

ARE YOU A CHICAGO COMMUNITY MEMBER INTERESTED IN CONTRIBUTING YOUR LIVED EXPERIENCES TO ADVANCE RESEARCH AND ADDRESS REAL-WORLD ISSUES?



Become a Community Scientist!

Community Scientists (CS) is a **non-degree certificate program** for **Chicago community members** who are interested in using research as a **tool to make change**, advancing their capabilities in **evidence-informed practice**, or **creating strategic partnerships to improve community health**. Recognizing the critical role that community members play in the research/scientific discovery process, as members of the general public, Community Scientists play an active role in research and collaborate with researchers with scientific projects to address real-world problems impacting their communities.



The spring 2026 cohort will run:

- Five weeks: May 4 - June 5, 2026
- Weekday afternoons/evenings for three hours
- In person at the UIC School of Public Health
- Former CHWs/current UIC students as instructors



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Some Session Titles Include:

- Community Health Work, Organizing, and Accompaniment
- Understanding Research as a Tool to Improve Health
- Qualitative Research Methods and Community-Driven Change
- Data Can't Speak: Interpretation and Meaning Making
- Messaging and Politics of Trust & Truth in an Era of Mis-/Dis-Information
- Environmental Justice and Media Literacy in the Face of AI
- Self Care and Rest as Resistance

Participant Benefits Include:

-  Receive up to **\$1,500 stipend** based on attendance
-  Gain practical, **community-based research skills** and knowledge
-  **Network** with public health leaders and build relationships for future opportunities and additional support
-  **Certificate** of completion and CIRTification human research protections training

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