Faculty Director, Collaboration for Research, Effectiveness, Sustainability, and Trust (CREST) – Part-time advisory capacity

Description
Tufts Clinical and Translational Science Institute (CTSI) (https://www.tuftsctsi.org/), one of 60 NIH Clinical and Translational Science Award (CTSA) hubs in universities and academic health centers across the U.S., was established in 2008 to transform the scientific research process through education, collaboration, and provision of research support infrastructure services. Tufts CTSI accelerates the translation of laboratory research into clinical use, medical practice, and health policy.

Tufts CTSI, in collaboration with Tufts Medicine and Tufts University, seeks a faculty researcher to lead and advance the mission of an established community-based coalition dedicated to promoting **community-driven interests in research** and fostering strong, equitable partnerships between community stakeholders and academic institutions across the Greater Boston area, mostly within the Roxbury, Dorchester, and Mattapan neighborhoods. The CREST Faculty Director is responsible for building and sustaining collaborative relationships, ensuring community voices are centered in research agendas, and facilitating effective communication and partnerships between residents, community organizations, and researchers. This role will lead CREST programming for 20% of their time.

Key Responsibilities

Strategic Leadership & Coalition Building

- Provide visionary leadership to strengthen and expand the coalition's mission and impact.
- Engage and mobilize diverse community stakeholders to shape research priorities and strategies.
- Develop and implement strategic plans that promote community-driven research initiatives.
- Co-develop leadership structure and facilitation process to center core coalition members.
- Build committed research faculty into the secondary membership team

Community & Academic Partnership Development

- Serve as a key liaison between community organizations and academic research partners
- Facilitate the co-design of research projects that reflect community-identified priorities.
- Cultivate and maintain relationships with local organizations, neighborhood associations, health centers, and universities.
- Promote and support community capacity-building activities, including training and technical assistance.

Program Development & Implementation

- Oversee the co-development of educational forums, symposia, and outreach activities to increase community research literacy.
- Implement initiatives to enhance community readiness and engagement in research.
- Identify and leverage funding opportunities to support coalition activities.

Communication & Advocacy

- Develop communication strategies that ensure research findings are accessible and relevant to community audiences.
- Advocate for equitable research practices that prioritize community benefit and transparency.

Administration & Management

Work with the Senior Program Manager to:

- Manage budgets, grants, and reporting to funders and stakeholders.
- Evaluate program effectiveness and produce regular progress reports.
- Ensure compliance with relevant policies, ethical standards, and community agreements.

Qualifications

Required:

- Advanced degree in Public Health, Public Policy, Community Health, or related field, and currently holding or qualified for an academic appointment.
- Experience in leading community-based participatory research (CBPR) or similar collaborative models.
- Demonstrated ability to work effectively with diverse communities and academic partners.
- Strong facilitation, communication, and relationship-building skills.
- Familiarity with Greater Boston neighborhoods and community-based organizations.
- Experience with grant writing and resource development.