

2018 Henrietta Lacks Memorial Award

Honoring outstanding partnerships in our community

The Henrietta Lacks Memorial Award was established to honor -former Turner Station resident and Johns Hopkins cancer patient Henrietta Lacks, whose cells helped make possible ground-breaking advances in medical research. The Johns Hopkins Urban Health Institute (UHI) offers this award to recognize, support, and promote exceptional community-based programs working in partnership with Johns Hopkins faculty, students, or staff. This award celebrates cooperative work in our community with established vision, mission, and goals that build upon each other's strengths.

This \$15,000 award highlights the importance of community-university collaborations, recognizes the accomplishments which can be achieved by such partnerships, and continues to support the efforts of the partnership. The monetary gift will be given to the primary community partner in the collaboration.

Who can apply?

Any group working collaboratively on a project that addresses one or more of the following issues in Baltimore: poverty, community health and well-being, social justice, and neighborhood development.

- Partnerships must include at least one community organization and at least one Johns Hopkins faculty or staff member. **The team must have worked together on a community-based program for at least three years.**
- Partnerships can either apply for themselves or be nominated by others.
- Those nominated in the past who did not receive the award may apply again.
- Priority will be given to initiatives that
 - improve child and adolescent health, education, and/or well-being
 - Aim to alleviate poverty
 - Address inequalities and disparities
 - Strengthen the social fabric of a neighborhood

How to Apply

Applications must be no more than four pages (single-spaced, 12-point font). The application needs to include the following information in the order listed below:

- 1. Application Cover Page (this is not included in page limit)**
 - Please use the application cover page provided on our [website](#).
- 2. Brief summary of the project**
 - Should not exceed 200 words.



Henrietta Lacks

Henrietta Lacks was a resident of Turner Station and a cervical cancer patient in the early 1950s at The Johns Hopkins Hospital. Cells taken from her tumor became the first “immortal” human cells grown in culture and led to breakthroughs in cell research related to cancer, AIDS, the effects of radiation, and more. Mrs. Lacks’ family was unaware that her cells, now known worldwide as “HeLa” cells, had been used for research until more than twenty years after her death. The Henrietta Lacks Memorial Award honors Mrs. Lacks and her family and is intended to be an enduring reminder of her contribution to medical science and to her community.

Photo: Henrietta Lacks circa 1945–1950



3. Description of the Partnership

- **History of the Collaboration**
Describe how the team originated and role of the partners involved in the collaboration.
- **Mission, Vision, Goals, and Objectives**
Describe the mission, vision, goals, and objectives of the partnership and how they were developed.
- **Structure**
Describe the administrative and financial structure that supports the work of the team and how decisions are made.
- **Current Funding**
Describe how the work is currently funded and decisions are made when securing new or additional funding.
- **Major Accomplishments**
Describe a few of the major achievements of this collaborative effort.
- **Impact**
Describe the impact of the work of this partnership. Please include program results, success stories, additional funding to continue the work, etc.
- **Sustainability**
Describe the plan for continuing the work of the collaboration in the future.

4. **Henrietta Lacks Memorial Award:** In a sentence or two, please share how the funds will be used if your team is selected to receive this award.

5. **References:** Provide the names and contact information of three individuals who are familiar with the collaboration.

How will the award winners be selected?

Nominations will be reviewed by university and community leaders who serve on the Henrietta Lacks Memorial Award Selection Committee. Decisions will be made based upon the information described in this announcement. The review is a three-step process.

The first step will ensure the submission is complete and follows the guidelines above regarding page limits and formatting. Those who meet the initial set of guidelines will advance to the second round of review focusing on the content of the nomination. Each nomination will be independently rated by reviewers. In the third stage of review, finalists will be selected for site visits by members of the selection committee.

What's the deadline for submission?

Nominations should be submitted via email to urbanhealth@jhu.edu by **5 pm on Friday, August 3, 2018.**

When will the award be announced?

This year's recipient will be announced to the public at the annual Henrietta Lacks Memorial Lecture on Saturday, October 6, 2018.

Questions? Contact Amy Gawad at agawad1@jhu.edu or 410-502-7473.

