

Colorado Immersion Training in Community Engagement FAQ

1. Who is eligible to apply?

- **Faculty, early career researchers, instructors, fellows, post-doctoral researchers and doctoral students with the intent to work with communities in Colorado, to apply for grant funding, and to further the community needs and priorities through CBPR are encouraged to apply.**

Applicants must have a faculty appointment at the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus or another CCTSI-affiliated institution and have the ability to write grants.

Eligible candidates must be from a CCTSI partner institute: CU AMC, CU Boulder, CU Denver, CSU, University of Colorado Hospital, Children's Hospital Colorado, National Jewish Hospital, Denver Health, VA of Colorado, Kaiser Permanente of Colorado.

<https://cctsi.cuanschutz.edu/aboutus/affiliated-institutions>

2. What kind of activities happen during the immersion week?

- Every track differs based on the track leads connections, work in community, events happening during that time etc. Participants also have a chance to weigh in with their interests once selected for the track. Itineraries are not finalized until participants have been selected and oriented.

Examples may include: meeting with community-based organizations, engaging in cultural practices, volunteering at local organizations, visiting museums, and sharing meals with community members.

3. Will I be able to participate if I cannot attend the entire week immersion?

- No. Partial participation is not permitted. You must ensure that you are available to participate in the entire course, which includes introductory meetings, directed readings, five full-days/evenings in community in June, and related follow-up activities. **Additional dates can be found on the website or in the application.**

4. Who leads the training? In other words, who am I learning from?

- CCTSI Community Research Liaisons (CRL's) lead the track. We have CRL's all across the state and each have a wealth of experience, knowledge and skills in community engaged research. Typically, CRL's partner with community guides, academic guides and others relevant to their community-based work throughout the week immersion. Additionally, our Colorado Immersion Training Academic Director and CCTSI Community Engagement staff are involved in the planning of CIT curriculum and sessions outside of the week immersion. You can read more

about CRL's and staff on our website
here: <https://cctsi.cuanschutz.edu/community/pact>.

5. Do you have a rough estimate of the number of hours involved in the readings and online discussions?
 - Typically, 2-3 hours per week.
6. I already have some experience doing community-based research, how do I know if this training is appropriate for me?
 - This training is appropriate for almost any researcher. It's a unique hands-on experience that adds depth to previous knowledge with community-based research. It's an enriching experience that many past participants have said can't compare to other trainings. Being in the community and learning from the people on the ground is truly special.
7. Do I have to pay to apply or participate in CIT?
 - No. The application and program are free to participants. Minor expenses such as a meal or two during the week immersion may be required of you but typically CCTSI covers all costs. If there are anticipated costs during the week immersion, participants will be notified well in advance.
8. If I am a Professional Research Assistant (PRA) am I qualified?
 - Currently we only accept applicants who have a faculty appointment at CU Anschutz or one of the CCTSI Affiliated Institutions (see above) and the PRA role does not fall within this category.