Purpose: To foster community/university research engagement and mutual learning to improve community health.

CEARCH funding is available to support initiatives that bring community organizations, groups and individuals together with University researchers, faculty and staff. ‘U’ is for You originated as an idea from the community to provide community access to the University. In addition, ‘U’ is for You provides an avenue to address community-identified needs for capacity building in areas such as project set-up, relationship building, research ethics, and community research roles.

Goals:
1. Bring together diverse representatives from both the community and university to support bi-directional communication and learning.
2. Develop health-related topics of interest to the community.
3. Examine one or more areas of translational research from planning a proposal and partnership development to reporting results of completed research and strategies for applying results and sustaining gains in health outcomes.
4. Lay the groundwork for subsequent research collaborations

Activities: This program will support initiatives designed with the goal of sharing and discussing information about any aspect of health research among participants from the community and university. This can happen in a number of ways, e.g. informative events, convening meetings, community dialogues, and alternative approaches. Funding is not designed to support delivery of ongoing program services.

Funding and timeline: Up to $5,000 may be requested for projects up to 12 months. It is anticipated that one application will be funded each quarter.

Proposal development and partnership: Community organizations or individuals who plan to develop a proposal are encouraged to consult with the CEARCH office by email cearch@umn.edu or phone 612-625-2874 to discuss any questions about the proposal process or discover if efforts are underway to address the same or a related topic. CEARCH can match community organizations with University faculty members with shared interest and expertise.

Due dates: Applications are reviewed and awarded on a quarterly basis. Applicants for each quarterly review must be submitted by:
- First quarter: January 1
- Second quarter: April 1
- Third quarter: July 1
- Fourth quarter: October 1

If the above deadline falls on a weekend or Holiday, applications will be accepted until 5pm on the following business day. Applicants will be notified of funding decisions with 45 days of the quarterly submission deadlines.

Review process: Proposals will be reviewed by a committee of the CEARCH Council. Preference will be given to proposals demonstrating meaningful community involvement in planning.
**Reporting:** Award recipients are expected to submit a final report on project activities, accomplishments and challenges, and participant satisfaction. A final report form will be sent to project leads at the end of the project's funding period. This information will be used by the Cearch Council to determine and report on how well these awards help to meet community identified needs and foster University engagement with communities.

To submit an application please visit: [https://z.umn.edu/u4you](https://z.umn.edu/u4you)

Contact cearch@umn.edu or 612-625-CTSI (2874) with questions.