external grant proposal no later than October 1, 2027.

Faculty with and without prior health research experience are encouraged to apply. Projects may be emerging ideas, proposals in development, or planned resubmissions. Explain your current stage and a feasible plan for reaching submission by the deadline; you do not need a completed external proposal to apply.

Public health research can examine the social, cultural, behavioral, environmental, policy, and institutional conditions that shape population health and health equity. Examples include research on health, housing, education, communication, inequality, the environment, aging, and access to services. These examples are illustrative; explain how your project connects to public health.

Need help finding collaborators? Contact John G. Schumacher, Ph.D., at jschuma@umbc.edu for assistance identifying potential team members.

Who can apply
Teams must include two to four full-time UMBC faculty members, including at least one faculty member with a primary appointment in CAHSS. Additional members may come from CAHSS or any other UMBC college. Priority will be given to faculty without current/recent UMBC internal research funding (within three years). This is a review preference.

Participation and timeline
Teams will participate in three monthly cohort sessions from February through April 2027, develop their grant proposals, and present a project update at a late-August showcase for cohort members, PHRC staff, and the CAHSS dean's office. External proposals must be submitted no later than October 1, 2027.

Submission Procedures: Public Health Collaboration Grants

Due Date: January 15th 2027

Submit Application to: PHRC@umbc.edu

Eligibility

All full-time CAHSS & UMBC faculty members are eligible to participate in this collaborative faculty grant program. At least one faculty member must hold a primary appointment in CAHSS. Priority will be given to faculty without current/recent UMBC internal research funding/fellowships (within 3 years).

Application Components

1. Cover Page: Project title, collaborating faculty, primary department affiliations, & email.
2. Project Summary: In no more than two single-spaced pages, describe the specific aims, proposed methods, expected outcomes, anticipated external grant budget at a high level, and describe the public health connection. Briefly describe your project's current stage and the work needed to prepare it for submission.
3. External funding opportunities and timeline: Identify your intended external grant opportunities with submission dates by October 1, 2027 (not part of project summary 2 pages).
4. Participation statement. Acknowledge your team's availability for the three spring cohort sessions and the late-August showcase
5. Faculty CVs: Provide a current CV for each faculty collaborator.

Evaluation Criteria

The program aims to increase the number and competitiveness of collaborative external grant submissions in public health. Reviewers will consider:

1. **Significance & Innovation:** Importance of the public health problem and novelty of the approach.
2. **Approach & Feasibility:** Clarity of aims, soundness of proposed methods, and feasibility of the plan.
3. **Proposal Clarity & Funder Alignment:** A clear, compelling project description aligned with the intended funding opportunity.
4. **Path to Submission:** A credible plan to develop and submit an external proposal no later than October 1, 2027, considering the project's current stage.

Awards

This program provides faculty summer salary stipends. Faculty stipends are awarded based on team size: $5,000 per person for two-person teams; $3,333 per person for three-person teams; and $2,500 per person for four-person teams. Funding will be disbursed in the summer based on demonstrated progress toward the grant submission and participation in August grant showcase. Funding is limited to only the faculty summer salary stipends and subject to faculty summer earning caps. Up to five PHRC faculty collaboration teams will be funded.

For questions about project fit, eligibility, or finding collaborators, contact John G. Schumacher, Ph.D., Director, Public Health Research Center, at jschuma@umbc.edu.