

## Call for Applications: Participatory Research Training Scholarships

The Program in Health Equity and Population Health (HEPH), based in the University of Maryland School of Medicine's (UMSOM) Department of Epidemiology and Public Health (EPH), advances health equity through transdisciplinary research, education, and service. Through partnerships with health systems, community organizations, and stakeholders ranging from local to global, HEPH is committed to building research capacity, translating evidence into practice, and addressing the social, biological, and community factors that shape health outcomes.

As part of this mission, HEPH is pleased to offer 10 scholarships to support students and junior researchers in developing advanced skills in participatory research methods through a series of trainings led by Dr. Kim Ozano. This opportunity is intended to support capacity building and future research under the HEPH umbrella.

These short, online courses focus on practical skills in participatory approaches, including power, positionality, reflexivity, and co-produced research design. Training is offered throughout the summer (online from the UK) and includes both one-day and multi-session formats.

Available Trainings Include:

- *Participatory Power Analysis in Research and Evaluation* (2-session course)
  - June 24 and July 1, 5:00 am – 8:00 am (EDT)
- *Designing and Delivering Participatory Research and Evaluation* (2-session course)
  - August 4 and August 11, 5:00 am – 10:00 am (EDT)
- *Power, Positionality and Reflexivity in Research* (1-day course)
  - August 26, 5:00 am – 10:00 am (EDT)

You do not need to attend all trainings and may apply for one or more. If applying for a multi-session course, you should be available to attend both dates.

Full details and course descriptions are available here:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/the-stop-collaborate-and-listen-agency-scl-95123887543>

Eligibility:

Open to students and early-career researchers with an interest in participatory research, community-engaged methods, and health equity.

Scholarship Details:

Selected applicants will receive funding to cover registration costs for selected training(s).

Application Requirements:

- A brief statement (~500 words) describing your interest in participatory methods and how the training will support your current or future work
- CV
- Indicate which training(s) you would like to attend
- No letter of recommendation required

Deadline: May 1, 2026

HEPH is launching a participatory methods learning workgroup to support skill-building, collaboration, and application of these approaches in practice. Following the summer trainings, all awardees will be invited to participate in a fall methods learning/workgroup, where they will have the opportunity to share what they learned, engage with peers, and begin applying participatory approaches in their own work in a supportive, collaborative setting.

How to Apply:

- Please email application materials to [erin.walton@som.umaryland.edu](mailto:erin.walton@som.umaryland.edu)