

2020 Henrietta Lacks Memorial Award

Honoring outstanding community-university partnerships in Baltimore City

The Henrietta Lacks Memorial Award was established in honor of 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 \$15,000 award to community-based programs working in partnership with Johns Hopkins faculty, students, or staff to highlight the importance of community-university collaborations, recognize the accomplishments which can be achieved by such partnerships, and continue to support the efforts of the partnership.

The monetary gift and award will be presented to the primary community partner in the collaboration during the annual Henrietta Lacks Celebration hosted virtually via Zoom by the Johns Hopkins Institute for Clinical and Translational Research on Saturday, October 24, 2020.

Who can apply?

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

- Partnerships must include at least one community-based organization and at least one Johns Hopkins faculty or staff member.
- 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, well-being, aim to alleviate poverty, address inequalities and disparities, and/or 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 [this application cover page](#).
- 2. Brief summary of the project**
 - Should not exceed 200 words.
- 3. Description of the Partnership**
 - History of the Collaboration: Describe how the team originated and the roles 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.



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



- **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. **Use of Funds:** 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 up to 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 two-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.

The selected partnership for this award will be asked to participate in a video highlighting the work of your organization. This video will be screened at the annual [ICTR Henrietta Lacks Memorial Lecture](#) (taking place via zoom this year). See past videos [here](#). In light of the pandemic, all interviews and video production will be done in compliance with the CDC social distancing guidelines, [view here](#). For questions regarding this, you can email urbanhealth@jhu.edu

What's the deadline for submission?

Nominations should be submitted via email to urbanhealth@jhu.edu by **5:00 pm Monday, September 14, 2020**.

When will the award be announced?

This year's recipient will be announced to the public at the annual Henrietta Lacks Celebration held virtually via Zoom on Saturday, October 24, 2020.

Questions? Email us at urbanhealth@jhu.edu.