

UNIVERSITY NEIGHBORHOOD PARTNERS
COMMUNITY RESIDENT IN ACTION (CRIA)

Call for Proposals (Review January 2019)

University Neighborhood Partners' mission is to bring together University and west side people and resources in reciprocal learning, action, and benefit... "a community coming together."

Philosophical grounding: This program and the opportunities supported through it are grounded in the belief that community residents bring important knowledge and capacities to the campus-community work of UNP that are unique and essential for University-Neighborhood mutually beneficial collaborations. The CRIA carries an award of \$5000 per year for a maximum of two years. The CRIA will be awarded every one or two years based on progress.

Proposals must be submitted via e-mail to t.molina@partners.utah.edu by 5:00 PM on April 15, 2019.

Program goals:

- To enable community residents to provide their knowledge and expertise in campus-community partnership projects.
- To provide residents with an opportunity for meaningful collaboration through UNP partnerships.
- To provide visibility for the role of community residents in community partnerships both on and off campus.
- To enable west side neighborhoods to better respond to expressed community interests and needs.

Criteria for selection of Community Resident Leader(s):

- Resident(s) has/have expertise and interests that match the interests and needs of a planned or on-going UNP partnership.
- Resident(s)'s involvement strengthens the capacity of a linked community organization or resident group as a long-term partner with UNP.
- Resident(s) is/are personally interested in working with the partnership and the project, and has/have already committed time to learning about the project and interacting with those involved.
- Resident(s) has/have demonstrated commitment to the broad area of community work through some level of involvement related to the project.
- Partners involved with the specific project agree that the involvement of the resident(s) will be beneficial to the project.
- Priority will be given to resident(s) who live in a Salt Lake City west side neighborhood.

Process for selection of the Community Resident in Action Leader(s):

- **Candidates (individuals or teams) may submit an application/proposal (6 page maximum length) directly or may be nominated by UNP partners and/or staff based on the candidate's interest level and work plan. The**

proposal/nomination should include the following information: 1) Project idea, including how the CRIA work will strengthen a current or planned partnership; 2) past involvement with UNP partnerships; 3) how the project will build connections between residents and community resources (e.g. schools, non-profits, local government, and other resident groups). 4) Applicant's contact information. Applications must be submitted to T.Molina@partners.utah.edu.

- UNP Advisory Board members, partners and staff will be invited to join a selection committee, which will review applications and select the best proposal.
- UNP Partners and staff will discuss the position with the selected CRIA candidate(s).
- In July of the academic year prior to service, an appropriate UNP staff member, Board member, or community or campus partner will formally invite the selected Community Resident Leaders to serve in a capacity to be defined in writing
- The CRIA award may be extended for a second year pending a review of progress after one year.

The selection will be finalized by May 10 for activities to begin in the fall.

Types of work anticipated from Community Resident In Action Leaders:

- It is anticipated that a Community Resident Leader will contribute expertise related to his or her personal interests to meet needs of a specific partnership project. The time involved will vary, but will be roughly described in the written explanation of the position.
- Tangible outcomes of the work may include: teaching of a course or seminars based on their expertise to other community residents or within a partnership; organizing learning modules to help U of U partners understand an aspect of west side community life; organizing a group of residents to carry out a specific project through a partnership; or any other mutually-agreed upon outcomes.
- Community Resident Leaders will be asked to present their work at an appropriate community, UNP, or U of U event to highlight the contributions of community-based expertise to the partnership.

Benefits to the Community Resident Leader(s):

- The Community Resident Leader(s) will be recognized at appropriate community, departmental, college, or university functions.
- Outcomes of Community Resident Leaders work will be graphically displayed in an appropriate place in the community.
- An honorarium of \$5000 per year, for up to two years, will be given to the Community Resident Leader(s) to enable him/her to devote time to the partnership as agreed upon with UNP staff and partners.

Benefits to the community and the campus:

- Community members will have new opportunities to participate in active problem-solving and social justice work within their own neighborhoods.

- West side neighborhoods and the University of Utah will have additional human resources to assist in addressing shared issues.
- The interpersonal networks that connect the broader community will be strengthened.
- The tangible outcomes of the specific project will benefit all those involved.
- Connections built through project interactions may attract neighborhood students to the U and other higher education institutions, and may result in increased diversity in Utah higher education.