



## CARHE Guidelines for Research & Project Support

Center for Advancing Rural Health Equity Endorsement  
Process  
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Over the past several years, there have been increasing numbers of initiatives to engage community members and community-based organizations in support of research, clinical improvement efforts, and education. The Center for Advancing Rural Health Equity (CARHE) is eager to support these efforts by supporting equitable partnerships in work that improves health and health equity. The following guidelines were developed for researchers, students, clinicians, and community members seeking CARHE support for proposed research, service, or implementation projects.

### Criteria for CARHE Support-

#### **Research proposals and/or projects should:**

1. Be aligned with CARHE mission and vision
2. Seek meaningful engagement with the community
3. Be designed to ensure academic teams collaborate equitably with community partners, learn from the intervention, and share findings in ways that benefit the community
4. Explicitly connect the proposal to improvements in health equity
5. Engage the community from the earliest possible stage of the research/project cycle
6. Address a priority identified by the community

Each criteria is scored from 1-3 (1= minimal alignment with criteria, 2 = moderate alignment, 3= strong alignment)

### CARHE expectations of researchers, project leaders, faculty sponsoring student projects-

1. Commit to engaging community at the highest level of collaboration
2. Provide fair and just compensation for community experts
3. Be good stewards of community resources and people's time
4. Define clear roles and responsibilities for all partners
5. Provide defined timelines of participation
6. Share project results with the community
7. Define decision making processes and methods to share power
8. Evaluate the quality of community engagement during the project
9. Utilize ethical community-engagement practices

To request support from the Center for Advancing Rural Health Equity, select How to Get Involved from the CARHE website and complete the brief form under Partner With Us.