

HERCULES Community Partner Award

Description/Purpose

The HERCULES Community Engagement Core seeks to recognize HERCULES community partners who work to advance the health and well-being of their community. Given annually at the HERCULES Retreat, the award recognizes an Atlanta-area community member who has partnered with HERCULES and champions environmental health and/or exposome science in their community. Award recipients will be featured on the HERCULES website and social media accounts.

Eligibility and Nomination Criteria

Nominees must be Atlanta-area community members who have, or are currently, engaged with HERCULES. Engagement may include participation on the Stakeholder Advisory Board, Shaheed DuBois Community Grant Program, Exposome Roadshow, Pilot Project, etc. The nominee should be a champion for environmental health or exposome science in their community.

In addition to the required qualifications above, the below criteria may also be considered in the review:

- Benefits to the community and any other relevant outcomes
- The nominees' role as a community leader
- Efforts to enhance the capacity of other community members
- Promotion of the health and well-being of the community
- Exchange of knowledge and expertise amongst partners
- New or strengthened partnerships
- Partnership with a HERCULES scientist
- Impact on communities and/or neighborhoods that are financially distressed or have a history of marginalization.

How to apply

Any HERCULES Center Member, including faculty or SAB, may nominate a community member for the award. Self-nominations are welcomed. Nomination packets should be submitted to Erin Lebow-Skelley at elebows@emory.edu and should include the following:

- A written description of the nominee's work in their community to address environmental health and/or exposome concerns (300 words max). Include a description of any other activities aligned with the award criteria listed above.
- Packets may also include one additional supporting material, such as a letter or other media from those who have benefitted from the nominee's work.

Selection Process and Timeline

Nominations are due one month prior to the HERCULES Annual Retreat (usually held in December). Nominations will be reviewed and selected by HERCULES Center Members. The Award winner will be announced at the Annual HERCULES Retreat.