

# Vanderbilt University Medical Center (VUMC) Program for Health Equity Research (PHER) | Call for Applications

We are pleased to announce the *inaugural* 2024 cycle of the Program for Health Equity Research (PHER) Pilot Grant Initiative.

The goal of this intramural initiative is to support innovative research projects that seek to **advance health equity research to achieve optimal health across populations.**

Examples of suitable research topics include:

- Integration of social drivers of health disparities to address and advance health equity
- Collection or use of accurate race, ethnicity, and language (REaL) data or other demographic data
- Embedding social justice in approaches to reduce disparities and promote health equity
- Mitigation of structural racism or bias to improve health outcomes
- Advancing health equity through transformational community engagement

**Submission Deadline**  
**May 6, 2024**

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**All faculty, trainees, post-docs,  
and graduate students at  
VUMC, VU, and MMC are eligible to apply!**

This program will support up to 3 research projects with up to \$10,000 per award. Projects must be completed within a 12-month timeframe of June 15, 2024 to June 15, 2025. The proposal guidelines and the submission process may be found on the following website: <https://www.vumc.org/hsr/chsr-research-grants>.

