

# Henrietta Lacks Memorial Award

## Honoring exceptional community-university collaborations in Baltimore

The Johns Hopkins Urban Health Institute (UHI) has established the Henrietta Lacks Memorial Award to honor exceptional collaborations between community-university partners working together to improve the health and well-being of the city of Baltimore. The Award, named in recognition of Henrietta Lacks, will carry with it a monetary gift to the community entity that is the central partner in that relationship.

***This award of \$15,000 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.***

### Eligibility

- Partnerships must include at least one community organization and at least one Johns Hopkins faculty member, staff member, or group working together on a community health program which has been sustained for a minimum of 3 years.
- There can be multiple organizations and/or universities engaged in the initiative.
- Groups can either self-nominate or be nominated by others.
- Previously nominated organizations are eligible to apply.

This Award will recognize true collaborations with established vision, mission, goals, and outcomes that build upon each other's strengths and assets.

### Inclusion Criteria

In honor of Henrietta Lacks, consideration will be given to nominees that are collaborating on one or more of the following issues: poverty elimination, advancement of the health and well-being of community, social justice, commitment to the built environment, and neighborhood redevelopment.

### Selection Process and Review Considerations

Nominations will be reviewed by university and community leaders who serve on Henrietta Lacks Memorial Award Selection Committee. Decisions will be made based upon the criteria described in this announcement.

The first level review will ensure adherence to guidelines, page limits, and formatting instructions described in this announcement. The second level review will be based on creativity, impact, duration and sustainability, quality of the collaboration, the values and mission of the partnership, and community support for the work of the partnership. Following this, each nomination will be independently rated by reviewers and the top tier will be selected for site visits by members of the committee.

### Henrietta Lacks



Henrietta Lacks was resident of Turner Station and cervical cancer patient in the early 1950s at The Johns Hopkins Hospital, where 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*



Johns Hopkins  
**Urban Health**  
INSTITUTE

## Nomination Submission Information

Nominations should not exceed five pages single-spaced and must be received electronically as a single document. Please use a 12-point font and no less than 1-inch margins. The requested format of the application is as follows:

1. **Application Cover Page** (not included in page limit)
  - Title/Name of Partnership
  - Primary contact person for the nomination
  - How you learned about the award
2. **Abstract** (brief summary of project). Abstracts should not exceed 200 words.
3. **Description of Collaboration**
  - A. **History of the Collaboration:** Describe how the collaboration originated and who partners involved in the collaboration
  - B. **Mission, Vision, Goals, and Objectives:** Describe the mission, vision, goals, and objectives of the collaboration and how they were developed.
  - C. **Infrastructure:** Describe the administrative/financial structure that supports the work.
  - D. **Current Funding:** Describe how the work is currently funded and how decisions are made about new/additional funding sources.
  - E. **Decision-Making and Governance Structure:** Describe the decision-making process and governance structure within the collaboration.
  - F. **Major Accomplishments:** Describe the major accomplishments of this collaboration.
  - G. **Impact:** Describe the impact of the work of this partnership, including evaluation results, success stories, additional funding to continue the work, etc.
  - H. **Sustainability:** Describe what mechanisms, if any, are in place to foster sustainability.
4. **References:** Provide the names of three individuals who are familiar with the collaboration.

Nominations should be submitted to [jhsph.urbanhealth@jhu.edu](mailto:jhsph.urbanhealth@jhu.edu) by Sunday, August 10, 2014 5pm EST.

<b>Nominations Due:</b>	August 10, 2014
<b>Interview/Site Visits for Finalists:</b>	August 25- August 29, 2014
<b>Winner Notified:</b>	September 5, 2014
<b>Winner Announced Publicly:</b>	October 11, 2014

**Please direct questions to:**

Amy L. Gawad, MPH, Program Director, Johns Hopkins Urban Health Institute  
agawad1@jhu.edu / 410- 502-7473