



**United States Public Health Service  
Interprofessional Education Collaborative  
Excellence in Interprofessional Education Collaboration Award**

**Fall 2019 – Spring 2020**

**Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)**

**What is the award criteria?**

1. Exhibit core competencies of intercollaborative practice as identified by Interprofessional Education Collaborative (IPEC):
  - a) Patient/family centered (hereafter termed “patient centered”)
  - b) Community/population oriented
  - c) Relationship focused
  - d) Process oriented
  - e) Linked to learning activities, educational strategies, and behavioral assessments that are developmentally appropriate for the learner
  - f) Able to be integrated across the learning continuum
  - g) Sensitive to the systems context/applicable across practice settings
  - h) Applicable across professions
  - i) Stated in language common and meaningful across the professions
  - j) Outcome driven
2. Promoted scholarship in interprofessional collaborative practice, focusing on community and public health practice to address social determinants of health and advance health equity.
3. Included local community leaders and find ways to foster creativity and innovation across the different sectors/organizations to make lasting gains.
4. The team composition must include health professional faculty and students from an accredited university or college.

**In addition to the overall award, what are the honorable mention categories?**

- Category 1 - Health Communications and Health Technology
- Category 2 - Behavioral Health
- Category 3 - Public Health Infrastructure
- Category 4 - Community Empowerment and Education
- Category 5 - At Risk and Vulnerable Communities

**About many submissions are received during the award cycle?**

Approximately 20



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**What were the most common reasons why an application was not chosen?**

- 1) The proposed project should aim to establish a relationship between interprofessional practice and outcomes (community practice, public health education, and/or research). (Note that there must be reportable and measurable practice and/or community health outcomes.)
- 2) The team must have an interprofessional composition, with representation by two or more health professions. Note that solely teaching to another discipline does not constitute interprofessional partnership.
- 3) Public health significance needs to be established. (Note this must include metrics and necessary background.)
- 4) Community need must be evident and information provided to review committee, including how need was established. (Note that community members should be active participants in establishing need.)
- 5) Applicants must be able to demonstrate integration of learning and sustainability of initiatives.
- 6) Meaningfulness of the program to community needs, must be established. (Note that many programs did not provide how this would be of interest to the community.)

**If my application was not selected, may I apply following year?**

Yes. Absolutely. We encourage you to share your work and progress with us!

**What is the timeline for the 2019–2020 award cycle?**

The application timeline is as follows:

- Applications Open: Wednesday, October 16, 2019
- Applications Close: Monday, February 3, 2020 at 5 p.m. Eastern
- Award Decisions & Notifications: Friday, March 13, 2020

**Where can I direct future questions?**

Please send all questions to [USPHSIPECAWARD@list.nih.gov](mailto:USPHSIPECAWARD@list.nih.gov).

**Is there a website for this Award?**

Information can be found at <https://www.ipecollaborative.org/usphs-ipec-award.html>.