

# Penn4C - Community Collaboratory for Co-Creation

*Designing technology for social justice & health*

**Faculty & Community-Partnered Pilot Grant Program**

**Sponsored by Penn Nursing & Penn Engineering**

2024 Funding

Penn Nursing and Penn Engineering invite proposals from Faculty and Community Partners for the Community Collaboratory for Co-Creation (Penn4C): Designing Technology for Social Justice & Health. Projects will review projects with budgets up to \$50,000.

**Purpose:** To leverage and enhance partnerships among Philadelphia Communities, Penn Nursing, and Penn Engineering to solve problems to enhance social justice, health, and well-being. We seek to challenge rather than reproduce or exacerbate structural inequalities as technology often does, through partnership with communities that have typically experienced inequities and been excluded from serving as equal partners in addressing problems of highest need. **We invite proposals that seek to solve a problem of importance to the community, by deeply examining the problem from the perspective of those it affects, ideate potential solutions, and as a team co-design prototypes to solve the problem.** Successful projects would result in a proof of concept in addressing the identified problem, that helps improve health and well-being in the community, and potentially lead to future funding to scale and sustain the solution.

**Applicants:** We seek applicant teams that include three co-directors (principal investigators): one who is a member of the standing and/or associated faculty of Penn Nursing, one who is a member of the standing and/or associated faculty of Penn Engineering, and a committed community partner. Co-investigators may include additional faculty from any school at Penn and relevant community organizations. Priority will be given to applications that 1) involve Penn students, 2) are topically aligned with high priority community needs, and 3) integrate issues of social justice and health equity.

**Application Due Dates:** Rolling submissions through October 31, 2024 (final deadline)  
Please submit your proposal to [info@penn4c.org](mailto:info@penn4c.org)

**Project Title:**

**Request Summary:** Describe your request in one to two sentences. (250 characters or less)

**Collaborators:**

Group	Co- Director	email address
<i>Community Partner Name</i>		
<i>School of Engineering and Applied Sciences</i>		
<i>School of Nursing</i>		

**Program/ Project Description:** Describe your program/project, objectives, and anticipated outcomes. (250 words or less)

**Anticipated Start Date:**

*(all projects will be awarded for 1 year from contract initiation with our community partners)*

**Total Project Budget: \$**

*Please include estimated dollars and justification detailing how the funds will be used.*

*Funds may be used to support direct costs of the project. Use of funds may include project supplies, local*

*travel, research assistants, student workers, stipends for community partners, and laboratory and statistical support based at the University of Pennsylvania. We support the use of funds to compensate community partners for their expertise, time or effort involved in the project. One-Third of the budget must be allocated to the community partner. Total faculty salaries inclusive of benefits cannot exceed 15% of the requested dollars. Funds may not be used for professional memberships, publication fees or travel. One single conference registration up to \$1,000 may be requested. Unexpended funds are to be returned to the Community Collaboratory for Co-Creation.*

**Proposal** (maximum length 4 pages single spaced Arial 11)

**Specific Aims:** detail the community problem that is being addressed.

**Background/significance:** detail how others have tried to solve the problem and how the team's proposed solution builds on what is known and how it will move the field forward.

**Approach/methods:**

**Timeline (milestones):**

**Project Leadership:** Briefly describe the roles and the responsibilities of all collaborators listed above and how community partners will be actively engaged.

**Potential for the solution to be scalable and sustainable-please describe next steps:**

**Is an IRB needed?**

**Additional items needed (please submit as separate attachments):**

- ✓ Nursing Co-Director Biosketch
- ✓ Engineering Co- Director Biosketch
- ✓ Community Co-Director Resume
- ✓ Commitment letter- Community Partner