

Leveraging the IPEC Competency Framework to Transform Health Professions Education

Call for Applications: Interprofessional Expert Panel

The [Interprofessional Education Collaborative](#) (IPEC) has partnered with the [University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio](#) (UT Health San Antonio) to develop an institutional assessment tool. This tool will standardize assessment of institutional progress towards IPE implementation using the IPEC framework. Member institutions have expressed a need for such a tool, developed by IPEC and anchored in the IPEC framework, to assess the maturity level of institutional IPE efforts. Individual administrators, educators, and researchers have developed IPEC-based solutions based on local needs for many years. However, to transform the health professions education enterprise on a larger scale, a consistent mechanism to assess implementation of the IPEC framework in a longitudinal manner is needed. This project has been supported through grant funding (P21-01) from the [Josiah Macy Jr. Foundation](#).

An interprofessional expert panel will serve as a critical component to the successful development of this tool. Expert panelists will contribute to tool development—from item generation and selection to local pilot testing and dissemination efforts (i.e., peer reviewed presentations and manuscripts). We are currently recruiting seven experts for this interprofessional panel. Successful applicants will be nationally recognized experts within the field of IPE who are currently leading IPE efforts at their respective academic institution. Evidence used to determine strength of applications will include publication record in IPE, employment in an institutional IPE leadership role, and the quality of letters of support. We anticipate a project duration of approximately 18 months. For planning purposes, prospective applicants can anticipate roughly 2 hours of effort per month. The interprofessional expert panel will convene initially via videoconference for two days in early 2021, dates TBD.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Applicants must complete the online form at <http://bit.ly/IEPApply>.

1. The applicant shall submit application materials that includes the following separate sections:
 - One-page statement of interest from the applicant describing qualifications for inclusion on the expert panel and a commitment to pilot test versions of the tool at their academic institution;
 - Curriculum vitae detailing education, appointments, activities, memberships, awards and honors, and other relevant data establishing the applicant's qualifications;
 - Two letters of support that affirm the applicant's qualifications and ability to contribute to the development and pilot testing of the tool. One letter must come from a direct supervisor who can speak to approval of time commitment and the institution's commitment to completing the project.
2. The application materials must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. PST on **Wednesday, November 25, 2020**.

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SELECTION PROCEDURE

1. Application packets will be screened for completeness upon receipt. If time permits, applicants will be made aware of any missing items. Applications that are incomplete at the deadline for submission will not be evaluated.
2. In the final ranking of applicants, diversity in terms of interprofessional composition, geography, and institution type will be taken into consideration.
3. The announcement of the interprofessional expert panel will be made on **January 4, 2021**.