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Dear JHU faculty colleagues,

Are you passionate about Community-Engaged Research?

The Johns Hopkins Institute for Clinical and Translational Research (ICTR) Community and Collaboration Core is seeking a faculty member to serve as the academic co-chair of the Community Research Advisory Council (C-RAC). The academic co-chair will be a faculty member embedded in community-engaged research and will help guide C-RAC's transformative journey to advance health and inclusive participation in research in the region. ICTR offers a unique opportunity for dedicated individuals with a commitment to collaboration, innovation, and community empowerment to make a tangible difference in the the research conducted at JHU. Working in partnership with the community co-chair of C-RAC, this leadership position will nurture and strengthen a shared governance model for the 30-member advisory council, whose membership is comprised of over 50% community members unaffiliated with the Johns Hopkins system. C-RAC meets two to three times per month virtually on Monday evenings from 5 to 6:30 pm EST.

The C-RAC provides consultation services and research reviews on community engagement and community-engaged research (CEnR) approaches for clinical and translational research teams at the School of Medicine, School of Nursing and School of Public Health at Johns Hopkins University, as well as partner programs at the University of Maryland Baltimore and Morgan State University. C-RAC also provides bi-directional training for learner programs (T32, K12) on community-engaged research.

“ICTR’s Community Research Advisory Council has been at the forefront of advancing bi-directional dialogue between communities and clinical research teams at the institute since 2009,” said ICTR Director, Daniel Ford, MD, MPH. “C-RAC helps us achieve our goal as a clinical research institution to become more trustworthy partners.”

ICTR seeks a faculty candidate from any division of JHU to serve as the academic co-chair and faculty lead for the Community Research Advisory Council. In partnership with the C-RAC Community Co-chair, the joint responsibilities of the C-RAC co-chairs will include:

1. Approving and assisting in the development of agenda and promote a consensus-building process
2. Facilitating a minimum of twelve C-RAC meetings per year
3. Participate in the Community and Collaboration Core's strategic planning retreat
4. Support C-RAC in meeting its deliverables and acting on priorities identified in the group and voted on by the group.
5. Support manuscript development on CEnR
6. Support community-facing events hosted by C-RAC
7. Represent the work of C-RAC and CCC in conferences and symposia as needed

For more information about C-RAC, visit [here](#). For information about ICTR and its Community and Collaboration Core, visit [here](#).

The term will start on July 1, 2026, for an initial two-year term, renewable to April 30, 2031. This will provide up to 10% of salary support (and no more than 10% of the NIH salary cap) and will report to the ICTR Deputy Director of the Community and Collaboration Core.

How to Apply

If you are ready to join us in our mission to advance community-engaged research in Baltimore, we invite you to submit the following materials by 5:00 pm on April 15, 2026.

1. A statement describing your interest in becoming the C-RAC academic co-chair, including your qualifications, training, and experience; and your vision for advancing community engagement in research through the leadership of an active community advisory board. (Maximum 2 pages)
2. A letter of support from your department chair and/or division chief indicating their support for your application and your availability to fulfill the role OR other support page and NIH biosketch to describe your research and current commitments.

Please send your complete application, along with your CV, to clacani1@jh.edu.

Get in Touch

For any questions or further information, please get in touch with Cyd Lacanienta at clacani1@jh.edu