The Interprofessional Education Collaborative (IPEC), in conjunction with the United States Public Health Service Commissioned Officers Foundation for the Advancement of Public Health (COF), annually recognizes an interprofessional team of health professional students and/or faculty that have significantly impacted the community through interdisciplinary collaboration.

The IPEC/COF Excellence in Interprofessional Education Collaboration Award acknowledges an interprofessional collaborative practice project geared towards improving health care, knowledge, awareness, and/or behavior. The initiative must demonstrate a relationship between interprofessional practice and outcomes (community practice, public health education, and/or research).

PROCESS, ELIGIBILITY, AND CRITERIA
The online nomination form requires a (1) signed checklist; (2) coversheet with brief project description; (3) two-page narrative (including detailed documentation of impact); (4) abbreviated Principal Investigator (PI) CV (6 pages or less); (5) outline of collaborator roles; and (6) letter of dean/IPE center leadership support. Applicants may include optional supplementary materials such as pictures, a slide presentation (12 slides or less), and/or video short. References and additional materials will not count against the 2-page project description limitation.

Applications from each school must: include a letter of support from a Health Professional School Dean or IPE Center Leader; include representation by two or more health professions; and demonstrate a clear relationship between interprofessional practice, outcomes, and impact. The nomination should provide a rationale for the interprofessional team’s composition, a plan to evaluate the project’s outcomes, discuss the function of the interprofessional team, and plans for publication such as a poster and/or journal article.

The group project nominated from each school will have addressed some of the Core Competencies for Interprofessional Collaborative Practice as identified by IPEC, promoted scholarship in interprofessional collaborative practice, focused on community and public health practice to address social determinants of health and advance health equity, included local community leaders and found ways to foster creativity and innovation across different sectors/organizations to make lasting gains.

Examples of topic areas include: the opioid epidemic; COVID-19; nutrition and weight management services; mental health, wellness, and resiliency; sexually transmitted diseases and AIDS education; environmental health education; and interventions to address chronic diseases.

Each health professional school or dedicated IPE/IPP center can only submit one application. However, students and faculty within the health professional school can be part of other school submissions. For example, faculty from the University of Washington School of Pharmacy could submit a project with the School of Public Health on self-efficacy of blood pressure management and could also support a submission with the School of Medicine on community outreach in rural communities.

SCORING/EVALUATING
Nominations will be reviewed by a joint IPEC/COF Award Review Committee and approved by COF leadership and the IPEC Executive Board. Applications will be judged in the following areas: idea/topic; creativity and innovation; organization and neatness; evidence; interdisciplinary collaboration; and impact.

Award decisions and notifications will be sent via email no later than April 1, 2024.

AWARD PRESENTATION AND RECOGNITION
One Overall National Awardee will be selected and presented their award at the annual Summer/June 2024 IPEC Member Meeting. If held in-person, travel and accommodations will be covered for the PI. A webinar series or continuing education publication will be developed from selected project/topic areas.

Honorable Mentions will also be granted in each of five categories: (1) Health Communications & Health Technology, (2) Behavioral Health, (3) Public Health Infrastructure, (4) Community Empowerment and Education, and (5) Injury and Violence Prevention/Physical Safety. The five honorable mentions will be invited to participate in the June IPEC Meeting. Finalists will receive certificates and give poster presentations on their projects. Travel expenses, should the meeting be held in-person, will be at the finalists’ expense.

Learn more and apply by February 2, 2024 at www.ipecollaborative.org/ipe-collaboration-award
2024 Excellence in Interprofessional Education Collaboration Award

AWARD APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Print, sign, and scan/save this page. A copy must be uploaded with your online submission.

ELIGIBILITY:

- Is the Principal Investigator/Group Lead a health professions student or faculty member?
- Does your team have an interprofessional composition? (“Interprofessional” would include representation by two or more health professions.)
- Did the project establish a relationship between interprofessional practice and an impact? (Areas such as community practice, public health education, and/or research.)

AWARD CRITERIA GUIDELINES

Does your submission address the following?

- Core competencies of interprofessional collaborative practice as identified by IPEC.
- Scholarship in interprofessional collaborative practice, focusing on community and public health practice to address social determinants of health and advance health equity.
- Local community leaders and finding ways to foster creativity and innovation across the different sectors/organizations to make lasting gains.

APPLICATION PACKAGE COMPONENTS

The following must be submitted online as separate files.

- Completed checklist (signed copy)
- Cover sheet (1 page)
- Write up (2 pages or less) including:
  - goal of project,
  - public health significance (including how community need was determined),
  - rationale and approach (including methods, outcome measures, and project evaluation) and results/outcome and plans for publication.
- Abbreviated curriculum vitae of principal investigator (PI) (6 pages or less)
- Outline of collaborator roles
- Letter of support from dean/IPE center leader
- Supplementary materials (optional):
  - Slide deck (12 slides or less), and/or
  - Pictures (submit via email to award@ipecollaborative.org), and/or
  - Video short (upload online or email to award@ipecollaborative.org, if file too large) or link to online video.

AWARD SUBMISSION PROCESS

Did you:

- Submit your online application on or before February 2, 2024?

Note: Please check your inbox/spam for an email confirmation after you submit the online form.

Print PI Name: ___________________________________________________________ Date: ________________

PI Signature: ____________________________________________________________________________

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