

SOURCE's Criteria for Potential Partners

SOURCE (Student Outreach Resource Center) at the Johns Hopkins University (JHU) Schools of Public Health, Nursing, and Medicine is the East Baltimore campus' community engagement and service-learning center. SOURCE provides academic, professional and personal development opportunities for the members of the JHU Schools of Public Health, Nursing, and Medicine through community outreach and service-learning partnerships with community-based organizations. Our focus is on serving the Baltimore community within the realm of these health professions. A particular, but not exclusive, focus is on East Baltimore neighborhoods near the Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions.

The following are a set of basic criteria that we review before approving new partnering community-based organizations (CBOs). CBOs need not meet all criteria in order to become SOURCE partners. However, we are unable to serve all interested parties, unless there is a clear reciprocal benefit for a partnership. ***SOURCE is greatly interested in forming partnerships with organizations that have academically rigorous and scholarly engagement opportunities.***

SOURCE primarily partners with CBOs that:

- Have an emphasis on community health issues
- Are non-profit organizations (with 501c3 status or affiliation)
- Can demonstrate longevity of their organization
- Have a mission statement and/or purpose that relate to the health professions
- Are located within Baltimore City, particularly in East Baltimore (due to the close proximity to the schools, and the limited transportation of our students)
- Have their own public offices within the community
(Liability issues prevent us from sending students to someone's home, even if that person is a well intentioned individual.)
- Provide professional development opportunities for students in the health fields
- Demonstrate an interest, ability, and commitment to serving as preceptors/mentors/teachers for students in the health professions
- Offer worthwhile and meaningful practical experiences where students can practice the skills they have learned in the classroom
- Provide a unique experience for student involvement
- Can 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 if we already have similar partners within our network that are located within a close proximity to our campus. This is an intentional effort, so that we do not dilute the efforts of our current partners.

We actively review applications for new partners two times per year. Applications are due by **January 1st** and **July 1st**. 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 a Hopkins faculty member.

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