

HERCULES Faculty Community Engagement Award

Description/Purpose

The HERCULES Community Engagement Core seeks to recognize HERCULES faculty who engage community members in their work. Given annually at the HERCULES Retreat, the award recognizes engagement that is mutually beneficial to the community partner and faculty member, students, and/or university, and may include community-based participatory research, outreach, partnerships, volunteerism, and curricular engagement. Award recipients will be featured on the HERCULES website and social media accounts, highlighting their work with community/ies.

Eligibility and Nomination Criteria

Nominees must be members of the HERCULES Exposome Research Center and their work should have been active within the past five years. Partnerships must be based on an ethic of mutual benefit, may be short or long term, and may be with a single or multiple partners.

Additional criteria that will be considered include nominations that demonstrate:

- Description of benefit to the community and any other relevant outcomes
- Evidence of capacity building
- Promotion of the health and well-being of the community
- An exchange of knowledge and expertise amongst partners
- Demonstration of community engagement that is relevant and reciprocal
- Impact on communities and/or neighborhoods that are financially distressed or have a history of marginalization
- A strong and productive working relationship with community partners and/or evidence of building that relationship over time

How to apply

Any HERCULES Center Member, including faculty or SAB, may nominate a HERCULES Faculty member for the award. Self-nominations are welcome. 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 community-engaged work and its impact related to the award criteria (300 words max).
- Up to one additional supporting material, such as a letter or other media from those who have benefitted from the nominee's work (optional).
- A copy of the candidate's CV.

Selection Process and Timeline

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