



THE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND SERVICE-LEARNING CENTER  
SERVING THE JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY SCHOOLS OF PUBLIC HEALTH, NURSING, AND MEDICINE

## CRITERIA FOR POTENTIAL PARTNERS

SOURCE is the community engagement and service-learning center for the Johns Hopkins University (JHU) Schools of Public Health, Nursing, and Medicine. SOURCE's mission is to engage the JHU health professional schools and Baltimore communities in mutually beneficial partnerships that promote health and social justice.

The following are a basic set of criteria that we review during the application process for potential new partnering community-based organizations (CBOs). CBOs need not meet all criteria in order to become SOURCE partners. However, SOURCE does require reciprocal benefits in all partnerships. SOURCE may be unable to partner with all CBO applicants. *SOURCE is greatly interested in forming partnerships with organizations that have academically rigorous and scholarly engagement opportunities.* CBOs that offer **long-term** and **in-depth** opportunities for our health professional schools make great SOURCE partners.

### SOURCE primarily partners with CBOs that:

- Have an emphasis on community health issues
- Are non-profit organizations (with 501(c)(3) status or have a sustainable fiscal sponsor)
- Demonstrate stability of their organization's programs and services
- Are located within Baltimore City (we consider proximity to the JHU health professional schools, and we are mindful of our students' transportation limitations)
- Have a public office within Baltimore City (liability issues prevent us from sending JHU participants to someone's home, even if that person is a well intentioned individual)
- Demonstrate willingness and ability to collaborate on projects with the JHU health professional schools
- Involve community voices in CBO processes and programs
- Provide a contact person to serve as the liaison between SOURCE and your organization

**Generally speaking, students are looking to find involvement opportunities related to their studies.** However, we do partner with some CBOs that are outside of this area. We are reluctant to create new partnerships with organizations who offer similar services to our existing CBO partners. This is an intentional effort, so that we do not dilute the efforts of our current partners.

We actively review applications for new partners **three** times per year. Applications are due by **August 1, November 1, and February 1**. Full details regarding the application process can be viewed online at: <http://SOURCE.jhu.edu/audiences/community-based-organizations/become-a-partner/>.

**Please note:** All clinical opportunities must be directly supervised by an approved Hopkins faculty member. Because of this, we rarely direct clinical experiences.

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